



## Resident Choir Program Parent Orientation

September 2021

### Rehearsals:

Choir	Day	Time	Location
Piccolo Coro	Saturdays	10:00 – 11:00am	Dieterle Vocal Arts Center room 100
Vivace	Tuesdays	7:30 – 8:30pm	Corbett Center (CC)1340
Allegro	Tuesdays	7:30 – 8:30pm	Corbett Center (CC)1340
Con Brio	Tuesdays	5:30 – 7:00pm	Dieterle Vocal Arts Center (DVAC)100
Bel Canto	Tuesdays & Thursdays	7:00 – 8:30pm	Dieterle Vocal Arts Center (DVAC)100
Voci Sonore	Thursdays	5:30 – 7:00pm	Mary Emery Hall (MEH)3244
Voci Sopra	Thursdays	5:30 – 7:00pm	Dieterle Vocal Arts Center (DVAC)100

### CYC Website:

The CYC website is an important part of your commitment to CYC! Our website is tailored to each choir's needs. If you have not already, please try it out to become familiar with the accessibility. We think you will find it very parent-friendly.

### Communications from CYC:

All communication will happen via email using a service provided by Constant Contact. Please be aware and read the information 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. Rehearsal & Performance Details Sheets are sent out as early as 30 days before a scheduled event. They contain all the information vital to your singer's participation. They reside on the website under your Choir's header for instant reference.

### 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.

### Attendance:

While we expect attendance at all rehearsals, should it become necessary to be absent, please notify Rachel Breeden at: [rbreeden@cincinnati choir.org](mailto:rbreeden@cincinnati choir.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. Three reasons for excused absences: illness, Covid-19 exposure, graded school event (concert, science fair), family emergency.

### Rehearsal Drop Off/Pick Up Procedure:

All singers will need to arrive in their masks and bring their choir bag with their music and a bottled water. Singers should be dropped off in the CCM Circle and head to the respective door (Con Brio, Bel Canto, Voci Sopra, & Piccolo Coro – DVAC, and Vivace, Allegro, Voci Sopra MEH) to meet their choir manager for check in/temperature checks. Our choir managers will escort your singers to the rehearsal hall and then they will be brought back up to the CCM Circle for pick up at the end of their rehearsal. Please DO NOT park and wait in the CCM circle it is a safety hazard if the circle is blocked for emergency vehicles and you will be asked to leave. You may be ticketed in that area if you are not attending to your vehicle.

### Parking:

Parking is available on and near the University of Cincinnati campus. Parking Passes are available to CYC students and families only for the CCM Parking Garage. These passes are available for purchase each semester/full year for up to 3 hours each use for \$54/\$107, and up to 5 hours each use for \$104/\$208. These passes are only available through the CCM Prep Office through their online link

(<https://register.asapconnected.com/Products.aspx?org=1185&cat=pkg>) or by calling and ordering from them directly 513-556-2595. Passes should be scanned coming in and going out even if the gate is up. CYC is unable to help with any parking issues. Discrepancies with passes can only be worked out through UC Parking Services and are out of the control of CYC.

### **Choir Managers:**

Each Choir has Choir Managers. These parent volunteers are very important to the choir program. Choir Managers will collect communications from home and take attendance. They will assist the conductors as needed and will chaperone the singers each week. Please remember Choir Managers are volunteers. Respect their time and extra effort. We try to give the Choir Managers a break on concert days so they can enjoy the concerts in the audience. If you are interested in volunteering for a concert, please sign up on our Sign-Up Genius link provided via email prior to the event.

### **CYC Parent Organization (C3PO):**

CYC is currently looking for parent volunteers to help on a regular basis with special activities hosted throughout the season. Please let Rachel Breeden know if you are interested in joining or leading this team.

**Performances/Tickets:** All concerts currently held at CCM will be held at 50% capacity and everyone must be masked to attend. We will be splitting up our December concert into three shows to accommodate our singers and audience members safely. Please note it has been mentioned that UC may go to proof of vaccination for all performances. Tickets for all CCM-based concerts are ONLY available through the CCM Box Office, and currently they only have Sept – Oct 2021 events open for purchase. Once our tickets are available for December you can go to [www.ccm.uc.edu/boxoffice](http://www.ccm.uc.edu/boxoffice) and click on BUY TICKETS. Under the CATEGORIES heading, click on “Cincinnati Youth Choir” and “Feast of Carols” to purchase tickets for these events. All seats will be reserved. Call the CCM Box Office for assistance 513-556-4183.

