



Baltimore Children's Choir FAQs

Q - Who can Audition for Baltimore Children's Choir?

A - Any student aged 5 - 18 of any gender identity who loves to sing is eligible and encouraged to audition.

Q - Can my family come to the audition with me?

A - Absolutely! In fact, we encourage it!

Q - What should I prepare?

A - Students aged 7 and above are encouraged to bring a song to share. Those who are younger are also welcome to do so.

Q - When will I know the results of the audition?

A - Generally you will receive an email response within a few days.

Q - What about the cost?

A - There is no cost to audition. You only have to pay tuition if you decide to register. We offer extended payment plans and scholarships to help cover tuition. If you are accepted into BCC and want to join, we will do everything we can to ensure you can participate fully.

Q - What kinds of music do you sing?

A - We teach songs in different languages, from different time periods, representing different faiths, and written in a variety of styles to celebrate our diverse community. From sacred to secular, masterworks to new works, pop to classical, our students are exposed to a wide range of choral repertoire.

Q - How long has the Baltimore Children's Choir been around?

A - The Baltimore Children's Choir was founded in 2000 as the Handel Children's Choir, a subchapter of the Handel Choir. From 2000 to 2008, Handel Choir sponsored the Handel Children's Choir educational program and worked with the After School AKAdemy at Arena Players. In 2008, the choir became independent of the Handel Choir of Baltimore. Joseph Shortall took the helm as Artistic Director in 2012. With the approval of the board, the name was changed to the Baltimore Children's Choir in 2014 to reflect the philosophy of inclusion and accessibility for all singers. Today the Children's Choir offers 3 groups for beginner, intermediate, and advanced skill levels, in 3 neighborhood locations on three afternoons/evenings, and we host students from over 50 schools in the Baltimore area.

Q - Is this choir affiliated with a religious or political organization?

A - While we rehearse and perform in churches of various denominations, Baltimore Children's Choir has no religious or political affiliation. Our goal is to provide a welcoming and inclusive experience for children and families of all backgrounds.

Q - And, what about COVID?

A - We have policies and protocols that limit and prevent the spread of the virus. While we are mask optional this year, we reserve the right to change the policy in accordance with the COVID numbers and any governmental mandates.

Q - How do I sign up for an Audition/Information session?

A - [Simply click here, and sign up!](#)

Q - I still have more questions!

A - That is great! Please contact us at Baltimorechildrenschoir@gmail.com, and we will be glad to answer any questions you have!

We look forward to seeing you soon!