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The Church Street Choral Academy is a FREE afterschool music program for 3rd-8th graders.

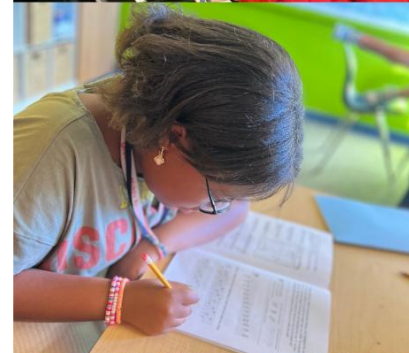
Why join?

LEARN: Each chorister in the CSCA **sings in a choir rehearsal** and in a small group voice lesson each week, learning how to read music, good singing technique, languages, and more! They also take a **weekly piano lesson** from an expert teacher and receive a keyboard for at-home practice. Choristers work through a series of music theory challenges that reinforce skills from rehearsal and piano 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. **We'll perform in Carnegie Hall and New York City** in June 2027! 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+ depending upon attendance, rank, and standards earned.

HAVE FUN: We work hard but play hard too! Choristers eat dinner together, take field trips to celebrate team victories or exceptional work, and go to different concerts and performances around Greenville to see our arts community at work. In coming years, the CSCA will travel throughout the state, region, and internationally.



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Call Artistic Director Donald Duncan - 864.282.3118



How is the choir structured?

This year, the Church Street Choral Academy is made up of 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 4:30pm until 7pm at Christ Church Episcopal in downtown Greenville. A sample schedule is as follows:

Mondays

- 4:00pm Arrival, Homework, and Snack
- 4:30pm Rehearsal
- 5:30pm Music Theory Class
- 5:55pm Piano Practice
- 6:30pm Pick-up

Wednesdays

- 4:00pm Arrival and Snack
- 4:30pm Rehearsal
- 5:20pm Class Piano
- 5:50pm Class Voice Lesson
- 6:20pm Music Theory Practice
- 6:45pm - 7pm Dinner and Pick-up

When are performances?

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.

Does the CSCA operate year round? The CSCA generally follows the Greenville County school calendar, as a majority of choristers (though certainly not all) attend Greenville County schools. For the 2026-27 year, rehearsals will begin in September and continue through the end of May. Additional summer rehearsals may be added during four years. Choir Kick-Off Camp (not required, but highly encouraged!) is in August.

Do I need to be a member of Christ Church? Be an Episcopalian? Belong to a church? Not at all. Our choristers come from a wide range of backgrounds (Episcopal, Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist) and from families with no church affiliation. While much of the music we sing is sacred and many performances take place within Episcopal worship services, there is no expectation that choristers belong to Christ Church, identify as Episcopalian, or be part of any church community. We do not recruit for church membership. At its heart, the program is about forming young musicians and people through the discipline and joy of singing. It is an outreach ministry of Christ Church’s music department, open to all.

My child participates in sports/other activities. Can they still participate in the choir? Absolutely! Many of our choristers participate in theatre, other choirs, soccer and basketball, Scouts, and more. We ask that as soon as you are aware of unavoidable conflicts that you let us know.