

**Resident Choir Program Parent Orientation
September 8, 2020 – 6:30pm**

Rehearsals:

Choir	Day	Time	Location
Piccolo Coro	Saturdays – 9/18/20	10:00 – 11:00am	Online
Vivace	Tuesdays – 9/15/20	6:30-7:30pm	Online
Allegro	Tuesdays -9/15/20	6:30-7:30pm	Online
Con Brio, Voci Sopra, & Voci Sonore	Tuesdays -9/15/20	6:30-7:30pm	Online
Bel Canto	Tuesdays & Thursdays - 9/15/20 & 9/17/20	6:30-7:30pm	Online

Attendance:

While we expect attendance at all rehearsals, should it become necessary to be absent, please notify Rachel Breeden at rbreeden@cincinnatiyouthchoir.org or leave a message on the CYC Office phone 513-556-0338. Please provide us with your child's name, choir, date of absence, and reason. We realize zoom fatigue could be a challenge, but in order to build community and continue to make progress on the repertoire and vocal instruction, we need the singers at rehearsals as much as possible. We also want to communicate with parents for safety issues as the internet could offer unique safety challenges if your child is online but not in rehearsal.

Communications from CYC:

CYC Website: www.cincinnatiyouthchoir.org

The CYC website is an important part of your commitment to CYC. Our website is tailored to each choir's needs and displays all important details for your child's participation. If you have not already done so, please become familiar with the site to ensure you can find information you might need during the season.

Constant Contact emails:

All communication will happen via email using a service provided by Constant Contact. Please do not remove yourself from the email notifications. We are not able to add you back and you will not receive needed communications. Please read the information carefully that is sent to you. Emails will contain important and often time-sensitive information. Please advise Rachel Breeden if you wish to change or add e-mail addresses to the mailing lists. Flipgrid /Audio Assignment & Performance Detail Sheets are shared as soon as full details are available. They contain all the information vital to your singer's participation. They also reside on the website under your Choir's webpage for instant reference.

Social Networks:

Facebook: Although our main page is our primary social network, marketing tool, and place to post videos and photos of our CYC family, Facebook groups are often used to share reminders and details specific to your choir.

CYC main page - <https://www.facebook.com/CincinnatiYouthChoir>

Parent Organization - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CYCparents>

Vivace & Allegro - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CYCallegrovivace>

Bel Canto - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CYCbeltanto>

Con Brio - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CYCconbrio>

Voci - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CYCVoci>

Instagram:

Instagram is used more for socializing and marketing and sharing images and videos.

@cincinnati_youth_choir

CYC Calendars:

Each Choir's schedule resides on a Calendar on the CYC website under the Choir's header. Each contains the most updated information known to-date. Instructions to download to your Mac, Outlook, or Google calendar are available on the website.

Zoom Meeting:

Meeting links will be shared via email to ensure they are kept private with participating families only. The weekly link is the same each meeting.

How to join a meeting: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>

When signed into rehearsals the child's camera should be on, they should be inside in a quiet well-lit room, and be appropriately dressed as they would be in-person rehearsals. Please make sure the singer's name is showcased on the Zoom profile to ensure we can learn their names with their faces and take attendance. Microphones will remain on mute but will be unmuted for break out rooms, questions, discussions of repertoire and text, and community building activities. Feel free to use virtual backgrounds for personal privacy. The CYC background is preferred, but others can be used as long as they are appropriate and not causing a distraction. (Directions: [Click here](#) to Download the file, log onto Zoom meeting, select zoom meeting at top left corner then select preferences> virtual backgrounds>click the + sign in upper right corner to add CYC background.)

Flipgrid Assignments:

After rehearsals each week short Flipgrid assignments may be given by the conductor. The instructions will be shared via email and posted on the singer's choir page on the CYC website. Please make sure your child is submitting videos on time, so that we can work to provide feedback before the next rehearsal. In many instances, audio files submitted will be mixed prior to the next rehearsal so singers will HEAR themselves as an ensemble – Singers can go to my.flipgrid.com to view private feedback from conductors on their videos, as well as view every video they've recorded and easily access Topics and Groups they have joined in the past. My.Flipgrid.com feedback is only available for students who joined using a Microsoft or google email. How to use Flipgrid for assignments: <https://help.flipgrid.com/hc/en-us/articles/360051542894>

Voice recording apps:

For final virtual choir production, it is helpful if the singers use a quality, free voice app. Please make sure your child is submitting audio recordings on time, so that we can include their voice in the virtual choir. Your device can access free apps like voice memo or our preferred app Voice Record Pro.

Instructions for using Voice Record Pro:

1. After downloading, open the app and tap the red "REC" button at the bottom
2. You should have a prompt to allow the use of your microphone. Make sure you tap "allow"
3. Be sure that "High" quality is selected
4. Tap "Start" at the top right
5. Start the accompaniment track and listen through headphones/earbuds
6. Sing through the song with the track
7. Tap the square "stop" button at the bottom
8. Email the recording to yourself so you can access it from a computer

Performances:

Will be held virtually at this time. We will switch to in person performances if it is safe to do so during the season.

Uniforms:

CYC T-shirt black pants /black shoes all choirs. Bel Canto also needs CYC tie-dye at this time. Additional items will be needed if we go to in person during the season. Full details in the [CYC handbook](#).

Emergency Medical Form (EMF):

Required for your singer's safety while online with our conductors and in person. Please complete the [online form](#) and turn it in today or before your first rehearsal. Please advise us of important medical information that may assist the CYC staff while your child is under our supervision, including food allergies. The digital form is also available on your Choir's webpage.

Tuition payments:

Should have been made at this time, but if you still owe you can pay online by [CLICKING HERE](#). Those who chose the 2 payment plan will owe their second payment on January 1, 2020. If you haven't made a tuition payment your child will not receive the Zoom link to the first rehearsal.

Singer Recommendation Reward Program:

Help us grow our program with new singers and we'll help you save on tuition! CYC has initiated a Singer Recommendation program this season. You are encouraged to recommend a singer to join the CYC family. When they audition, participate and make their first tuition payment by September 1st, you will receive \$50 credit towards your tuition. There is no limit to the number of singers that you recommend. CYC is looking for committed young people to join our family, and we know you, our singers and families, are the best way to meet prospective members.

Fundraisers:

- **Kroger Community Rewards Program** – Help CYC earn money by enrolling your Kroger Plus Card online on their website (www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and choosing the "Cincinnati Children's Choir" as your designated Community Rewards organization. (Our organization number is 80784.) Every time you use your registered Kroger Plus Card, CYC will earn money!
- **AmazonSmile** – Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to CYC. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know and love. Same products, same prices, same service. If you already have an [Amazon.com](#) account, you can connect that same account on AmazonSmile. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about> and choose "Children's Choir of Greater Cincinnati" to support CYC. For details on mobile app set up go to <https://www.amazon.com/b?ie=UTF8&node=15576745011>

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