

SALINA YOUTH CHOIR

The Salina Youth Choir offers the opportunity for area youth to participate in a professionally-directed youth choir composed of students who are dedicated to fine music making. Auditions are open to students in grades 4-8.

2017-2018 Salina Youth Choir Staff

Youth Choir Director: Mrs. Jenna Eshleman
Accompanist: Ms. Judy Weber

Rehearsals

Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the KWU Choir Room.

Extra dress rehearsals will be added the week of performances—times and dates TBA.

Concerts

Salina Youth Choir & KWU Chorale Combined Fall Concert

Sunday, November 19, 2:00 p.m. – Christ Cathedral, 138 S. 8th Street

Salina Symphony Christmas Festival

December 16, 7:00 p.m. – Stiefel Theatre

December 17, 4:00 p.m. – Stiefel Theatre

Salina Youth Choir & Junction City Children's Choir Combined Spring Concert

Sunday, April 22, 2:00 p.m. – University United Methodist Church, Salina

Sunday, April 29, 4:00 p.m. – Church of the Nazarene, Junction City

Participation Fee

The participation fee is \$175 per year or \$90 per semester plus the price for concert attire & t-shirt (Boys: \$80 Girls: \$95) **Payment is due on or before the parent meeting/first rehearsal.** (The fee will be collected on Aug. 29 following the parent meeting, or may be brought/mailed to the Symphony Office. **Please note: those who prefer to pay for the entire season in September may pay a reduced price of \$175.**) If you are unable to pay or would like to inquire about financial assistance, please contact Alison at the Symphony Office: 785-823-8309 or assistant@salinasymphony.org. Failure to remit payment or make alternate arrangements by Oct. 3 (Feb. 6 for spring semester) may result in suspension from SYC until fees are paid.

Contact Information

Salina Symphony Office
Stiefel Theatre Box Office (Concert Tickets)
Adrienne Allen, Executive Director
Alison Harbaugh, Administrative Assistant
Ken Hakoda, Music Director
Jenna Eshleman, Youth Choir Conductor

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Website

The Youth Choir section of the Salina Symphony website will be updated regularly and is your best source of information regarding concerts, rehearsals, ticket information, etc.: www.salinasymphony.org.

Salina Youth Choir Program Policies

2017-2018

School Policy:

All members of the Salina Youth Choir program are expected to participate in the music program at their school (General Music, Vocal, or Instrumental). Any member who has a scheduling conflict must present a letter from their school music director and administrator explaining the situation. Private, home schooled and other students who have no formal school music program available are encouraged to take private lessons.

Lessons:

All members of the Salina Youth Choir are encouraged to take private lessons to foster individual growth and musicianship. A list of available instructors is available in the Symphony Office and will be emailed upon request.

Attendance:

- 1) Students are required to attend all rehearsals unless otherwise instructed by the conductor.
- 2) Missing more than two rehearsals may result in dismissal. This decision is left to the conductor's discretion.
- 3) **All rehearsal absences must be communicated to the applicable conductor prior to rehearsal.** Planned absences should be communicated to the applicable conductor at least one week in advance. Contact information for each conductor listed on reverse side of this form.
- 4) The participation fee is non-refundable.

Weather Cancellations:

KSAL 1150 AM is our official notification station in case of cancellations due to inclement weather. The cancellation will also be posted on the Youth Choir "General Information" page of the Symphony website: www.salinasymphony.org.

Rehearsal Equipment:

The Salina Youth Choir learns a large amount of music each year. It is essential that every minute be used wisely. Please observe the following:

1. Arrive in plenty of time to pick up new music and handouts and to sign in. Singers should be in their seats promptly at 6:30 p.m.
2. Bring all music, in your music binder, and 2 sharp pencils with erasers to all rehearsals. A bottle of water is also recommended. Note:
 - a) Each member will receive a folder with copies of all music to be rehearsed and performed.
 - b) Each member will be held accountable for any lost or damaged music at replacement cost. Members will be charged a \$30.00 music replacement fee if music/folders are damaged or lost.

Rehearsals are times of learning, study and musical growth. It is a challenge to achieve high standards in such a limited amount of rehearsal time. It is vital to our program to accept only well-behaved students who are ready and willing to work, learn and grow. Students may socialize before and after rehearsals and at break time. Talking at any other time is not allowed.

Concert Dress:

All members of the choir will have specific costumes that will be ordered in early October. More information on ordering and sizing will be sent out to families at the first rehearsal.

Young men: Black trousers with a white long-sleeve dress shirt with collar, black vest and black bow tie (red bowtie for the Christmas Concert), black socks and black dress shoes.

Young women: Long black concert dress with practical closed-toe shoes. Dresses may need to be hemmed and should be ankle length. Hair should be pulled back and off of the face. No jewelry.

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