



Dear Parent,

As the Deer Creek Youth Choir celebrated its 5th Anniversary season this year, we were determined to find ways for our students to *sing safely*. We embarked on an outdoor fall season, *Pops in the Parking Lot*, as we discovered the challenges of outdoor, masked, and distanced singing. Over the winter months, we collaborated with the Deer Creek Chorale and Goucher College singers to create a memorable virtual choir performance of *How Can I Keep From Singing*. We continued our 2020 partnership with the Gunpowder Riverkeeper, fulfilling our dual mission of singing locally and giving globally, as our students participated in a streamwalk and clean up while learning about the importance of this waterway in our community. With a combination of virtual rehearsals and in-person sectionals this spring, we were thrilled to share our spring concert, *Let There Be Love* at Star Bright Farm.

Thank you so much for your interest in the Deer Creek Youth Choir! **We are delighted to invite your child to attend our upcoming vocal placement auditions on June 3rd or June 10th.** More information and a schedule can be found on the back of this paper, and auditions can be requested directly on our website. We look forward to meeting you and your child soon!



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Culotta".

Julie Culotta
Artistic Director

About the Deer Creek Youth Choir

The Deer Creek Youth Choir (DCYC) is a community choir that inspires young singers to reach their full musical potential. DCYC is committed to developing each singer's vocal technique, music literacy, performance discipline, self-esteem & ability to work well with others. We strive to provide a welcoming and encouraging environment where students feel comfortable to express themselves while working towards a common goal with their peers. Founded in 2016 with just 17 singers, DCYC now brings together over 40 singers from across Harford & Baltimore counties. Our singers are in grades 2 through 9 and sing in one of our two ensembles: Jubilate & Vivace. DCYC is supported by the Deer Creek Chorale (DCC), the premiere adult choral ensemble in Harford and Northern Baltimore Counties. In line with the values of the DCC, the Deer Creek Youth Choir is committed to "singing locally and giving globally," serving our community and the world. Weekly rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at Bethel Presbyterian Church, White Hall, MD.

We are proud of our comprehensive program that prides itself in a strong music education foundation for our singers as well as significant performance and music festival opportunities. Our weekly rehearsals focus on vocal technique, ear training, Kodály solfège exercises, music reading and performance discipline. Approximately 5 performances are held during the school year in both Harford and Northern Baltimore counties.

Rehearsals

Weekly rehearsals are held at Bethel Presbyterian Church, White Hall, MD, from September to May. **Deer Creek Youth Choir is comprised of two ensembles for singers of varying age/ability: Jubilate & Vivace.** These ensembles perform both individually and as a combined choir in performances.

DCYC Jubilate Choir | Thursday | 5-6:30pm - Singers learn music reading skills, solfege & ear training skills, develop age appropriate vocal technique, and sing in unison and 2-part harmony.

DCYC Vivace Choir | Thursday | 6:45-8:15pm - Singers are comfortable using their full vocal range and sing in multiple harmony parts. Singers develop healthy vocal technique and musicianship skills.

Auditions

Vocal Placement Auditions for the **Deer Creek Youth Choir** are open to all singers entering 2nd-9th grades, regardless of musical training or background. We are looking for singers whose voices sound healthy, who have a good sense of pitch, who are focused and pay attention in their audition, and who are willing to commit wholeheartedly to the group.

Tuition

DCYC is committed to offering an affordable choral music education to our singers. Tuition for the year is \$425 and can be paid by semester. Formal/Informal Concert attire must be purchased for an additional \$85. Tuition assistance is available for families in need.

2021-2022 Performances & Events

Thursday, September 2 | Welcome Picnic & Music Pick up Night for DCYC Singers and their families. Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 9th.

Saturday, September 25 | 9am-1pm First Fruits Farm Harvest & Potluck | Our 2021-2022 Community Partner, First Fruits Farm is dedicated to providing produce to those experiencing hunger in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Saturday October 2 | DCC 15th Anniversary Fall Fundraiser @ Star Bright Farm

Sunday, November 21, 2021 | The Earth Provides - DCYC Fall Concert with the Deer Creek Chorale and Chamber Choir. Held in Harford County.

March 13, 2022 | With One Voice Festival at Goucher College with Goucher Choirs, DCC and invited guests.

March 19, 2022 | Maryland Young Voices Festival - bringing together community youth choirs from across the state for a day of singing and sharing, and closing concert for family & friends. Strathmore Center - Bethesda, MD.

April 2022 | DCYC Tour to Philadelphia, Princeton & New York City

May 2022 | Deer Creek Youth Choir Spring Concert - featuring Vivace & Jubilate choirs. Location TBD.



Please visit our website to request an audition
www.deercreekchorale.org