

ABOUT US

ALUMNI

Our alumni excel in local high school choruses, and many are accepted at the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts

Our alumni have sung on Broadway, appeared in movies, been finalists on American Idol, and excelled in Metropolitan Opera competitions and other performances.

CHORUS

Performances for former President and Mrs. George W. Bush, former President and Mrs. George H. W. Bush, and former President Bill Clinton

Regular performances with the Houston Symphony and the Houston Symphony Pops

Performed for Super Bowl Opening Ceremonies (2004)

Performed concerts in New Zealand (1992), Hong Kong (1994), Russia (1997), The Vatican and Italy (1999), England (2000), Japan (2002), Mexico (2002, 2003), New York Carnegie Hall (1997, 2005), China (2008)

Thanksgiving Day Parade, Downtown Houston

Featured at the World Economic Summit (1990)

Featured in the Republican National Convention (1992)

Commercials for local networks, Blue Bell Ice Cream and United Way

Performed with Broadway touring production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Performance for the 1998 World Energy Congress

Performances with Celine Dion, Maureen McGovern, Randy Travis, Beach Boys, Tommy Tune, Lee Greenwood, Dionne Warwick and many other celebrities.

Inaugural Ceremonies for Texas Governors and Houston Mayors.

Featured in the opening concert of the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts (1992)

Mayor's Tree Lighting and Uptown Lighting; televised performances with over 200,000 people in attendance

Summer Residency Program in Galveston and Mexico

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

It is our goal to be completely accessible to every child in the Houston-area regardless of race or economic status.

A scholarship program is available to children whose families require financial assistance for tuition costs.

For additional information about the Houston Children's Chorus, please feel free to call the office at 713.650.3800



HOUSTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS

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AUDITIONS 2009-2010 SEASON



AUDITION INFORMATION

PREPARATORY CHOIR

The Preparatory Choir is for children entering 2nd or 3rd grade in the fall of 2009. All are welcome! Auditions are not required. Children will be taught music, vocal, and performance skills. Tuition for the Preparatory Choir is **\$500 per year** (September – April). Note: The voice lessons and music training that Preparatory Choir members receive are valued at more than \$1,500.

Rehearsals for Preparatory Choir will be held once a week for one hour, from September through April.

TOWN CHOIR

Your child will be auditioning for the Town Choir, which is open to children entering grades 4 through 8 in the fall of 2009. This choir performs at various times throughout the year. **In June 2010, the Town Choir will perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City!**

- ★ Tuition for the Town Choir is **\$1,900 per year** (September – May).
- ★ Tuition includes: **Three hour rehearsals each week. This time includes approximately 90 minutes of choral instruction and performance preparation, 30 minutes of music theory, 15 minutes of ear training, and 30 minutes of voice lessons (individual and group). Carnegie Hall/New York City tour (rehearsal and performance fees, airfare, and 4 nights of hotel).** Note: The voice lessons and music training alone that Town Choir members receive are valued at more than \$3,000.
- ★ Optional: Town Choir parents who wish to travel to New York City with their child and purchase their own airfare and hotel may deduct \$550 from the tuition.
- ★ Tuition will be payable in installments.

Rehearsals for Town Choir will be held at a central Houston location from 2-5 pm on Sundays (except holidays), from September through May.

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- ★ Sing with a clear tone to blend well with others.
- ★ Sing in tune with an unchanged voice.
- ★ Demonstrate a good sense of rhythm.
- ★ Self-disciplined and attentive behavior.
- ★ Positive attitude.
- ★ Some music experience required for Town Choir.
- ★ Commit to a one year membership, September- May.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS

To request an audition, go to www.houstonchildren.org and download a Prospective Chorister Information form. Complete the form and email, fax or mail to HCC along with a \$50 registration fee. The form and registration fee must be received in our office before we can schedule an appointment. Please do not come to an audition without an appointment time.

TOWN CHOIR AUDITION DAY PROCEDURES

- ★ Sing the first stanza of *My Country Tis of Thee*.
- ★ Sight read short rhythmic patterns.
- ★ Sing several melodic patterns dictated on the piano.
- ★ Sing ascending and descending scales with the piano to check range.

BACKGROUND

The Houston Children's Chorus was founded in 1989 by Stephen Roddy. Over 4,000 children have participated in the program since its inception 20 years ago.

The purpose of the Chorus is primarily educational, and its goal is to teach children to achieve high artistic standards through choral singing and performance. The secondary purpose of the Chorus is to provide the community with a major choral group consisting of children from every school district and from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds.

An equally important aspect of the Chorus is the nurturing of personal growth, teamwork, responsibility, discipline, self-control, and self-confidence in our children.

We create an environment that fosters the growth of qualities that will not only help these students to become successful in choral music, but in life as well.