

HCCC Calendar

One of the major successes of our organization is that we have supportive, faithful families who realize the importance of regular attendance to rehearsals and scheduled activities. In order for the choir to continue building a standard of excellence and to make sure each choir member maximizes the benefits of choir individually and corporately, we need commitments for the following rehearsals, performances and workshops. **We ask that you carefully preview the following list, and then put these dates on your master calendar.** Reminder: Membership in honor ensembles (AV and CL) requires attendance at rehearsals and performances, unless you prearrange an approved absence from Artistic Director, Gayle Roschi.

Parent Information Meeting

There is a mandatory Parent Information Meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 4:30 pm located at Mount Comfort United Methodist Church. There will be a Q&A time following for all new member families.

Rehearsals, Performances and Workshops

FIRST SEMESTER

Rehearsals: Every Monday afternoon from August 28 - November 27, 2017, with the exception of Labor Day on September 4. Please note: November 27 will be a long rehearsal to prepare for the Christmas concert.

Rehearsal times: CL 3:30-4:30; CC/PA 4:30-5:30; PC/BV/RC/AV 4:30-6:30.

First Semester Concerts and Events:

- Mini-festival for K-3 with Anderson Children's Choir (TENTATIVE) - Details to be announced
- Dove Awards in Nashville, TN: October 17 - Optional for BV/AV/RC/CL
- Dress rehearsal for Christmas performance: Friday, December 1 (4:00 pm - 9:00 pm) – Mandatory. NOTE: CC/PA will be released at 5:30pm
- Light the Lights Christmas production rehearsal, matinee performance, dinner, and evening performance at Mount Vernon High School: Saturday, December 2 (11 am - until cleanup is complete) – Mandatory. NOTE: CC/PA will have selected hours of attendance during performance day.
- December 3: Christmas concert with the New World Youth Symphony at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis - Mandatory for BV/AV/RC/CL
- Visit to a nursing home/assisted living facility with end of semester party immediately following - Monday, December 11 - Strongly encouraged.

SECOND SEMESTER

Rehearsals: Every Monday afternoon from January 8 - April 2, 2018. Please note: April 2 will be a long rehearsal to prepare for our spring concert.

Rehearsal times: CL 3:30-4:30; CC/PA 4:30-5:30; PC/BV/RC/AV 4:30-6:30.

Second Semester Concerts and Events

- Parent Choir and 2018 Seniors' Choir rehearsals begin 6:30-7:00 PM weekly starting in January – (TENTATIVE)
- Extra Saturday Rehearsal - January 27, 2018 1:00 pm-5:00 pm - Mandatory for BV, RC, AV, and CL

- Purdue Men's Choral Festival: February 9, 2018. The all-day festival will end with a one-hour performance at 6:30 pm in Purdue's Elliott Hall of Music. The performance is open to the public and free of charge. - Mandatory for RC
- Extra Saturday Rehearsal - February 3, 2018: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm - Mandatory for BV, RC, AV, and CL
- Etiquette meal for CC/PA and PC: February 19, 2018
- Workshop with Bill Griffel, Director of the Purdue Glee Club, Purdue University, Bailey Hall, 9:00am-12:30pm: March 23, 2018 - Strongly encouraged for BV/AV/RC/CL
- Etiquette Instruction at Purdue University, Bailey Hall, 1:30pm, taught by Mr. Anthony Cawdron. March 23, 2018 - Strongly encouraged for BV/AV/RC/CL.
- Dress rehearsal for Spring performance: Friday, April 6, 2018 (4:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Note: CC/PA will be released by 5:30pm) - Mandatory
- Final Spring production rehearsal, dinner and performance Saturday, April 7, 2018 (2:30 pm - until cleanup is complete. NOTE: CC/PA will be photographed at 3:00pm and be released by 4:00pm for a rest prior to the concert.) - Mandatory
- Final Spring production - Sunday, April 8, 2018 (1:30 pm - until cleanup is complete) - Mandatory
- Spring Banquet - Details to be announced - Strongly encouraged.
- Summer Camp - Monday, June 4, 2018 (TENTATIVE DATE)
- Texas International Choral Festival for grades 5-9: June 20-24, 2018 (Tentative based upon interest)

