



Spectrum Choral Academy

Just gotta sing.

June 5, 2023

Join us for our 11th Season! *We are now scheduling auditions for singers ages 5-22 for placement into one of our three auditioned Spectrum Choral Academy youth choir levels.* Call, text or email to schedule your audition (new singers and those wishing to graduate to a new choir level)! We are also offering a new adult community singing opportunity (no audition required). Rehearsals for all choirs are held weekly in Gig Harbor from September through May. Spectrum singers receive professional-quality instruction on all aspects of vocal production, musicianship, music theory and choral performance. Being part of Spectrum enhances young people's lives, helping them to develop self-reliance, personal integrity, responsibility, compassion, listening, teamwork, confidence and a sense of humanity.

Studies show young people who sing in choirs:

- Do better in their school studies, especially math.
- Develop personal confidence and overcome shyness.
- Tend to be healthier and are sick less often.
- Acquire improved abilities to speak and enunciate more clearly.
- Have better posture and body alignment.
- Learn to breathe properly.
- Make lasting and wholesome friendships.

Why choose Spectrum? Our choral program is unique when compared to other youth vocal, instrumental and arts programs around the country. Here are a few reasons why:

1. We promote a mixed-age learning environment, building community with singers of all ages and allowing for mentorship between our more experienced and newer musicians.
2. Spectrum tuition is comparatively low and includes nearly everything – all rehearsals, our June choir festival and music purchase is included in monthly tuition payments! The only additional costs are your choir uniforms, concert tickets for attendees and optional tours/choir camp. Our Youth Chorus toured to Italy in 2016 and England/Scotland in 2018. We are currently looking into tour options for 2024 and 2025. Watch for updates! *A limited number of partial, need based tuition scholarships are available each season. Please complete the attached application for consideration.*
3. The complete season's schedule is provided prior to the beginning of the season. Only singers who can make the full commitment should join. This provides consistency throughout the year and a higher quality music experience as singers develop and grow together as a team. A tentative schedule is provided with this registration packet. A final schedule will be emailed to all registered singers in the summer (once our facilities confirm spring concert/festival dates). We hope this helps families with scheduling by knowing performance dates far in advance to make it a priority. Each chorister is an important part of our musical team / choir "instrument".
4. Each of our major performances takes place in an incredible concert venue. Singing in a variety of quality acoustical spaces is a great educational experience in itself.
5. All youth singers must audition to ensure the level of musicianship remains high. We work to provide an ideal, encouraging environment to support serious vocal students. Singers who are not ready for our choral experience will be encouraged to take private piano or voice lessons until pitch matching skills are strong enough.
6. We are community-based and have no religious affiliation. We sing quality choral music in a wide variety of styles and languages including ethnic, folk, sacred, secular, classical, Broadway and popular. Often with choreography and creative instrumentation. Spectrum's repertoire is carefully chosen to provide outlets for expression and meaning for both singers and audience – Music that deepens our understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Music that expresses that which cannot always be put into words. Music that teaches us what it means to be human.

Spectrum Choral Academy offers four levels of vocal music instruction:



Children's Chorus Grades K-6

Tuesdays 4:45-6:15 PM

Our Elementary aged choir for kids who love to sing! No experience necessary – but all singers must be able to match pitch. Each rehearsal includes quality vocal instruction and music movement activities. Singers are exposed to songs in a variety of genres, languages, keys, tempos and styles in preparation for annual Christmas and Spring concerts. Music theory instruction breakout classes and combined rehearsal with Youth Chorus is included each week! Children's Chorus singers participate in annual Christmas and Spring Concerts and Youth Choir Festival NW, learning about 20 new choir songs each year.



Youth Chorus Grades 6-12

Tuesdays 5:45-7:45 PM

Our middle/high school treble choir for teens who have a passion for singing. No choral experience necessary, but singers must be able to match pitch and have a desire to improve their vocal/music theory skills within a team environment. Each rehearsal will begin with 30 min combined rehearsal with younger Children's Chorus buddies, followed by Youth Chorus rehearsal and music theory breakout classes. A high volume of challenging and rewarding repertoire is learned and memorized each season. Youth Chorus singers participate in annual Christmas and Spring Concerts and Youth Choir Festival NW in June. Tours and our week-long overnight honor choir camp are optional.



