

Our Ensembles

Cherubino Coro (CC): Ensemble for kindergarten students

Piccoli Angeli (PA): Beginning ensemble for grades 1-3

Primo Coro (PC): Primary ensemble for grades 4-6

Bella Voci (BV): Principal ensemble for junior high and high school young ladies

Ragazzi Coro (RC): Principal ensemble for junior high and high school young men

Angelo Voci (AV): Honor ensemble for teen ladies

Cantanti Lirichi (CL): Honor ensemble for mixed high school voices

This is what you can expect in the auditions and assessments:

CC/PA ENSEMBLE (K-3): Each student will be interviewed by Mrs. Tricia Bagnall, the ensemble director. **Acceptance is based on the student's ability to follow directives and function in a classroom situation.** The students may sing, but it is not required. **Performance in our productions is predicated on the student's attendance record at rehearsals and memorization of song lyrics.**

PC ENSEMBLE (GRADES 4-6): Each student will complete a simple pitch-matching exercise and will sing a song of his/her choice. This song should be something that the student knows well and is in a comfortable range. For example, a familiar Christmas carol, Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star, etc. The song will be performed without accompaniment, and the director will only need one **minute's worth of singing for assessment.** Students and parents must affirm by signature that they agree to make every effort to honor the rehearsal and performance dates and the HCCC code of conduct. [HCCC Calendar and Member Policies 2017-2018](#). This signed affirmation must be submitted by August 21.

BV AND RC ENSEMBLES (GRADES 7-12 YOUNG LADIES AND GENTLEMEN): The audition will consist of four components:

1. Singing. Students choose and prepare to sing a 60-second segment of a song of their choice in their vocal range. This is to be sung without accompaniment. Directors will be looking for confidence and the ability to sing out, expression, clarity of tone, clear diction, appropriate facial expression and ability to communicate. A piano will be accessible for a student to ask for a beginning note.
2. Dancing. Students desiring to audition for BV/RC will need to show their ability to move from side to side with the beat. It is a very simple right step, left step close, left step, right step close. This part of the audition will be done as a group. A demonstration will be given before the group audition on August 21.
3. Sight reading. Students will sight read a line. This line will include topics that students have learned in theory and that are similar to those activities practiced during choir sight-singing practice.

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1. Interview. Students will have a one-minute interview with directors. This interview will allow the student to express why he/she desires to be an BV/RC member and to communicate their desire to work hard to sing out with confidence and be expressive. Students and parents must affirm by signature that they agree to make every effort to honor the rehearsal and performance dates and the HCCC code of conduct. [HCCC Calendar and Member Policies 2017-2018](#). This signed affirmation must be submitted by August 21.