

Youth Choirs FAQs

I am interested in auditioning. Do I need any previous experience singing?

No! All students are encouraged to audition.

Does my student need to read music before auditioning?

No, each choir will introduce reading music as part of the curriculum.

What is the format of auditions?

We are offering in person and virtual auditions this year. You only need to choose one format. In person auditions will be in small groups (up to 4 for Tempo and Vocalize, pairs for Ovation). Fill out the Audition Form at midlandcenter.org/youthchoir to schedule an audition.

Where are auditions being held?

In person auditions will be held in Rehearsal Room B on Thursday, September 8 from 4:30 - 6:30 PM and Saturday, September 10 from 10:30 AM – 12 PM. Virtual auditions will be via a Zoom link that Anna Rudnitsky will send to you prior to your audition

What do I need to prepare for auditions?

Come ready to sing! We will start with warm ups, then sing the following:

Tempo - America, the Beautiful, Are You Sleeping in a round and Echo some short phrases

Vocalize - Sing a scale, America, the Beautiful and an excerpt from “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Ovation - Sing a scale, America, the Beautiful and an excerpt from “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Choose soprano or alto

What is the time commitment?

Each choir meets once per week with a concert in the winter and in the spring. Tempo’s rehearsals are Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm and Vocalize’s rehearsals are from 4:30-6:00 pm. Ovation meets on Monday from 6:00-7:30. The younger groups do 2-4 performances per year. The older group usually performs 4-6 times. Some of these performances are less formal like singing at nursing homes.

How do I decide which choir to audition for?

Tempo is open to 3rd-6th grade students and Vocalize is open to 5th-8th grade students. The directors will place your child where they will have the most growth opportunities for the year. Ovation is for treble voices in high school through age 21.

Are masks required?

Yes, at this time the Center still requires masks to participants in youth programs.

Is there a vaccination requirement?

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Does the group wear uniforms?

Yes. For most performances the singers will wear their choir t shirt and black pants, socks and shoes.

What types of music do the choirs sing?

We sing a wide variety of music including folk, classical, jazz, Broadway, pop, and more. We love variety!

How much is tuition? Are scholarships available?

Tuition is \$75. Yes, the Art from the Heart scholarship can cover up to half of the cost of tuition.

Apply here: <https://www.midlandcenter.org/footer/scholarships/individual-scholarships-form/>