Ensemble Select Highschool-College Singers

Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 PM

& sing as section leaders with Youth Chorus or Accord!

This advanced level vocal ensemble is designed for our most dedicated and passionate highschool/college musicians. Ensemble singers are also part of Youth Chorus (treble) and/or Accord (SATB adult community chorus) where they function as role models, section leaders, theory teachers, rehearsal assistants, festival staff and camp counselors. Wednesday Ensemble rehearsals will focus on special Ensemble-only repertoire and solos. Participation is by audition / invitation of the

director. Current singers must remain in good standing to continue their involvement in Ensemble. Expectations: advanced musician, solo quality voice, ages 14-22, 1 year minimum Spectrum Youth Chorus experience, mature role model behaviour at all Spectrum events, advanced music theory/note reading/sight singing skills, good rehearsal & concert attendance. A limited number of singers will be selected for this ensemble. Talk with Stephanie if you desire to be an Ensemble member someday.



Spectrum Accord Our new adult chorus – ages 18+

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 PM

Accord early 12c "come into agreement" "be in harmony"
from common Latin "be of one heart"

Calling all adults who love music, community and trying new things! We believe all humans can – and should – sing together, experiencing the joyful power of uniting voices in harmony. Accord started in April 2023 as a 5-week singing experience for adults, inspired by The Village Green Project. We plan to continue this opportunity on a weekly basis from September-May. No auditions / no previous music experience necessary. Practice links and recordings will be provided for self study.

Spectrum Choral Academy parents & alumni are encouraged to participate. Experienced singers are invited to help lead sections and teach harmonies. Our artistic staff and Ensemble singers will help teach melodies and harmonies through exposure/immersion. We can also provide music theory materials for those wishing to improve their note reading skills. Accord will participate in our annual Christmas and Spring Concerts.

Additional Performances

Occasionally, all choir levels may be called upon for functions as choir “ambassadors” – making additional appearances at notable functions around the region. Examples: carolling at the Gig Harbor Christmas tree lighting or PNB’s Nutcracker, singing with the Bremerton Symphony, or singing the national anthem at a Rainier’s/Mariner’s ballgame. We have also taken Youth Chorus to St James Cathedral in Seattle to experience singing in a European style cathedral! Special performances are scheduled as mutually agreed upon by singer families and are generally optional.

2024 or 2025 Tours!

Youth Chorus & Ensemble singers are invited to participate in our Spectrum Music & Cultural Tours every couple of years, to destinations around the globe. Tour destinations are selected by our Artistic Director for the high-quality musical/educational experiences offered. Touring with a choir is a unique and marvellous experience. Choristers are exposed to different cultures, expand their world view, gain confidence and discover opportunities that help them chart their futures in exciting ways. As we live, work and perform together in a variety of settings, we learn teamwork as our musicianship grows, while building friendships through mutual experiences and passions. All while sharing our choral art with ourselves, each other and our audiences – making a positive difference with the power of music! Tour information will be sent home to families as available. Spectrum singers of all ages/choir levels are invited to participate in choir tour fundraisers, with earnings saved in your name for as long as you remain in Spectrum and may be used for future tours or choir camps. Let us know if you have a fundraiser idea to offer/lead! Our Youth Chorus has toured to Italy (2016) and England/Scotland (2018). Our next tour destination will be announced soon!