HCCC has been invited to participate in the Texas International Choral Festival to be held in Dallas, Texas on June 20-24, 2018. Students/families will stay at the Great Wolf Lodge where all rehearsals will take place. The final festival concert will be held at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. This invitation is for grades 5-9. Dr. Lynne Gackle, Guest Conductor, will join Jim Papoulis, Clinician, Ruth Dwyer, Prelude Choir Director and Jimmy Baas, Composer for the festival. Participants will register for this event through HCCC. An event brochure and pricing information is available upon request by emailing:

[mailto:info@hancockcountychildrenschoir.org?subject=Texas Choir Festival Info Request](mailto:info@hancockcountychildrenschoir.org?subject=Texas%20Choir%20Festival%20Info%20Request)

Note: Any additions to this calendar will be carefully considered. It is the goal of HCCC leadership to have your choir experience be a blessing and not a burden. We welcome any suggestions to make your time with us positive and fruitful.

Hancock County Children's Choir Member Policies

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Because each child is independently valuable within the choir, all rehearsals and performances are mandatory, unless otherwise noted on the HCCC calendar. The season calendar is provided in the online registration form and includes all rehearsal and performance dates. Please add these dates to your personal calendar at the time of registration. Any additions to the calendar will be communicated as soon as possible via handouts, emails, and/or phone calls.

Attendance is expected at every rehearsal and performance. In the event of an illness (student must be fever free for 24 hours to attend a rehearsal or performance), a major conflict with a required school event, or family emergency, an absence may be excused. Choral members who have excessive absences may be placed on "Attendance Probation" and may not be able to participate in a performance. Excessive absences may also lead to termination of choir membership.

By registering, you agree to have your child/children at each mandatory rehearsal and performance. Please list any anticipated absences on the registration form to request prior

approval. Once the choir season has begun, please complete a "Planned Absence Form" with HCCC's Attendance Coordinator if you anticipate your child missing a rehearsal or performance.

In the case of two or more absences per semester, the director may ask the individual to sing his/her performance pieces to make sure he/she is prepared for performance. If the student cannot accurately sing his/her pieces or is clearly unfamiliar with staging, he/she may be asked not to perform.

If a member is asked to sing a solo, is a part of a special ensemble, or is performing a speech or reading, the student must commit to being at every rehearsal that semester. Any planned absences must be pre-approved by HCCC's Artistic Director. Please complete a "Planned Absence Form" with HCCC's Attendance Coordinator. Depending on the circumstances, the special part in the performance may be reassigned to another child.

The sign-in sheets at rehearsals and performances are the basis of the HCCC attendance records, so it is imperative that each member personally sign in. If a choral member is unable to attend a rehearsal or performance he/she must notify the Attendance Coordinator.

PUNCTUALITY

"Early is good, on time is late, and late is unacceptable." We plan to use every minute of our scheduled rehearsal time. In order to do so, students are asked to arrive several minutes early to allow time to use the restroom, get a drink, sign in, pick up their music binders, and be seated in their place. It is essential that singers are ready to sing when rehearsal begins and picked up promptly at the conclusion of rehearsal. Habitual tardiness results in disruption of rehearsal and may result in dismissal from the program.

REHEARSAL GUIDELINES

The Hancock County Children's Choir currently rehearses every Monday at Mount Comfort United Methodist Church, located at 3179 North 600 West (Mount Comfort Road), Greenfield, IN 46140. Since we are a tenant of Mount Comfort United Methodist Church it is important that the HCCC space is cared for and treated respectfully at all times.

- Arrive in time to be in your seat at the start of rehearsal, making allowance for using the restroom, signing in, getting a drink, gathering your music binder, etc.
- Enter designated entrance as soon as you arrive on the property. Do not remain outside to socialize, play, or explore the property.
- Attendance sign-in & tuition payments are completed at the Welcome Center desk and various tables throughout the lobby.
- Sign in & Sign out with each rehearsal
- No child should ever sign in/out for another student
- Choral members must stay in the designated areas for rehearsal
- No student should leave rehearsal early, unless special permission has been given in advance
- No parent is to interrupt rehearsal to speak with his/her child(ren) or the director
- Rehearsals and performances are cell phone free zones. Student cell phones must be turned off and placed in a purse or backpack during the entirety of rehearsals and performances. Choir staff will have cell phones available to receive incoming calls from parents in case of emergency, and those phone numbers will be publicized to all choir parents.