

The Louisville Youth Choir (LYC)

Artists in Residence at Sacred Heart School for the Arts

45th Anniversary Season (2011-2012) Information & Guidelines

Welcome

Welcome to the 45th consecutive season of the Louisville Youth Choir. During its over 40 years of service to the Louisville Metro community, the choir has had numerous opportunities to work with some of the finest musicians in the area. The choir has performed with the cornerstone of Louisville's art scene and continues to perform in the finest venues in our city.

Throughout this season, the choir will perform choral classics and traditional favorites. LYC will have the opportunity this season to perform with some of the area's greatest artists, including the Fund for the Arts Artist Showcase and the Louisville Master Chorale.

Without the support of the Fund for the Arts, Sacred Heart Schools, the Kentucky Arts Council, the Louisville Metro government and Yum! Brands, Inc., the youth choir would be unable to provide such a rich cultural addition to our community. Without the support of teachers, donors and community leaders, we would not be able to reach the number of singers that we are able. Without you, we would be unable to perform the level and caliber of music that we perform. It takes a community to ensure the promotion and performance of LYC. It takes you, and we are glad that you are here. On behalf of the board and staff, welcome!

Terri E. Foster, Artistic/Executive Director



LOUISVILLE YOUTH CHOIR Contact Information

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Program Advertisement

Have your business advertise in the Louisville Youth Choir concert programs. For more information, contact the office at 896-5859 or e-mail tefoster@louyouthchoir.org.

Subscribers and VIP for LYC

Do you, or someone you know want to support the children and youth in our community? If so, consider supporting the choir by becoming a subscriber. There are many levels of support and all dollar amounts are welcome! Any tax deductible gift of \$50 or more makes you a *VIP for LYC* and qualifies you for special benefits such as preferred seating at all concerts. For more information, contact the choir office at 896-5859 or e-mail tefoster@louyouthchoir.org.

EIGHTH NOTES

The choir publishes weekly **EIGHTH NOTES**—the main line of communication between the choir and your singer. It is expected that each singer remains current with this published information. These are posted online on our website for your easy access. They are updated by Tuesday of each week. Please be sure to check these weekly, as new information is added and updated each week. These are very important and are key to your singer's success in knowing all of the important events and information for the Louisville Youth Choir. Also, be sure to "Like" LYC on Facebook!



Volunteerism

There are a variety of opportunities throughout the year to provide service to LYC. From music filing to concert ushering to fundraising—we are always looking for dedicated help! We encourage each family involved to seek out at least one opportunity to volunteer this season. With a limited staff, your time and effort is key to the success of our season.

Tuition (Financial aid & scholarships available; requirements & applications are at www.louyouthchoir.org.)

Performance Division

Annual Tuition of \$625.00*

Three payment options

Plan A: Payment in Full

(Due on or before the September start date)

Plan B (B+): Monthly (includes \$40 one-time service fee)

Due on the first of each month. Final payment due on or before April 1.

Plan C: 2 Payments (1 per semester)

1st payment due on or before September start date

2nd payment due on or before January start date

Primary Singers Program

Session Tuition of \$175.00* due in full by the start date of each session.

(Includes: fee, one concert ticket, materials and performance wear.)

2 Sessions available

Fall/Winter Session: October 4-December 13, 2011 with a Christmas Festival Concert performance on December 16, 2011.

Winter/Spring Session: February 14, 2012-April 24, 2012 with a Pops Concert performance on April 29, 2012.

*There is a \$25.00 service fee for all returned checks.

Concert Tickets

Season Tickets On Sale

**September 13, 2011 -
October 4, 2011**

***Season Ticket Prices**

Adults: \$45

Seniors (55+): \$35

Students: \$17

*Season Tickets prices are for the four main Performance Division concerts on October 30, December 16, March 10 and April 29. The Bonus Concerts in December are additional.

****Single Tickets**

(Typically go on sale one month prior to each concert.)

Adults: \$13

Seniors (55+): \$10

Students: \$5

All single tickets may be purchased through the LYC office except for the April Pops Concert which will be handled by KY Center. As an FYI: For tickets handled by the KY Center box office (502.584.7777), KY Center charges an additional handling fee per ticket price for their venues. Please be advised that the KY Center also has additional fees for phone and internet orders.

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Concert Seating Policy

All seating for all ticket holders for the four main Performance Division concerts will be GENERAL ADMISSION. Doors open 20 minutes prior to concerts. Donors who are *VIP for LYC* (donors who give at the \$50+ level) have preferred General Admission seating 30 minutes prior to each show. For information on becoming a *VIP for LYC*, visit the LYC website or inquire in the office.

Rehearsal Schedule (All rehearsals take place at Sacred Heart School for the Arts—Angela Hall, #17.)