Spectrum – Annual Season highlights:

- 11th Spectrum Christmas Concert
All singers – held at University of Puget Sound, Kilworth Chapel in Tacoma.
- 11th Spectrum Spring Concert
All singers – held at Chapel Hill Presbyterian in Gig Harbor.
- 4th Youth Choir Festival NW
All Children’s Chorus, Youth Chorus & Ensemble singers participate in this event hosted by Spectrum! Youth Chorus & Ensemble will stay on campus at University of Puget Sound for 3-days/2-nights to work with our guest conductor and other visiting choirs from around the US and Canada. We will work, eat, play and socialize together. Children’s Chorus will participate in our one-day festival on Sunday only with children’s choirs from around the Puget Sound. A different nationally-recognized Guest Conductor will be brought in each year to work with the singers. Ensemble singers work as festival hosts/staff. The detailed festival schedule, packing list and chaperone application will be sent home in the spring. This festival is one of the highlights of our choir season (we have been hosting choir festivals around the Puget Sound since 2000!). Read more about it online: www.youthchoirfestival.com
- Optional: 13th Northwest Choir Camps – Honor Choir Summer Camp
Grades 6 and up in Stanwood, WA. An intensive, yet fun overnight (week-long) camp of singing, music theory/classes, art, swimming, skits, bonfires, friends and more! For Spectrum Youth Chorus singers & experienced musicians from around the country. Read more about it online: www.northwestchoircamps.com
- Optional: Gig Harbor SINGS! Music & Art Day Camp
Sponsored in part by the City of Gig Harbor Arts Commission Creative Endeavors Grant. Our annual day camp brings together over 100 campers annually! No audition required – grades K-6. A fun week of singing, art, music theory, games, theme dress-up days and a family concert / ice cream social. Day camp is the perfect place for new singers to try our choir and see if they like it. Youth Chorus singers may volunteer as day camp counselors. Register online: www.gigharborsings.com

Joining Spectrum is a commitment shared by both singer and parents. Please read over the contract and rehearsal/concert schedule commitments to make sure your family is able to fully participate for the coming season. Then return the attached 2023-24 registration form/contract. Please call or email us if you have questions. *We hope you will join us for our 11th Spectrum Choral Academy Season!*

Sincerely,

Stephanie Charbonneau, Founder & Artistic Director, 360-271-8086

Becca Kaaukai, Administrative Assistant, 360-440-2097

Facebook (photos!): www.facebook.com/spectrumchorus

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Tentative Spectrum Choral Academy
2023-2024 Rehearsal & Performance Schedule

Updated 6/5/23

Weekly Schedule:

Children's Chorus (Grades K-6) Tuesdays 4:45-6:15 PM

Youth Chorus (Grades 6-12) Tuesdays 5:45-7:45 PM

Accord (adults) Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 PM

Ensemble (Select Highschool/College) Wednesdays 7:30-9 PM

All regular rehearsals held in the sanctuary of Harbor Covenant Church, 4901 Gustafson DR NW, Gig Harbor. Enter Door E.

Rehearsal Dates:

Tues/Wed, September 12/13, 2023 – welcome back! First rehearsals of the Season!

Tues/Wed, September 19/20

Tues/Wed, September 26/27

Tues/Wed, October 3/4 Uniform Order Day / Christmas Wreath/See's Candy Fundraiser starts today

Tues/Wed, October 10/11

Tues/Wed, October 17/18

Tues/Wed, October 24/25 Halloween costume contest! Singer socials for final 30 min of rehearsal today. Wreath/See's Due

Tues/Wed, October 31/Nov 1 – No rehearsal (Halloween)

Tues/Wed, November 7/8

Tues/Wed, November 14/15

Tues/Wed, November 21/22

Tues/Wed, November 28/29

Tues/Wed, December 5/6

Saturday, December 9 – **CONFIRMED 2023 Christmas Concert Day** @ Kilworth Chapel, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma

9:00 AM-11:00 AM Children's Chorus

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Dress Rehearsal Youth Chorus

10:30 AM-11:30 AM Accord Dress Rehearsal (tentative time)

1-2:15 PM Break

2:15 PM Call Time All Choirs (be dressed in formal uniform ready for photos, doors open to audience).

3:00 PM Spectrum Christmas Concert #1

5:00 PM Singer Dinner – provided by parent volunteers between concerts

7:00 PM Spectrum Christmas Concert #2

Christmas Family Social Date/Time TBA

No rehearsals for remainder of Dec – enjoy your winter break!

