



Youth Choir Festival Northwest

University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA

Jim Papoulis, Guest Conductor

June 2-4, 2023

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is participating in the 3rd Youth Choir Festival NW?

Guest Conductor: Jim Papoulis composes, orchestrates, and conducts music from many genres and is known for work that combines contemporary, classical, and world sounds with contemporary rhythms, voices, technology, and children's voices. He has written for and conducted hundreds of live shows worldwide for musicians and artists that include symphonies, quartets, pop bands, gospel and children's choirs, and top talents Celine Dion, Aretha Franklin, Shania Twain, Bette Midler, Faith Hill, Vanessa Williams, Maroon 5, Tony Bennett and Wynonna Judd.

As a composer, he has received honors from publications nationwide such as JW Pepper's Editor's Choice Award (Can You Hear, Give Us Hope, Oye). Papoulis' album CAN YOU HEAR has sold thousands of copies, and features artists such as Martha Wash, the Tokyo String Quartet, Geoffrey Holder, Odetta. Hyatt Hotels sponsored a successful tour of Sounds of a Better World concerts conceived and conducted by Papoulis, with CD and concert proceeds benefiting children's music and mentoring programs through The Foundation for Small Voices.

Awards include: The Brizzolara Family's Most Inspirational Film at The Hampton's International Film Festival '04 (The Untold Story of Emmett Till), Winner Best Feature, Arizona International Film Festival '04, Special Recognition, Prada Foundation, Tribeca Film Festival '04, Best Selection Avignon/NY Film Festival '04 (Lustre), Four Telly Awards '05 and '06; The Young People of New York City's Artistic Honoree Award '05; University of Miami School of Music Alumni of Distinction '04, Metro Mass Choir Inspiration Award '03, National Association of Composers awards for Philopoly & Ghost, two Clios. Papoulis holds Graduate degrees in music composition and performance from the University of Miami. Read more about Jim on our website!

Endolyne Children's Choir

West Seattle, WA
Megan Booth, Music Director
Maya Adams, Staff Instructor
www.endolynechoir.org

Northwest Girlchoir

Fresca
Seattle, WA
Jura Litchfield, Teacher-Conductor
Minju Kim, Accompanist
www.northwestgirlchoir.org

Lawrence Children's Choir

Lawrence, KS
Dr. Gabe Lewis-O'Connor, Artistic Director
Ms. Erin Zipper, Festival Accompanist
www.lawrencechildrenschoir.org

Spectrum Choral Academy

Youth Chorus, Children's Chorus & Ensemble
Gig Harbor, WA
Stephanie Charbonneau, Artistic Director
Julie Mandery, Festival Accompanist
www.spectrumchoir.com

Where is the festival held?

University of Puget Sound – located in the heart of the Pacific Northwest – offers a beautiful and intimate 97-acre campus environment in Tacoma's vibrant North End neighborhood. The UPS buildings and grounds offer a peaceful and picturesque setting with an innovative mix of original charm graced by contemporary touches. For more info about UPS, visit: www.pugetsound.edu

When and where is the festival concert?

The concert will be held Sunday, June 4 at 4:00 PM in Schneebeck Concert Hall located in the Music Building at University of Puget Sound. This concert will feature all festival choirs, performing individually and combined with Guest Conductor-Composer, Jim Papoulis! Lawrence Children's Choir & Spectrum Youth Chorus will also be premiering their new composition created during their song-writing workshop portion of the festival!

How much do festival concert tickets cost and where do we purchase them?

Tickets are \$15 Adults / \$10 Students/Seniors To purchase visit: www.youthchoirfestival.com
Remaining tickets will be available at the door, until sold out.

Should the massed choir pieces be memorized?

Yes – all massed choir pieces must be memorized prior to arrival at the festival. But still bring your music!

Where will Track 1 (Advanced Youth Choirs) sleep?

Choristers and chaperones will be housed in Register Residence Hall on campus. Artistic Staff will be housed in Trimble Hall. Each participant will receive a key card for dormitory entrance / meals upon check-in. Keep this card safe and on you at all times to avoid replacement fees. There are ample restroom facilities. Lawrence Children's Choir singers have full linen service, which includes sheets, blanket, pillow, pillowcase, bath towel, pool towel, wash cloth. All other singers need to pack their overnight bedding/towels.

What will we eat?

University of Puget Sound will provide all meals, served cafeteria style in Wheelock Student Center. Overnight participants will have meal cards. Sunday only participants will simply be counted as they enter lunch (no cards or tickets needed). Meals are "all you can eat" and will include a large variety of menu choices at each meal. The Diner offers allergy-friendly selections for the 8 most common allergens and offer plenty of vegan/vegetarian options. We also provide snacks to all festival participants in the evenings and during breaks on Sunday.

Are there any rules or expectations to remember?

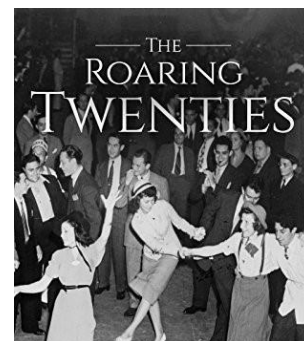
- Rehearsals must begin on time. Make sure you are not the one to hold the entire group behind.
- Give 100% to each rehearsal. Each rehearsal will greatly enhance the quality of our performances. Give your full attention to our Guest Conductor. Remember: *This is your concert!*
- Be sure that your behavior reflects the standards of excellence that your choir stands for.
- Due to the closeness of the performers, please do not wear perfume / scented lotions / hairsprays. You SHOULD wear deodorant. This applies to both rehearsals and concert.
- Be polite and on your best listening behavior when the other choirs are performing. You will want the same courtesy from them when it's your turn.
- Respect the authority of ALL chaperones in non-rehearsal circumstances. They are there to help and to ensure the safety and well-being of each chorister.

What should I pack? EVERYONE

- Casual attire. Everyone will dress casually Friday through Sunday morning. If your choir has matching t-shirts, we encourage you to make this standard attire during the festival. It helps build unity among your singers and presents a strong identity for your choir.
- Formal concert attire. Whatever your choir normally wears for formal concerts.
- Festival Music (just in case we need to reference it – please arrive with music memorized).

Additional for Track 1 (Advanced Youth Choirs for overnight festival)

- Optional, but fun: Dress-up outfit for Saturday night's singer social - "The Roaring 20's Formal"**
Bring your favorite Roaring 20's style dress-up clothes. Consider flapper dresses, sequin headbands, pearl necklaces, feather boas, "jazz" suits, oxford shoes, fedora or a bowler hat. Or just come as you are and join the fun!
- Swimsuit, Pajamas, Toiletries
- Sleeping bag or bedding for twin XL, pillow, towels, swim towel
(Lawrence Children's Choir has linen service...you don't need these items).
- Warm clothes and jacket/coat – just in case!
- A book or journal (you might want to read or write until you fall asleep)
- Optional: Flashlight
- Optional: Reuseable water bottle clearly labeled with your name! It is of utmost importance for singers to stay hydrated. We will also have disposable water bottles and drinking fountains available.
- Optional: Free time activities such as Frisbee, football, jump rope, deck of cards, book, journal, etc.



Label EVERYTHING! Then check the Lost & Found box in the dorms as you leave, in case you lost something.

What are the emergency phone numbers available during the festival?

Donald 360.710.1754 Becca K 360.440.2097 Becca S 360.710.3200 Stephanie 360.271.8086



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