Lyric Choir: 5:00 – 6:15 PM

Recital Hall

(Lyric Choir singers who are in Descant Choir will break from 6:15-6:25 PM)

Chamber Choir: 5:00-6:15 PM

Room 320/Harp Room

(Chamber Choir singers who are in Aria Choir will break from 6:15-6:25 PM)

Descant Choir: 6:20-7:35 PM

Recital Hall

Aria Choir: 6:20-7:35 PM

Room 320

Primary Singers : 5:15 – 6:15 PM

Fall/Winter Session & Winter/Spring Session

Room 320

Fundraising

It is the goal of LYC to minimize the number of fundraisers for the singers. Tuition and ticket sales only account for 40% of the budget so we depend on you to lend your support. There is one major fundraising effort annually in which all are asked to participate: "For Love Of Music" Annual Dinner & Silent Auction on January 29, 2012. Start now soliciting donations for this silent auction—all goods and services are welcome—no donation is too large or too small! Plan to attend and save the date!



Performance Schedule

Concert Season

October 30, 2011

“Fall Concert”

Ursuline Arts Center, 3 PM

December 16, 2011

“A Christmas Festival”

Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church, 7 PM

March 10, 2012

“Spring Concert”

Ursuline Arts Center, 7 PM

April 29, 2012

“Pops Concert”

W.L. Lyons Brown Theatre, 7 PM

*Bonus Concerts

December 9, 10 & 11, 2011

The Nutcracker with the

SHSA Dance Department

Ursuline Arts Center,

12/9 @ 7 PM

12/10 & 11 @ 2 PM

December 18, 2011

The Messiah with the

Louisville Master Chorale

Cathedral of the Assumption, 2:30 PM

*Bonus concerts are not included in the LYC Season Ticket package. Tickets to the SHSA *Nutcracker* can be purchased through SHSA. Tickets to *The Messiah* can be purchased through the Louisville Master Chorale .

Concert Attire

Performance Division

(Lyric, Descant, Aria and Chamber Choirs)

Formal Concert Attire: All Louisville Youth Choir ladies, will wear full-length to the floor, black dresses* with low heeled, closed toe black shoes. No necklaces or bracelets. Earrings must be next to the ear. All gentlemen will wear black tuxedos*, white tuxedo shirts, black cummerbund and tie and black socks and shoes. No jewelry for the gentlemen.

Casual Concert Attire: All singers will wear the LYC black t-shirt with jeans and tennis shoes as casual concert attire. These shirts are \$5 and are purchased through the LYC office.

***Dresses, tuxedos and accessories can be obtained from Sam Meyers Formalwear with contact info and location TBD.**

Primary Singers Program

All participants in the Primary Singers Program will wear a white tuxedo shirt** with a red bowtie** and black pants with black shoes and socks. Girls may choose to wear a knee-length black skirt with black tights instead of pants.

(Pants, skirts, socks, tights and shoes are the responsibility of singer to provide.)

**Primary Singer Attire will be arranged for singers by LYC

Attendance Policy

Membership in the Louisville Youth Choir is a commitment to the ensemble, the staff, your peers and to the art of singing. Rehearsals are expected to be a priority of each member. Therefore, all Louisville Youth Choir singers are expected to:

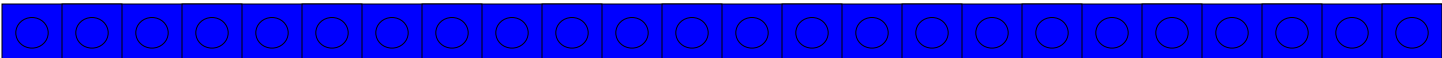
- Attend each rehearsal and performance as scheduled.
- Be prepared to start rehearsal at the specified time: checking in, being seated and being prepared to sing indicates being prepared to start.
- Study and learn musical assignments prior to rehearsals.

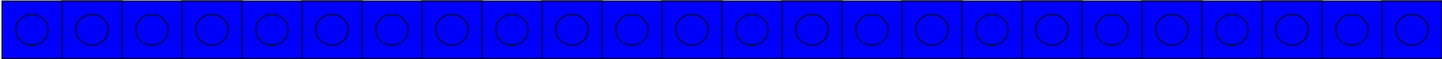
The staff of the Louisville Youth Choir understands that illnesses, family deaths, school activities and religious activities may conflict with rehearsals. Therefore, the following guidelines will be observed:

- Following the 2nd absence, the staff will review the singer’s commitment to the Louisville Youth Choir and decide a course of action.
- No singer is expected to attend if they have a fever or contagious condition.
- Tardiness is not tolerated. Arriving 10 or more minutes late constitutes ½ absence.
- Leaving before the end of a scheduled rehearsal constitutes ½ absence.
- Chronic absences/tardiness can result in revocation of membership without tuition reimbursement.
- The Fall and Spring Saturday Retreats count as 2 rehearsals and follow the same guidelines as regularly scheduled rehearsals.
- ALL SINGERS must attend ALL MANDATORY rehearsals.** Failure to do so will result in the singer being ineligible to sing the upcoming concert. **ALL SINGERS are required to perform in ALL CONCERTS.** Failure to appear at a concert is grounds for loss of membership.

