

August 1, 2019



Dear **Concert Choir** Singer and Family,

Welcome to the 2019-20 season of Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs! Your year ahead will be filled with glorious music, musical growth, new friendships, and opportunities to perform for enthusiastic and appreciative audiences. We know this letter is long, but it includes lots of important information -- please read through everything carefully.

### **Rehearsals**

Concert Choir will rehearse on Tuesdays from 4:15 - 6:15 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall at the Bloomington Center for the Arts at 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington.

### **2019-20 Calendar**

The [choir calendar](#) is on the Angelica website under the SINGER FAMILY tab. Please check this link often as items are still being changed and updated. Here are some important highlights:

**Aug. 25** -- 6:00 p.m. - all choir National Anthem rehearsal

**Aug. 27** – Rehearsals begin

**Dec. 7** – Winter Concert at Orchestra Hall. Time TBA.

**Jan. 11-12** – All day Snow Days retreat in Farmington (w/optional sleepover on Sat. night)

**Feb. 9** – Performance at Mt. Olive Concert Series 4:00p.m.

**Feb. 23** – 2:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. Rita Docter Scholarship Concert & Silent Auction, Schneider Theater

**May 10** –Spring Concert at Orchestra Hall (Mother's Day)

### **Twins Game - 9/7**

We are singing at the Twins Game on Saturday, September 7th. Order tickets through Angelica with no fees until Aug. 7 or you can get tickets on your own. [Click here](#) for all of the details (including information about tickets, when and where to meet, and downloadable music to practice).

### **Angelica T-shirt - Order Today**

Your singer will need a short sleeve black Angelica t-shirt (same as last year). Order ASAP or by Aug. 7. [Click here](#) for ordering details.

### **National Anthem Rehearsal - 8/25**

On Sunday, August 25 we will rehearse the National Anthem from 6:00pm - 6:45pm in the lobby of the Bloomington Center for the Arts. We will distribute pre-ordered Angelica t-shirts and pre-ordered Twins tickets. And there will be Johnny Pops for everyone!

### **Singer Family Tab -- Angelica Website**

All choir information can be found at [www.angelicacantanti.org](http://www.angelicacantanti.org) under the SINGER FAMILY tab. Check the website often throughout the season for updates and concert details.

### **2019-20 Member Handbook**

ACYC procedures and policies are in the Member Handbook. [Click here](#). Please read through the handbook for important information.

### **Communication**

Most choir communication is done by email. If you are not receiving emails from Angelica, contact our office at 952-563-8572 to be sure we have your correct information. Please sign up for texts through the REMIND app by [clicking here](#).

### **Music Deposit**

Angelica requires every singer to turn in a \$50 music deposit check at the first rehearsal. This check should be made out to "Angelica Cantanti" and post-dated June 1, 2020. In the unlikely event that a singer should

misplace any music pieces or their music folder, this check will be deposited. When the folder is turned in and all the music is accounted for at the end of the season, your music deposit check will be destroyed.

**Note:** Your singer will not be issued a folder to take home until the music deposit is submitted.

### **Attendance Policy**

Every member is important to our choir and every rehearsal is crucial to the success of the group. Since we meet just once a week, rehearsals are accelerated and we are learning a lot of new music and instructions. Please schedule routine doctor, dentist, and other appointments on a different day than choir rehearsal. If you have an unavoidable conflict, please complete an absence form at least 2 weeks in advance of the rehearsal. These can be downloaded and printed from the Angelica website under [FORMS](#).

### **Guidelines for Participation**

Because the success of a choir is dependent on the full participation of each member of the choir, we expect singers (and their parents/guardians) to adhere to the following guidelines from the [Angelica Member Handbook](#) including:

1. Singers are expected to attend all rehearsals, concerts, and retreats except in cases of illness, school conflicts, or family emergencies. Communication is very important. The director must be notified of any absences in advance. Those singers attending fewer than 90% of rehearsals may be unable to perform at upcoming concerts, if the conductor feels that the singer is not prepared. Singers who have continued poor attendance may be asked to leave the choir.
2. Singers must notify the conductor and choir office of absences in writing – via e-mail or by submitting an absence form.
3. Singers are expected to arrive on time and be prepared to sing for all rehearsals and performances. Singers who arrive late or leave early miss important rehearsal time and disrupt the rehearsal for the other singers.
4. Parents must pick up their child promptly at the end of each rehearsal and performance.
5. Singers must be respectful to other singers, the choir coordinators, the rehearsal space, and concert performance venues.
6. Singers who decide to drop out of choir before the end of the season must inform the director immediately and turn in their music. Tuition will be forfeited.

### **Items Needed Before August 27 Rehearsal**

- 1) \$50 registration fee (if you have not paid this already). Send to office or use [paypal link](#).
- 2) Medical/Emergency form. Please [click here to download PDF](#) and send to office.
- 3) Tuition. Send check or use [paypal link](#).
- 4) Music deposit check, \$50 post-dated to 6/1/20. Bring to first rehearsal.

If you have any questions, please contact the Choir Manager, Andrea Dittmer, at 952-563-8572 or email [angelicamanager@gmail.com](mailto:angelicamanager@gmail.com). We are looking forward to a great season!

Sincerely,

Angelica Cantanti Staff and Board of Directors

# ANGELICA CANTANTI YOUTH CHOIRS

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## Concert Choir Invoice

Due Date: August 25, 2019

2019-20 Tuition and Fees	Amount
Registration fee (due at registration; non-refundable)	\$ 50.00
Tuition	\$ 625.00
Snow Days retreat (due in December)	\$ 110.00

Tuition Payment Options	Amount
<b>Lump sum payment</b> (due by August 25, 2019)	\$ 625.00
<b>Installment Plan</b> Pay tuition in 3 installments due August 25 September 30 October 31	 \$ 209.00 due 8/25 \$ 208.00 due 9/30 \$ 208.00 due 10/31
<b>Financial Aid</b> You may apply for financial aid toward your tuition, which is based on financial need. Download and complete the application found on the website. Funds are limited; send in your application on time. Applications must be received no later than August 15, 2019. A completed application must be received in our office before your singer can attend rehearsals this fall.	Application due by 8/15

**Terms of payment:** Before the first rehearsal, parents who have not paid their tuition in full, submitted a financial aid application, or have not contacted the Choir Manager about installment payments will be notified that their singer cannot participate in rehearsals.

Payment Methods (Return payment to ACYC by August 25)
<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed, payable to Angelica Cantanti
<input type="checkbox"/> Pay online using PayPal (use the Payment/PAYPAL link on the SINGER FAMILY tab on the website)
<input type="checkbox"/> Pay using an online bank transfer (we will send you an invoice)

Questions? Contact Andrea Dittmer, Choir Manager  
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