Tues/Wed, January 9/10, 2024 first rehearsals of 2024!

Tues/Wed, January 16/17

Tues/Wed, January 23/24

Tues/Wed, January 30/31

Tues/Wed, February 6/7 Spring Uniform Order Day

Tues/Wed, February 13/14 Valentine's social for 30 min of rehearsal. Dress for the theme: red/pink/purple/hearts!

Tues/Wed, February 21/22 PSD Midwinter Break – no rehearsals this week.

Saturday, February 28/29

Tues/Wed, March 5/6
 Tues/Wed, March 12/13
 Tues/Wed, March 19/20
 Tues/Wed, March 26/27

Tues/Wed, April 2/3
 Tues/Wed, April 9/10
 Tues/Wed, April 16/17 PSD Spring Break – no rehearsals this week.
 Tues/Wed, April 23/24
 Tues/Wed, April 30/May 1

Tues/Wed, May 7/8
 Tues/Wed, May 14/15

Saturday, May 18 – **TENTATIVE Spring Concert Day @ Chapel Hill Church, Gig Harbor**
 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Children's Chorus
 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Dress Rehearsal Youth Chorus
 10:30 AM-11:30 AM Accord Dress Rehearsal (tentative time)
 1-1:45 PM Break
 1:45 PM Call Time All Choirs (be dressed in formal uniform ready for photos, doors open to audience).
 2:30 PM Spectrum Christmas Concert #1

Tues/Wed, May 21/22
 Tues/Wed, May 28/29

Friday-Sunday, May 31-June 2 **TENTATIVE Youth Choir Festival NW @ University of Puget Sound, Tacoma**
Spectrum hosts this event which is open to youth & children's choirs around the region/country/world.

Ensemble: You staff this event! Arrive at UPS Friday at 1:00 PM for festival set-up.

Youth Chorus & Chaperones: Arrive at UPS dormitories between 2-3:30 for Festival Check-In.

Enjoy 6 meals, snacks, 2 nights lodging, 2 evening socials & more!

The festival concludes with concert on Sunday at 4:00PM in Schneebeck Concert Hall.

Children's Chorus: Attend Sunday, June 2 ONLY – our special one-day only Children's Choirs Festival!

Check-in 8:30AM Sun. The festival concludes with a 4:00 PM concert Sun night in Schneebeck Concert Hall.

For more details: www.youthchoirfestival.com

Tuesday, June 4 6:00 PM **ALL CHOIRS End-of-Season Party & Awards Ceremony** City Park at Crescent Creek

Monday-Thursday, July 29-Aug 1, 2024 *Tentative Dates – will be confirmed in spring*

Optional Event: **2024 Gig Harbor SINGS! Music & Art Day Camp**

Our choir day camp open to Spectrum singers, friends and the community – no audition required – grades K-6.

A fun week of singing, art, music theory, games, theme dress-up days and a family concert / ice cream social.

Day camp is the perfect place for new singers to try our choir to see if they like it. Additional fee (fundraising \$ may be used).

Register online: www.gigharborsings.com

Youth Chorus singers - talk with Stephanie about volunteering as a day camp counselor! Sing in camp choir, lead by example, assist with theory classes, lead games/crafts and run camp store. It's a great experience and gives you leadership/work/volunteer experience.

13th Annual Northwest Choir Camps – Honor Choir Summer Camp @ Warm Beach Camp, Stanwood, WA

Tentative Dates Sun-Sat, August 4-10, 2024

Open to all experienced singers around the region, country and world – enter grades 6-12. Invite your friends to join you! Additional fee (fundraising \$ may be applied). For more details/to register: www.northwestchoircamps.com

