

Home School Choir Opportunities for 2022-2023

Welcome to our new online registration! Questions and problems, please contact Susan Kludtke sdkludtke1981@gmail.com.

Thinking about having your children join? Please take a moment to read the information below and complete Steps 1-4 by August 12.

(Arioso and Cantabile families, please complete the online registration by July 23 and mail your signed acceptance audition agreement as requested by your directors.) Please try to meet the deadlines so that we may order music in a timely fashion. If for some reason you miss the date, contact Susan Kludtke at sdkludtke1981@gmail.com to check about registering. 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 31 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 8** is the starting date for Arioso, Cantabile, and Con Brio. **Oct. 6** is the starting date for Staccato. All choirs will meet through Nov. 18. Con Brio will resume on **January 5** through their final performances **March 23 & 24** (depending approval). Arioso and Cantabile will resume on **February 2** through their final performance on **April 20**. Staccato will resume on **February 16** and gather through their final performances **March 23 & 24** (depending approval). We expect families that sign up will be participating for the entire year and will be singing in all their choir's concerts: **November 17 & 18, March 23 & 24 (depending approval), and April 20**. Detailed information, including the rehearsal and performance calendar, will be emailed to participants by August 31. We look forward to working with students who desire to improve their voices and group singing skills in our 27th year!

For RAACHE Choirs,

Susy Johnson

Please note: There will be a brief mandatory Arioso, Cantabile, and Con Brio parent meeting on September 15.

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, and bass. This choir is under the direction of Stephanie Rauh.

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

Arioso auditions have been held. 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. **Participating in Cantabile is critical as it builds the skills needed to sing with 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 and April concerts and may have one tour day at the end of the year. Rehearsals are from 2:00-3:15pm.

Cantabile auditions have been held. 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 concerts. The choir presents a musical drama in late March 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 late March 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.

In order to register, please complete all online Steps 1-4.

AND

**Save the date for our mandatory parent meeting on Sept. 15
at 2:00 pm.**

NOTE: If you aren't able to pay tuition at once, contact Susan Kludtke at sdkludtke1981@gmail.com to discuss other options.