



Staccati Singers Legati Singers

2023 – 2024 Handbook

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2023-2024 Dubuque Chorale Children's Choirs Contact Information

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For emergencies, please contact one of the above.

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Providing a creative outlet outside of the regular school day

Congratulations and welcome to the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choirs.

This Handbook contains information that will be important to know throughout the season. It will also be available on the Dubuque Chorale website, www.dubuquechorale.org. At the beginning of the August 28th rehearsal, there will be a brief parent meeting to introduce the staff and go over rehearsal procedure. Parents are encouraged to attend and to ask questions.

Weather Cancellations

Rehearsal cancellations due to weather will be posted on the Dubuque Chorale website, www.dubuquechorale.org, as well as Kat-FM, KDTH, 101.1 the River, and KGRR radio stations. All families are encouraged to use their own judgment regarding rehearsal attendance in inclement weather. In the event of inclement weather, the board will make every effort to post the cancelation of rehearsal by 4:00 pm on the day of rehearsal.

Purpose

The purpose of the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choirs (DCCC) is:

- To empower and mentor children through music by using discipline, teamwork, and creativity to produce works of beauty and art.
- To help to develop an appreciation of diverse music genres.
- To teach music fundamentals such as sight reading, vocal production, and musical interpretation.

Membership

Singers must be enrolled in grade 3, 4, 5, or 6 for the 2023/24 academic year. Participation of singers is encouraged throughout the tri-state area. We encourage our members to participate in the choral music program at their home school.

What Your singer needs for DCCC

Provided:

- T-Shirt
- Music folder
- Music
- Sharpened Pencil

You will need to provide:

- Concert Dress
 - Black bottoms (dress pants or skirts)
 - Black close-toed shoes
 - Black socks or nylons/tights
 - **White (not Ivory)** button up shirt for boys
 - **White (not ivory)** blouse/top for girls

Fees, Payment Dates, and Refund Policies

Tuition for the 2023 – 2024 Season

Tuition is \$150 per season per singer. Families with more than one singer in the choirs will be charged \$25 for each additional child. Full payment must be paid at the first rehearsal. At the first rehearsal/parents' meeting, a member of the Chorale will be present to take payments.

Scholarships

The Dubuque Chorale wants to ensure that the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choirs is affordable for everyone. DCCC encourages members with financial need to request a scholarship. Full and partial scholarships are awarded, and amounts awarded are based on need, available funds, and the number of requests. Scholarships are not based on musical merit. Submit your request verbally or in writing at the parent meeting or to Mark Niemer, the president of the Dubuque Chorale, (president@dubuquechorale.org) Requests are kept confidential. Forms will be provided at the first rehearsal.

Payment Policy

The Dubuque Chorale Children's Choirs prefers personal checks, cashier checks, money orders, or cash for tuition payments. Credit card payments can be arranged if necessary.

Refund Policy

There is a no refund policy.

Other Fees and Expenses

Ticket information for each concert will be available on the chorale website, www.dubuquechorale.org.

DCCC Code of Conduct

As a member of the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choirs, members represent the entire organization, and their behavior reflects upon the entire group. Members are expected to be respectful of others, and responsible for materials and facilities. DCCC is dedicated to educating a diverse student body. DCCC affirms its commitment to a community in which all students and staff are accepted.

1. Members will always respect the guidance and authority of the DCCC staff and volunteers.
2. It is a privilege for DCCC to use the facilities of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Members will responsibly use the facilities and maintain a clean rehearsal space.
3. Members are asked to arrive at choir events on time. Restrooms are available during rehearsal, but members are expected and requested to use the restroom prior to rehearsal. Members should bring a water bottle.
4. Cell phones and other electronic equipment must be turned off during rehearsals.
5. The Dubuque Chorale and Children's Choirs will not tolerate disrespectful or bullying behavior. We define this as inappropriate behavior, either direct or indirect, whether verbal, physical, or otherwise, conducted by one or more persons against another or others. Please report it to a staff member or other adult. Persons responsible for persistent behavior may be asked to leave the DCCC.

Attendance Policy

To be musically successful, DCCC requires a commitment to consistent and punctual attendance of rehearsals, performances, and special events by all members. Each member is valuable and is a part of an ensemble with equal, balanced sections. Absences and tardiness will hinder the singer's ability to provide a quality performance.

Due to new locks on the church doors, singers will no longer be able to come inside if they arrive after the adult leaves at 5:30. If you child must arrive after that PLEASE let us know via email or for last minute emergencies please text 563-580-6229.

Ways to report an absence.

Planned absences (such as vacations) should be reported to your child's director

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- as soon as possible.
- Last minute absences due to illness or emergency should be reported to the child's director (text or call) as soon as possible.
Staccati singers: Victoria Bausman (see above)
Legati singers: Karmella Sellers (see above)
- Please included: 1) Singer's Name, 2) Date of absence, 3) Reason for absence
- **Expect a phone call from the choir during rehearsal if your child is not in attendance for any unknown reason.**

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for both rehearsals and performances to assist with supervision and other details as specified by the directors. Forms to volunteer will be passed out at the first rehearsal and again at the start of the second half of the season.

DCCC 2023/24 Calendar

Semester 1

August 28

September 4 **No rehearsal**

September 11

September 18

September 21 **Songfest Dress Rehearsal@ UD time TBA**

September 23 **Songfest Concert @UD time TBA**

September 25

October 2

October 9

October 14 Performance at Carnegie-Stout

Public Library L&MOP 9:30 concert at 10:00

October 16

October 23

October 30 **Rehearsal at Church of the Nativity**

November 4 Rehearsal at Church of the

Nativity 5:30

November 4 Concert at Church of the Nativity

7:00 pm

November 6

November 13

November 19 Performance at Community

Thanksgiving Service, Resurrection Church,

Time TBA Legati singers only

November 20

November 27

December 1 – Dress rehearsal for Family Pops concert at Five Flags; time, TBA

December 2- Family Pops concert at Five Flags, 1 pm

Semester 2

January 8

January 15 **No Rehearsal**

January 22

January 29

February 5

February 12

February 19

February 26

March 4

March 11 **No Rehearsal**

March 18

March 25

April 1

April 8

April 15

April 22

April 25 – Dress rehearsal for the Spring concert, TBA

April 27 – Spring Concert TBA – 7:00 pm

April 28 – Spring Concert TBA - 2 pm

***** Any concert or rehearsal times specifically not listed will be announced closer to the concert date. We urge all members to regularly check the Dubuque Chorale web site for most current and regular updates. dubuquechorale.org**

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