



Dear Parent,

Thank you so much for your interest in the Deer Creek Youth Choir! We are now registering singers in grades 2-9 for the 2023-2024 Season! We are no longer requiring auditions – we are looking for singers who love to sing, are willing to work hard and commit whole-heartedly to the group. More information and a tentative schedule can be found on the back of this paper, and on our website.



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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, DCYC brings together over 40 young 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 in Fallston and Bel Air.

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 solfege 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 for DCYC are held on Thursday evenings in Fallston OR Bel Air from September to May. **Deer Creek Youth Choir is composed of two ensembles for singers of varying age ability: Jubilate & Vivace.** These ensembles perform both individually and as a combined choir in performances. Rehearsals are held independently for each group with occasional combined rehearsals prior to each performance.

Membership in the **Deer Creek Youth Choir** is open to all singers entering 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades, regardless of musical training or background. We are looking for singers who love to sing and are willing to commit wholeheartedly to the group.

**DCYC Jubilate Choir | Thursday | 5:15-6:30pm (Fallston) OR 5:00-6:15pm (Bel Air)** | 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 | 6:45-8pm** - Singers are comfortable using their full vocal range and sing in multiple harmony parts. Singers develop healthy vocal technique and musicianship skills.

## **2023-2024 Performances & Events**

**Thursday, August 31, 2023 | Welcome Picnic & Music Pick up Night** for DCYC Singers and their families. Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 1st.

**Sunday, November 20, 2023 | The Fabric of Gratitude** - Deer Creek Choirs Fall Concert with the Deer Creek Chorale and Youth Choir. St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Hickory, MD.

**Sunday, December 10, 2023 | MD Center for the Arts Holiday Concert** - St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Bel Air, MD.

**April 27, 2024 | Maryland Young Voices Festival** - bringing together community youth choirs from across the state for a day of singing and sharing, and a closing concert for family & friends. Strathmore Center for the Arts.

**May 2024 | Deer Creek Youth Choir Spring Concert** - featuring DCYC Vivace & Jubilate choirs. Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville.



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