

Seattle Children's Chorus CHORISTER COVENANT 2007-2008

Seattle Children's Chorus offers a specialized choral experience for musically-gifted youth. Participation in the upper levels of our program--the regionally and nationally recognized *Arioso* and *Camerata* choirs--is a privilege. Participation also requires recognition of the following:

- A nine-month partnership between choristers and conductor is established through weekly rehearsals.
- A partnership between chorister and conductor is established at rehearsals.
- Each chorister's role as part of a team is significant.
- It is difficult, if not impossible, to make up important ensemble work on an individual basis at home.
- Rehearsals move at an accelerated pace, covering a larger amount of demanding literature.
- Choristers rely on other singers in their section to share challenging parts.
- Valuable performance opportunities at home and abroad are scheduled.

In order to promote the dedication required of our older participants, we are asking our *Arioso* and *Camerata* members to carefully read and consider this agreement:

1. Participation in *Arioso* and *Camerata* is a nine-month covenant between chorister/parent and the conductor/chorus. I agree to regularly participate in all rehearsals, retreats, and concerts from September through May of this coming year.

2. I will carefully adhere to this commitment, following the Chorister Handbook guideline: two excused absences per half year (phone call to office). Excused absences are illness, family vacation/emergency, or mandatory school obligation.

3. I will not take on conflicting activities that disrupt my nine-month agreement. If other seasonal activities come along (sports, musicals, etc.), with the help of my parents I will honestly evaluate my ability to keep this commitment by answering the following questions:

- Will I miss weekly SCC rehearsals?
- Will I miss major SCC performances?
- Will the supervisor of the other activity accept my involvement with SCC and be willing to reach a compromise allowing me to successfully participate in both activities?
- Have I had a personal conversation with my SCC conductor prior to accepting another commitment? (Notification to the office is not adequate.)

Being part of *Arioso* or *Camerata* is a privilege requiring maturity and dedication. My signature below indicates that I understand the requirements of participating in *Arioso/Camerata*.

Date: _____

As an SCC chorister, I will keep this covenant:

Chorister's Signature

As a Chorus parent I will support my chorister's involvement in SCC:

Parent's Signature

Date: _____ Conductor's Signature: _____