

Home School Choir Opportunities for 2021-2022

RAACHE Choirs' Registration will OPEN on Monday, July 5.

If you are curious about the choirs or thinking about having your child/children join, please take a moment to read the information below; fill out the form, and send it with payment by August 3. Please try to meet this deadline so that we may order music in a timely fashion. If for some reason you miss the date, call Susan Kludtke at (507)775-6318 to check about registering. (Please leave a message on the machine if no one picks up.) A waiting list will be started if needed.

Participation in choir offers a child the chance to experience the joy of singing and the opportunity to sing to God's glory with a group of excited and disciplined homeschooled children. In addition, your child learns about different styles of music and some basic musical concepts as they pertain to the selections we work on. Lastly, your child will have the privilege of standing up in front of an audience and bringing to fruition all of the hard work and energy he has put forth. Think of the great memories! We hope that choir will be an enjoyable experience for all families that are involved, and to ensure this, we will have a set of guidelines that will be sent along with the schedule by August 26 to those who sign up.

Choir draws students together as a group to share in God's gift of music and fulfill an arts component in our home schools. All of the ensembles rehearse at Calvary Evangelical Free Church (5500 25th Ave. NW, Rochester) on Thursday afternoons. **September 2** is the starting date. **Sept. 30** is the starting date for Staccato. All choirs will meet through the middle of November. NOTE: Arioso will have an additional rehearsal on December 2. Arioso, Cantabile, and Con Brio will resume on **January 6** through their final performances in early/late April. Staccato will resume on **February 24** and gather through its **April 7 concert**. We expect families that sign up will be participating for the entire year and will be singing in all their choir's concerts: **November 11/12, February 17, April 7, and April 29 (pending approval)**. Detailed information, including the rehearsal and performance calendar, will be emailed to participants by August 26. We look forward to working with students who desire to improve their voices and group singing skills in our 26th year!

For RAACHE Choirs,

Susy Johnson

Please note: There will be a brief mandatory Arioso, Cantabile, and Con Brio parent meeting via Zoom on Sept. 14.

ARIOSO

Arioso is our high school audition choir for ages 14 and up. **Young men (under 14) whose voices have changed can also audition to sing with this group.** The choir performs a wide variety of music, with a focus on "classic" choral music (folk, classical, sacred, hymns, international, Broadway, spirituals.) Most of what we perform is at least four parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass), but we might include some songs with up to eight parts. This choir is under the direction of Stephanie Rauh.

Singers will participate in the November, February, and April concerts, in addition to one or two spring tour dates in late April and early May. Rehearsals are from 2:00-3:30 pm.

Arioso audition dates are June 25, June 29, and July 1. If you meant to sign up to audition, but haven't yet done it, contact Susan Kludtke at sdkludtke1981@gmail.com.

CANTABILE

Cantabile is an audition choir for (boys and girls) ages 12 and up. If your child is 11 and the director decides he/she might be ready enough to try singing with this group, she may allow it on a trial basis. This choir is under the direction of Alissa Kludtke. This choir will include a wide variety of music that is more challenging than Con Brio, but not as difficult as Arioso. We will strive to cultivate an encouraging environment that focuses on learning about singing and music by doing just that—singing and making music. Though most of the singers will have higher (treble) voices, if a boy's voice starts to change, he will be allowed to sing lower as needed. He may also sing for Stephanie at this point of change and transition into Arioso as soon as she feels it is the right time.

Cantabile will sing in the November, February, and April concerts and may have one tour day at the end of the year. Rehearsals are from 2:00-3:30 pm.

Cantabile audition dates are June 25 and June 29. If you meant to sign up to audition, but haven't yet done it, contact Susan Kludtke at sdkludtke1981@gmail.com.

CON BRIO

Con Brio is our non-auditioned choir for boys and girls ages 8 and up. This choir is under the direction of Suzy Johnson. Singers will sing a variety of songs in the November and February concerts. The choir presents a musical drama in late March/early April if we have adequate volunteer support. Rehearsals are from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

STACCATO

Staccato is the non-auditioned choir for boys and girls ages 5 through 7. This choir is under the direction of Clavonne Holter. Students must be 5 years old by September 1. A student who is 7 years old on October 1 and soon to be 8 when joining Staccato in the fall, remains in Staccato for the whole school calendar year. He or she does not move to Con Brio until the following fall. Singers will participate in the November and early April concerts, and only rehearse for 6-8 weeks prior to these concerts. Rehearsals are from 2:00-3:00. There is a limit of 30 participants, so make sure to register promptly.

Returning Staccato students (2019-2020) will automatically be put on the roster **unless you alert me s/he is not returning**. You still must mail your registration material and payment so that it will be received **no later than July 12**. If we do not receive the reg. material by this date, their spot(s) will be given to the next person on the waiting list. **Siblings and new students joining Staccato for the first time must observe the July 5 deadline.**

Remember, we cannot receive registrations that are postmarked prior to July 5. You will have to mail the information in again if the postmark is before this date.

BOTH PAGES of the registration form must be filled in entirely.

Regarding the photo permission line, no individual photos will be used of students without parental consent. No student names' will be put by photos.

Please complete both sides of the Volunteer Sign-Up form.

***Save the date*: Parent Zoom meeting on Sept. 14**

NOTE: If you aren't able to pay tuition at once, contact Susan Kludtke at sdkludtke1981@gmail.com to discuss other options such as multiple payments, scholarship, and even to explore bartering.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about **Arioso**, contact Stephanie Rauh at 280-0256 or ssrauh@gmail.com; questions about **Con Brio**, contact Suzy Johnson at 356-8248 or suzyj999@gmail.com; questions about **Cantabile** contact Alissa Kludtke at 251-5632 or akludtke@gmail.com; questions about **Staccato** should be directed to Clavonne Holter at 282-2344 or danclavonne@gmail.com.