### **CCM Feast of Carols:**

Saturday, 12/4 – Corbett Auditorium - 2pm, 5pm

Sunday, 12/5 – Corbett Auditorium - 2 pm, 5pm

### **CYC Concerts:**

Illuminate the Soul – Corbett Auditorium -Saturday, 12/11:

2pm- CCA, Allegro, Vivace, & Bel Canto

4pm- Bel Canto, Voci, Con Brio, & Piccolo

6pm- Bel Canto, Con Brio, & ChoralQuest

We Are Not Alone - times & location TBD - Sunday 3/13,- All CYC resident choirs & Alumni Choir

Metamorphosis - times & location TBD - Sunday 5/1,- All CYC resident choirs, CCA, & ChoralQuest

### **Call Time for Performances:**

Approximately 2 to 3 hours before concert time for an on-stage, dress rehearsal. We will confirm this time once it has been determined. Please plan to have your singer at the performance venue, **in full uniform** 15 minutes BEFORE the designated call time. Dress rehearsals will not be open to parents or the public. The auditorium will be opened approximately 30 minutes before the concert.

### **Uniforms:**

CYC Black choir specific t-shirts will be provided tonight or at your child’s first rehearsal. Black pants/socks and flat dress shoes will accompany the t-shirt unless otherwise directed. T-shirts must be tucked in. Our free CYC mask is also currently considered part of the choir uniform please make sure it is kept safe to wear on performance days. All members are also required to have a CYC rainbow tie dye t-shirt, which is available for immediate purchase. Bel Canto, Con Brio, & Voci will also need to purchase the formal uniform pieces as outlined on their choir webpage. It is very important to acquire all parts of the uniform **well before the December performances (Bel Canto’s first use will be 10/31)**. Singers without complete uniforms will not be permitted to perform. A limited inventory of used uniforms will be available today for purchase. Parents are encouraged to donate used uniforms that are no longer viable for your singers. Proceeds benefit C3PO events.

### **Weather Emergency:**

CYC follows UC's cancellation policies regarding weather. However, if we feel that it is unsafe for our singers, we will cancel rehearsals even if the University remains open. If weather in your area is bad, do not venture out. All CYC cancellations will be posted on our website, social media, & sent via email, and UC closures will be listed on all the major TV/radio station listings as well.

### **Commitment & Emergency Medical Form (EMF):**

Required annually for your singer's safety. Please complete this form online through the link on your choir webpage, and make sure it is submitted before your choirs first rehearsal.

### **Tuition payments:**

Can be made online at our website [www.cincinnati-choir.org](http://www.cincinnati-choir.org) located on the home page "Tuition Payments, Donations, & Donors" tab or under your choir's header by clicking the "Make A Payment" button. Payments can also be made in person via cash, check, or money order and should be dropped off at the CYC office (DVAC305) or mailed to the address below:

Cincinnati Youth Choir University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music 290 CCM Blvd., P.O. Box 210236, Room 3860 Cincinnati, OH 45221-0236

### **Fundraisers:**

- **Kroger Community Rewards Program** – Help CYC earn money by enrolling your Kroger Plus Card online on their website ([www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://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. Same products, same prices, same service. If you already have an [Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) account, you use that same account on AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry and other account settings are also the same. Visit <http://www.smile.amazon.com/about> and choose "Children's Choir of Greater Cincinnati to support CYC.

### **CYC Program Book:**

CYC produces a program book each year. In order to produce the book, ad sales are a required part of the CYC program. The \$75 required advertising fee is included in the tuition. Ads for your child are due to Rachel Breedon: [rbreedon@cincinnati-choir.org](mailto:rbreedon@cincinnati-choir.org) by October 31, 2021. Program book advertising information is online and will also be emailed out to all families in September.

### **2021-2021 Rehearsal & Concert Schedule commitments:**

All concerts and rehearsals are posted on our website's Calendar, and performance details will be shared via email and posted on your choir's webpage for 24/7 access once full details are available.

Con Brio Hoosier Hills (11/6/21) & QCF (6/23-6/26/22)

Regular rehearsals continue through the Queen City Festival (QCF). These are mini-tours for Con Brio and considered mandatory.

Bel Canto QCF (6/23-6/25/22) & Sing-A-Bration (7/25-7/30/22)

Bel Canto is expected to participate in the Queen City Festival and Sing-A-Bration. Regular rehearsals continue through QCF for Bel Canto.

NYC Tour (6/10-6/14/22) – Bel Canto, Con Brio, & Voci Sopra

Regular rehearsals continue through the NYC Tour for those participating.

Questions:

Go to website [www.cincinnati-choir.org](http://www.cincinnati-choir.org)

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