On the RARE occasion that a student needs to be absent, we ask that you contact the Louisville Youth Choir office **in advance** at 896-5859 to notify the organization of the absence. Failure of a student to arrive at a rehearsal without a phone call will deem it worthy for one of our parent volunteers to call and check on the student.

If the occasion were to arise that Jefferson County Public Schools were to cancel or dismiss school due to inclement weather, the Louisville Youth Choir will NOT hold rehearsals. If you are unsure, please call 896-5859, check the website, check your email or watch local TV stations.





History

The Louisville Youth Choir, artists in residence at Sacred Heart School for the Arts, was founded in 1967 by Italo Taranta, a former Professor of Music and Choral Conductor at the University of Louisville School of Music, supported by Robert Whitney, former Dean of the University of Louisville School of Music and Melvin Dickinson, Conductor of the Louisville Bach Society. During its over 40 years of service to the community, the Choir has flourished under the leadership of Michael Neely, Arnold Epley, Russell Freeman, Richard Lin, John Dickson, Carol Christell, Donna Thomasson, Frank Heller, III, Louie Bailey, Don Scott Carpenter and Thomas A. Seecat. Terri E. Foster was appointed Artistic/Executive Director in the 2007-2008 season.

The Louisville Youth Choir has been heard throughout Europe and North America including performances in the Dom in Salzburg (2006), Votivkirche in Vienna (2006), Carnegie Hall in New York City (2003, 2009), Santuario de Guadalupe in Santa Fe (2003) as well as Chicago (2004), Colorado Springs, CO (2003) and Windsor and Toronto, Ontario (2002). At home the choir has performed for the Kentucky Music Educators In-Service conference, was a demonstration choir at the Southern Division ACDA conference (2008) and partnered with Kentucky Opera in premieres of three operas based on the lives of Kentuckians Muhammad Ali, Helen Thomas and Dian Fosse, and premiered commissioned works by composers David J. Elliott, Bill Stevens, Paul Nahay, Frederick Speck, Frank Richmond, Patsy Ford Simms, Daniel Gilliam and in March of 2011, Carol McClure. The choir also boasts performances with *Global Rhythms* (2008 & 2011), the nation's largest world music ensemble, Moscow Ballet's *Great Russian Nutcracker* (2007) and a guest appearance for award-winning composer, Stephen Schwartz (2009).

A cultural partner with the Greater Louisville Fund for the Arts, the Louisville Youth Choir has had numerous opportunities to perform with the area's finest arts organizations. The choir has performed Mendelssohn's *Elijah* with the Louisville Orchestra, Puccini's *Tosca* with the Kentucky Opera, Orff's *Carmina Burana* with the Louisville Ballet and the Beethoven *Choral Fantasy* with the Louisville Youth Orchestra. The choir has also partnered with the Broadway Series and the former Louisville Bach Society.

Now in its forty-fifth season, the organization is home to six ensembles. The Performance division is comprised of singers in the 1st through 12th grades in five ensembles: Primary Singers, Lyric, Descant, Aria and Chamber Choirs. Lascito Coro (Legacy Choir) is an all-female alumni choir that has a summer concert season. As a community based organization, LYC draws children and youth from throughout metropolitan Louisville, six surrounding KY counties and southern Indiana. Its repertoire includes music of many styles and cultures, including major classic and modern works with orchestra and soloists. LYC offers a choral music experience unique in the region.

LYC is governed by a Board of Directors composed of parents, area musicians, community business leaders and other individuals committed to the success of young people. Supported by the Greater Louisville Fund for the Arts, Yum! Brands, Inc, The Kentucky Arts Council, Metro Louisville Government and an individual/corporate subscriber program, the Choir continues its dedication to young singers in their development of distinguished musical experiences and lasting community-wide friendships.

Staff

Terri E. Foster

Artistic/Executive Director

Thomas A. Seecat

Assistant Artistic Director

Dr. Louie L. Bailey

Conductor

Rhonda Hibdon

Conductor, Accompanist & Operations Assistant

Martha M. Gibbs

Music Librarian & Rehearsal Assistant

Alison M. Erwin

Development Associate

Board of Directors

(Executive Committee)

Fran Peters, vice chair (chair)

Realtor (Coldwell, Banker, McMahan)

Ruth Wimsatt Trautwein, vice chair (chair elect)

Associate (Stegner Investment Associates)

Karen Story, secretary

Realtor (Semonin Realtors)

John Dant, treasurer

Business Owner (The Back Door)



I, _____ ,

(Parent's Name—Please Print)

have received and agree to the terms in the Information & Guidelines handout.

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)

(Singer's Signature)

(Date)

(Singer's Name—Please Print)

Please return this form to the LYC office and keep the attached Information & Guidelines for your reference.