

2019 ACDA Voices United
Children's Honor Chorus
Ages 10-15
George Mason University - Fairfax, VA - August 1-3, 2019
Tom Shelton, Guest Conductor

Deadlines and Schedule:

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| May 5: | Online application form including audition mp3 file, and a \$12.00 non-refundable audition fee per student due. Sponsoring Directors will register their singers via FormDesk . |
| May 15: | <p>Notification of Acceptance into the 2019 Voices United Children's Honor Chorus sent by email directly to singers and sponsoring directors.</p> <p>Registration fee of \$100.00 per accepted participant (link will be attached to acceptance email for online payment and registration.) Once payment and final registration is received, your music will be sent in the mail.</p> <p>Practice track files will be available for download. Instructions to access learning tracks will also be in music folders.</p> |
| August 1: | <p>Choristers and their chaperones arrive at George Mason University for registration from 5:30-6:25 p.m. Rehearsal on August 1st is from 6:30-9:00 p.m. <i>Music should be memorized fully and prepared according to instructions in the packet and with the mp3 learning files.</i> <u>Rehearsals continue from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 2nd, and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 3rd.</u></p> |
| August 3: | <p>Rehearsal from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by a 1:30 p.m. performance at George Mason University Center for the Arts, Fairfax Campus. The concert lasts about 90 minutes, and the Children's Honor Chorus combines with the Festival Chorus (high school through adults) to close the concert.</p> |

Audition Information:

Directors should only nominate students who are strong in all of the following categories: 1) music reading skills; 2) tone quality; 3) social skills; 4) willingness to work with peers and adults, and 5) aptitude for success with long rehearsals.

Note for sending MP3 File(s):

Please have the chorister's name and preferred voice part as the track name. There will be a place to attach the MP3 file(s) on the FormDesk application. Files will be reviewed in a manner which will not reveal the child's name or sponsoring director until selections are made.

Instructions for Preparing the Audition Recording:

Include only one student audition per MP3 file. Separating scale and unaccompanied song selections into two tracks acceptable if each track is clearly labeled.

1) **Vocalization:** Sing an *unaccompanied* major scale using either solfege syllables or numbers, ascending and descending. Select from the starting pitch below according to the voice part preference. Starting pitch **MUST** be heard on the recording.

- a. Sop. 1 – F above middle C
- b. Sop. 2 – F above middle C
- c. Alto 1 – D above middle C
- d. Alto 2 – B-flat below middle C

2) **“America” (“My Country, ‘tis of Thee”):** Starting on the pitches listed below, sing the first verse unaccompanied. **ACCOMPANIED SINGERS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

- a. Sop. 1 – A above middle C
- b. Sop. 2 – F above middle C
- c. Alto 1 – D above middle C
- d. Alto 2 – B-flat below middle C

Online Submission Information:

Sponsoring Directors are responsible for registering their singers online. Below is an attachment for the information needed for the FormDesk online application. Directors are to keep the form with parental signature until 30 days after the 2019 Voices United Concert to ensure parental/guardian consent.

Directors: [CLICK HERE to access the form with all information needed/parental consent before you register your singer online](#)

After this form above is filled out and signed by your choristers/guardians, the next step is to register their information and audition file to the link below. After you click **submit** on the application below, you will receive directions on how to submit the \$12 audition payment.

[CLICK HERE to submit your singer’s application!](#)

If you have any questions, contact Annabelle Luebke at alluebke928@gmail.com