



FREDERICK
CHILDREN'S
CHORUS

Since 1985, The Frederick Children's Chorus has provided training in the discipline of singing and mastery of musicianship through a performance-based choral experience.

Our chorus members demonstrate a love of singing, perform pitches and rhythms accurately, work hard both independently and cooperatively, and have a desire to pursue singing at a higher level. Does this sound like your child?

Chorus members...

- Develop singing skills
- Master musicianship skills
- Experience performances
- Make friends and build confidence
- Travel and perform
- Develop superior work ethics and performance skills
- Learn from professionals

The Frederick Children's Chorus is an independent, non-profit organization, and is not affiliated with any other organization, church, or school system.

Join us!

The Frederick Children's Chorus is a full-year program that runs from late August through late May. Rehearsals occur every Tuesday in Frederick. Upon a brief evaluation, singers are placed into one of the following Choruses. As your singer progresses in vocal ability and musicianship, they will graduate to the next tier. The Frederick Children's Chorus is a **non-auditioned chorus** and evaluations are for placement only.

Training Chorus

- Must be in at least 3rd grade, and can be as old as 8th grade
- First preparatory level of musicianship
- Introduced to vocal techniques, note reading, unison and part singing
- Rehearsals are from 6:00-8:00 pm
- Required musicianship class is from 7:15-8:00 pm

Concert Chorus

- Must be in at least 4th grade, and can be as old as 9th grade
- Members develop vocal maturity, proficient skills in reading music and part singing
- Rehearsals are from 6:00-9:00 pm
- Required musicianship class is from 6:00-7:00 pm

Chamber Singers

- Must be in at least 9th grade and can be as old as 12th grade*
- Chamber Singers are the highest and most advanced tier out of our program
- Members demonstrate advanced musicianship and vocal skills
- Practice without assistance and learn complex 4-part music
- Conducting internship opportunities
- Rehearsals are from 7:15-9:00 pm

*With the exception of boys whose voices have begun to change

How to join: There are several orientations throughout the year. Visit our website www.fredcc.org for more info. For singers interested in joining the Concert Chorus or Chamber Singers email officemanager@fredcc.org to arrange a placement evaluation.

Have a Younger Sibling Who Loves to Sing?

The Frederick Children's Chorus also caters to children from Pre-K to 2nd grade. Our **Little Music Makers** is the perfect place for you budding musician. They sing age-appropriate folk songs, explore new languages, dance and learn rhythm patterns. The programs run 12 weeks in the Fall and Spring and offers two age groups:

Wrens: Pre-K (Ages 3-5)

- Once a week, 30-minute class
- Presents beginning fundamentals of music and rhythm in a fun, high energy atmosphere
- Develops call and recognition skills

Mockingbirds: K-2 (Ages 5-8)

- Once a week, 45-minute class
- Children learn the importance of working together to make a joyful noise!
- Develops healthy singing voice, stage presence, concert etiquette and choral performance skills
- Session ends with a free concert for family and friends

Try it Out!

For new families, your singer's first class is FREE.

Summer Camp

We offer half-day and full-day camps for ages 5-12. Singers in Chamber Singers have the opportunity to become camp counselors. Visit our website in early Spring for more information.



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The Frederick Children's Chorus



is directed by Judith L. DuBose, who founded the chorus and continues to lead the organization. She is well known throughout the region as a leader in choral music education, is a frequent guest clinician, and advisor. She actively participates in professional organizations

often serving in leadership roles. She is joined by Assistant Directors, Musicianship Teachers, and Accompanists. Our Little Music Makers and musicianship program instructors are skillful musicians and experienced teachers with college degrees in music.

What people are saying:

"Thank you for the foundation you laid for me as a young singer. From 7th grade on I was in every All State and even made it to All Eastern and All National (Choruses) and participated in the Arts and Communications Academy with Frederick County. I went to college on a half-tuition music scholarship to pursue a degree in Vocal Performance."

"Chorus had a huge and positive impact on my life. Music has been a part of my life since I was born. The Children's Chorus added discipline to my singing and helped me see the beauty in creating music with a group of people. I made wonderful friends through the Children's Chorus and Judy's patience and passion is something I look back on fondly. I'm proud to have been a part of such a great group."

We hope to welcome your child to the chorus this fall.

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Children who enroll should be responsible and willing to make a commitment to the chorus.

Participants will commit to:

- ✓ Attend a group rehearsal and a musicianship class once a week on Tuesdays.
- ✓ Practice at home. Attend additional technical rehearsals during the week prior to a concert.
- ✓ Attend and participate in all scheduled performances.

Performances

The Chorus is active from late August until June. Members receive a complete rehearsal schedule in early August. The Frederick Children's Chorus produces two main concerts each year. All chorus members participate in these concerts, which are typically in December and May.

Training Chorus should expect to perform in 1-2 additional winter and 1-2 additional spring performances.

Concert Chorus and Chamber Singers perform in 3-5 additional performances in both winter and spring.

The annual cost of participation is minimal compared to other children's activities and children's choruses in the region.

The annual tuition includes:

- Concert attire (provided to Training Chorus at no additional charge) and a Chorus t-shirt
- All sheet music and practice tracks
- Professionally trained music educators
- Musicianship classes

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Singers Welcome!



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