



Church Street
Choral Academy
Greenville, SC

LOVE MUSIC? Come join us!



The Church Street Choral Academy is a new FREE afterschool arts enrichment and academic support program in the Upstate for 3rd-5th graders.

Why join?

LEARN: Each chorister in the CSCA receives a **weekly piano lesson** from an expert teacher and receives a keyboard for at-home practice. Each chorister also participates in a weekly musicianship and music theory class which helps them expand their vocal technique, ear training, and helps equip them for a lifetime of music enjoyment!

PERFORM: Choristers attend two weekly choir rehearsals and learn fun, challenging music. The Choristers **perform regularly** – at least once per month from October through May. If your child likes to perform, this is the choir for them!

GET PAID: Yes, singers get paid! **Choristers receive a stipend** for each rehearsal and concert in which they participate. In the course of a choir season, a chorister can earn between \$135 and \$300+ dependent upon attendance, rank, and standards earned.

HAVE FUN: We work hard but play hard too! Choristers eat dinner together after each rehearsal, take field trips to celebrate team victories or exceptional work. In coming years, the CSCA will travel throughout the state, region, and internationally.



WANT MORE INFORMATION? READY TO JOIN?

Visit www.choralacademy.org

Email info@choralacademy.org

Call Artistic Director Donald Duncan - 864.282.3118



How is the choir structured?

In this first year, the Church Street Choral Academy will have one ensemble – The Choristers. The Choristers will rehearse and sing as their own choir but will often gather with members from the Christ Church Parish Choir and other community choirs to sing. As choristers progress, additional levels will be added with more challenging music, increased performances, and additional opportunities within the organization.

What is the cost to participate in the CSCA? *There is no cost to participate.* All costs are covered by donors to Christ Church Episcopal, fundraisers, and other income sources. In fact, choristers are eligible to earn money by regular attendance at rehearsals and performances and progressing through theory and piano classes. Choristers and their families are invited to make a donation to the organization as they are able.

When are rehearsals and what happens on rehearsal days?

Rehearsal days are Mondays and Wednesdays from 4pm until 7pm at Christ Church Episcopal in downtown Greenville. A sample schedule is as follows:

Mondays

- 3:45pm Arrival and Snack
- 4:15pm Rehearsal
- 5:30pm Musicianship lesson
- 5:55pm Homework and tutoring
- 6:30pm - 7pm Dinner and Pick-up

Wednesdays

- 3:45pm Arrival and Snack
- 4:15pm Rehearsal
- 5:20pm Piano group lesson
- 5:50pm Homework and tutoring
- 6:30pm - 7pm Dinner and Pick-up

When are performances and what happens on performance days?

Choristers will perform at a service of Evensong on the first Sunday of each month, October through June at 5:00pm at Christ Church Episcopal. Other performances may be added throughout the year; advance notice will be given for any additional performances. A sample performance day schedule is as follows:

Sunday

- 3:00pm Arrival and Snack
- 3:30pm Warm-ups and rehearsal
- 4:30pm Uniform change and final rehearsal
- **5:00pm Evensong**
- 6:15pm Pick-up

Does the CSCA operate year-round? The CSCA follows the Greenville County school calendar, as a majority of choristers (though certainly not all) attend Greenville County schools. That means when Greenville County is on a break, the CSCA is as well. For the 2023-24 year, rehearsals will begin in October and continue through the end of May. Additional summer rehearsals may be added during Tour years. Summer Music Camp is the third full week in July, as part of Christ Church's Creative Arts Camp.

My child participates in sports/other activities. Can they still participate in the choir? Absolutely! We distribute our schedule, which includes performances and special events, at the beginning of the year. We simply ask that as soon as you are aware of unavoidable conflicts that you let us know. Keep the rehearsal schedule in mind as you are planning other activities – twice a week isn't much time and we encourage attendance at all rehearsals except for illness, etc.