Find us on Facebook for news and updates! www.facebook.com/spectrumchorus

Listen to past choir concert videos on YouTube: www.youtube.com/spectrumchoir

Schedule Questions? Call or email Becca 360-440-2097 spectrumchoir@gmail.com

The complete schedule is also posted online: www.spectrumchorus.com

Singer's Name _____ Grade (2023-24 school year): _____

Choir Level: Children's (grades K-6) Youth (grades 6-12 treble) Ensemble (highschool-college) Accord (adults)

Birth date ___/___/___ Male Female School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Singer Cell (if any) _____ OK to text? YES NO

Parent #1 _____ Cell _____ OK to text? YES NO

Parent #2 _____ Cell _____ OK to text? YES NO

Preferred Family email _____

Secondary e-mail _____

Singer's e-mail _____

I wish to enroll _____ in Spectrum Choral Academy for the 2023-2024 Season. I understand that joining Spectrum is a commitment shared by both singer and parent.

REHEARSALS, CONCERTS & EVENTS COMMITMENT

We agree to attend all rehearsals, performances & Youth Choir Festival NW as listed on the 2023-2024 Rehearsal & Performance Schedule. I understand that an updated/finalized schedule will be provided in the fall and that only singers who can attend all performances & events are allowed to participate unless special pre-approval is given by Stephanie.

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YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL NW

I understand that Spectrum hosts Youth Choir Festival NW taking place in June 2024 and participation is required. Youth Chorus singers must stay on site in pre-assigned college dorm rooms - supervised by senior/college counselors in "cabin groups". Children's Chorus singers will be supervised by parent chaperones (attending Sunday only – no overnight). Overnight accommodations & meals are provided by University of Puget Sound. Spectrum parents are invited to apply to attend as festival staff/chaperones (background check required).

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ABSENCES

I understand that only **three rehearsal absences maximum** are allowed each half-season (Sep-Dec and Jan-June) and any absence *may not be the rehearsal immediately prior to a performance*. If my singer is ill or we have conflicts that come up during the season, I agree to communicate all potential absences with Stephanie as far in advance as possible. I understand that if we miss more than the allowed number of rehearsals or any performances/events without prior communication, my singer may be asked to re-audition midseason or may not be allowed to enroll the following season.

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UNIFORMS

Our performance appearance is of utmost importance to create a full artistic presentation that supports our beautiful music. The performance uniforms are chosen to create a unique and stunning, yet coordinated look. Singers should try not to draw attention or be distracting from our group as a whole. Singers should have "natural colored" hair in traditional styles, eyes must be visible. Youth singers should only wear minimal, tasteful, natural-looking make-up and natural colored nails / no visible tattoos or distracting piercings. Stephanie will have the final decision on any questions regarding appearance. If you are considering changing or dying your hair, adding piercings/tattoos, or have questions please talk with Stephanie first. Singers who do not follow performance appearance guidelines and/or have an appearance that would distract from the concert will not be allowed to perform.

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TUITION/FEES

I agree to pay tuition for the above-named singer based on rates shown below:

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Registration Fee for All Singers: \$50 non-refundable due at registration (music & materials fee)

Children's Chorus Grades (K-6): 9 monthly payments of \$110 due on the 1st of each month Sep-May.

Includes 1.5 hr weekly rehearsal/theory class, music purchase, participation in Christmas and Spring Concerts and Sunday only Youth Choir Festival NW. Additional expenses: formal performance uniform (\$75), T-shirt (\$15) and concert tickets (for family/friends attending concerts). *\$120 per month (Jan-May) if starting in the spring.

Youth Chorus/Ensemble (Grades 6-12/college): 9 monthly payments of \$140 due on the 1st of each month Sep-May.

Includes 2-5 hrs weekly rehearsal/theory class, music purchase, participation in Christmas and Spring Concerts, Youth Choir Festival NW (Fri-Sun with overnight lodging/6 meals). Additional expenses: formal performance uniform (\$135), T-shirt (\$15) and concert tickets (for family/friends attending concerts). *\$170 per month (Jan-May) if starting in the spring.

*HS Seniors/College Ensemble singers – talk with Stephanie about working student opportunities in exchange for tuition.

Accord (Adults ages 18+): 9 monthly payments of \$75 due on the 1st of each month Sep-May.

