

The Marin Symphony Youth Chorus Announces Auditions for the 2008-09 Season

Dates and Times: Auditions will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Novato on the following days from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM:

Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8

Saturday, June 14

Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17

Saturday, August 23 and Sunday, August 24

Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31

Applicants should indicate a first and second choice for audition dates and times; we will try to honor such requests whenever possible. All applicants will be notified by email of their assigned audition date and time.

Prerequisites: Membership in the Marin Symphony Youth Chorus is open to students between 13 and 20 years of age by the first rehearsal. All students are required to participate in their school music program or study voice privately.

Rehearsal attendance: A detailed rehearsal schedule listing holidays and additional mandatory events will be distributed at the first rehearsal. Consistent attendance at all rehearsals and performances is expected. The Treble Choir rehearses Monday from 6:30-8:30, and the Chamber Choir rehearses Wednesday, 6:30-8:30. Both ensembles rehearse in Central Marin.

Tuition and fees: A \$15 non-refundable application fee must accompany the completed registration form. Annual tuition for the 2008-2009 Season is \$775. Singers will be required to purchase a choir uniform and sheet music at the beginning of the season.

Audition Requirements:

- 1) Applicants must perform 3-5 minutes of a prepared solo art song, aria, or musical theatre piece that best demonstrates the ability to sing with clear, healthy, supported tone quality.
- 2) A variety of exercises that tests the singer's aural skills, including the ability with sing in tune, will be given at the audition.
- 3) The ability to sight-read is a requirement of all singers.

Marin Symphony Youth Chorus Concert & Activity Schedule:

Monday, September 8: First rehearsal

Saturday, September 27, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Chorus retreat: (location TBA)

NOTE: There will be a mandatory parent meeting at 4:00 during the retreat

Saturday, December 6 & Sunday, December 7: Marin Symphony Candlelight Concerts

Sunday, March 1 & March 3: Dona Nobis Pacem w/the Marin Symphony Chorus & Orchestra

Sunday, April 19: Concert with the Marin Symphony Chamber Chorus

Sunday, April 26: Concert with the Marin Symphony Chamber Chorus