

registration, please indicate your interest. No family is turned away for financial reasons.

Northwest Choirs is an independent nonprofit organization with no religious affiliation.

The Northwest Boychoir and Vocalpoint! Seattle are located in the historic University Heights Center. Our location offers easy freeway access and a central location for families in the greater Seattle area.

EARLY PREPARATORY CLASS

- Entry level for 1st and 2nd graders, class size of 8-12.
- Rehearsals: Fall Group: Tues & Thurs: 5:00-6:00 pm
Spring Group: Tues & Thurs: 4:30-5:30 pm
- Curriculum: Basic music theory, sight-singing (solfege), rhythm, breathing and voice placement, vowel articulation, and fun, age-appropriate songs.
- 3-4 performances.
- 12-month class - promotion based on maturity & skill level to Prep Class.
- Monthly Tuition \$161, Annual Uniform Fee \$20.

PREPARATORY CLASS

- Entry level for ages 7-9, class size of 15-25.
- Rehearses Tuesdays & Thursdays: 4:15-6:00 pm.
- Curriculum: Basic music theory, sight-singing (solfege), rhythm, breathing and voice placement, vowel articulation, and fun, age-appropriate songs.
- 2-3 performances.
- 5-month class - promotion based on maturity and skill level to Intermediate Choir.
- Tuition \$184 per month, Annual Uniform Fee \$25.

INTERMEDIATE CHOIR - APPRENTICES

- Choir of 30-45 members.
- Rehearses Mondays & Wednesdays: 4:15-6:00 pm.
- Focus on choral singing, harmonies, strengthening musicianship & improving sight-singing skills.
- About 8-10 performances each year.
- Average length of stay is 24-30 months - Promotion based on maturity, skill & director approval.
- Tuition \$213 per month, Annual Uniform Fee \$35.



- BE PART OF A PROGRAM NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE
- MAKE GREAT FRIENDS IN AN UPBEAT TEAM SETTING
- DEVELOP CONFIDENCE BY DOING AMAZING THINGS

ADVANCED CHOIR - APPRENTICES

- Choir of 30-40 members.
- Rehearses Mondays & Wednesdays: 4:15-6:00 pm.
- More difficult music, attention to individual development and independence.
- About 10-12 performances each year.
- Average stay is 12-18 months.
- Promotion through Music Director approval.
- Tuition \$222 per month, Annual Uniform Fee \$35.

NORTHWEST BOYCHOIR PERFORMING CHOIR

- Our premier choir: 30-40 members.
- Rehearses Mondays & Wednesdays: 4:00-6:00 pm.
- Maintains a busy concert schedule, including performances with Seattle Symphony, recording sessions, summer camps and tours.
- Average stay is 2-4 years - until voice changes.
- Possible entry to Vocalpoint! Seattle at graduation.
- Tuition \$227 per month, Annual Uniform Fee \$60.



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NORTHWEST BOYCHOIR - PUGET SOUND'S PREMIER CHOIR FOR YOUNG SINGERS

The Northwest Boychoir's musical sophistication, rich tonal quality and extensive performance schedule have established its reputation as one of the nation's premier boychoirs. Our 150 members, ages 6 to 14, represent more than 100 diverse public and private schools in the Puget Sound.

For over 40 years, the Northwest Boychoir has trained thousands of young singers, and more significantly, shaped the lives of our members by teaching important lessons in personal commitment and the value of teamwork.

Our young members, many of whom start their training in first grade, advance through four progressively graded levels of training before they audition to enter the Performing Choir, comprised of our most accomplished singers. Members move through the various training levels based on demonstrated ability. If they reach the Performing Choir, our young singers have acquired the musical and performance skills needed to make them successful choristers of this elite group of performers.

The Northwest Boychoir provides a year-round program that includes twice-weekly rehearsals, a summer music camp, a full concert schedule, and biannual tours.

The staff of the Northwest Boychoir are professional musicians and dedicated educators who work with choristers in small groups to create an enriched learning environment. Members become fully skilled musicians who can read music fluently and perform in professional settings with confidence. An emphasis on fun is maintained throughout the training levels.

The Northwest Boychoir is an essential part of the cultural fabric of our Puget Sound community. The Seattle Symphony is just one of the professional arts groups that rely on the talents of our members. The Northwest Boychoir serves as the official "Singing Ambassadors" of Washington State, and has performed for the nation's Presidents, First Ladies, Senators, Mayors, and international opera stars, including the late Luciano Pavarotti.

Auditions are Casual and Fun

Auditions are conducted one-on-one with a member of the music staff and last about 15 minutes. No previous music or singing experience is required. We are looking for motivation to participate in a choral program, and a general musical aptitude. During the audition, we encourage parents to sit in with their son.



"An incredible benefit of this Boychoir program is that our son has become a more focused and successful student." – Northwest Boychoir parent

Each child will be asked:

- To sing a song of his choice. This song can be a simple piece, such as "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" or a familiar holiday song.
- To match rhythms by clapping his hands.
- To match pitches with the piano.
- We will chat with each child to get to know them.

After the first audition, we invite a group of boys to attend a callback audition. The callback will be similar to a normal rehearsal and allows each child to experience a typical practice. After the two-step audition process, the music staff will determine readiness for entry into the Northwest Boychoir program.

New Classes begin January 28, 2020.

We are looking for:

- A musical ear for pitch.
- Motivation to learn music.
- Good behavior and maturity.
- Enthusiasm for learning.

Tuition and Financial Aid

Our annual tuition is charged monthly as a convenience for members. Tuition varies according to each level and there is a one-time \$50 registration fee.

The Northwest Boychoir is proud to be an inclusive and equitable organization and is firmly committed to assisting families with financial aid. At the time of