Includes 1.5 hrs weekly rehearsal, music purchase, participation in Christmas and Spring Concerts. Accord singers provide their own solid black concert attire. Additional expenses: T-shirt (\$15) and concert tickets (for family/friends attending concerts).

SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST – due by June 15th for the 2023-24 Season for priority consideration.

- Our family is requesting a need-based tuition scholarship and we have attached the application to this registration. I understand that we will be contacted within 2 weeks with my scholarship offer. I am still providing my card information below – but no charges will be made to my account until I give approval.

PAYMENT OPTIONS – choose one:

- MONTHLY PAYMENTS using our AUTO PAY w/VISA/MASTER CARD (complete form below)
 ENTIRE SEASON UPFRONT by CHECK (pay registration fee now by check made payable to *Exceptional Choral Events*, entire 2023-24 balance due with check at first rehearsal in Sep)

AUTO PAY SET-UP

All registration and tuition fees will be paid using Northwest Choir Resources auto-pay system, charged to a Visa or MasterCard of my choice that will be kept on file for the season (unless I choose to pay the entire season upfront). Enrollment is on an annual basis and all registration and tuition payments are non-refundable. There is a late fee of \$25 per month that my account is past-due. 30-days-notice in writing is required to withdraw from the program and I am still responsible for the fees due during that 30-day period. I understand that my account must be current before my child may participate in performances, festivals or camps. I also understand I am responsible for the replacement cost of any lost or damaged music, t-shirts or uniforms.

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Please charge my Visa/Mastercard for our registration fee and monthly tuition on the 1st of each month (as specified above).

Card Number _____ Exp ___/___ 3-dig on back _____ Billing Zip Code _____

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions listed above.

SINGER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SINGER PRINTED NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (if singer is under 18) _____ DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME (if singer is under 18) _____

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2023-2024 Optional Scholarship Application – page 1
Due: June 15, 2023 for priority consideration

We have a goal of allowing every deserving singer to participate in Spectrum, regardless of their family's ability to pay tuition. To be considered for a scholarship, please complete and return this form with your season registration. *Only submit this form if requesting a scholarship.*

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of musical ability, attitude/passion, role model behavior, singer/family contribution to our program and financial need. The information supplied with this application will be kept confidential. Questions are designed to help determine each family's financial position to ensure financial aid is awarded to those qualified singers whose need is greatest.

Singer Name(s) _____ **Grade(s) (2023-24 school year):** _____

Circle Choir Level(s):	Children's (grades K-6)	Youth Chorus/Ensemble (grades 6-12/college)	Accord (adults)
Usual Monthly Tuition:	\$110 x 9 payments	\$140 x 9 payments	\$75 x 9 payments

What is the ideal monthly tuition payment amount you feel your family can contribute? _____

Household Information

Does your family qualify for reduced/free school lunch program? YES NO

Who does the singer(s) live with? _____

Who contributes financially to the singer's cost of living / educational expenses? _____

1st Parent/Guardian/Adult Annual Household Income: \$ _____

2nd Parent/Guardian/Adult Annual Household Income: \$ _____

Does the student(s) work/contribute toward their living expenses / choir tuition? Please explain. _____

Are there any other sources of income/child support/social security/funding? Please explain. _____

Total size of all parent/guardian/adults households combined during 2023-24 school year will be: _____

**include student, parents/guardians and other dependent children.*

Please list them individually here:

Name	Age	Name	Age
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Additional Statement of Need

Please provide further explanation and details as to why your family needs tuition assistance, how participation in Spectrum Choral Academy will benefit you/your singer and how you/your singer will be an asset to our program. May be completed by singer or parent/guardian.

Are you willing to do any volunteer work/jobs or coordinate/run fundraisers in exchange for tuition scholarships?
Please explain how you can help us!

Certification

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
If requested, I agree to provide verification of the information that I have given on this form.

PARENT/GUARDIAN/ADULT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN/ADULT PRINTED NAME _____