

August 1, 2019



Dear **ACYC High School** 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.

Placement

Singers will be placed in one of two high school choirs: Treble Singers or Cantanti Singers. We will notify you about specific choir placement by the second week of August.

Rehearsals

The **Treble Singers** will rehearse on Sundays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall at the Bloomington Center for the Arts at 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington. The **Cantanti Singers** will rehearse on Sundays from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall.

2019-20 Calendar

The [calendars](#) are on the Angelica website under the SINGER FAMILY tab. Please check these links often as items are still being changed and updated. Here are some important highlights:

Aug. 24 – Mini-retreat for **Treble Singers** 2:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Aug. 25 -- Mini-retreat for **Cantanti Singers** 2:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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

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

Jan. 19-20 – Snow Days retreat

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)

May 17 – High School Celebration Concert 7:00 p.m.

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 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

The high school ensembles sing challenging repertoire and move very quickly to learn a lot of music during the 2 hour rehearsal on Sundays. All singers are expected to attend all rehearsals and all performances. Mr. Brown requires advance notice for absences. He can be reached at 651-249-3486 or philipbrown22@yahoo.com. If a singer misses more than 2 rehearsals in a row, it may require a conductor/parent meeting regarding participation in upcoming choir performances.

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 24-25 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. We are looking forward to a great season!

Sincerely,
Angelica Cantanti Staff and Board of Directors

ANGELICA CANTANTI YOUTH CHOIRS

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Treble & Cantanti Singers 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
Lump sum payment (due by August 25, 2019)	\$ 625.00
Installment Plan 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
Financial Aid 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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