

Seattle Children's Chorus Voice Placement Information

We are excited that you want to be a part of Seattle Children's Chorus! There is a place for all singers in our program. We want to make sure that we have the choir that is right for you.

A choir placement takes about ten minutes. It is your choice whether or not you want your parent/guardian to be in the room with you.

Questions we will ask at Voice Placements at all levels:

Name:

Age:

Grade:

Parent/Guardian/Email:

Chorister Email (Arioso, Coro Vivo, and Camerata):

Why do you want to sing with SCC?

Previous music experience (choral/solo singing/instrumental)?

What do you hope to learn by singing with Seattle Children's Chorus?

Brio

Grades 2-3.

Brio is a beginning choir that welcomes new singers.

- Vocal range check

How high and how low can you sing?

- Solo Song

Sing a short song of your choice. We want to hear you sing something that shows how much you love singing. Some suggestions might be:

Twinkle Little Star

She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain

- Pitch Matching

Can you match a pitch when it is sung? Can you match a pitch when it is played on the piano?

Intermezzo

Grades 4-6.

Intermezzo is an intermediate choir that fosters music-reading and vocal training.

- Vocal range check

How high and how low can you sing? This will also help determine your place as an alto or a soprano in the choir.

- Prepared Solo Song

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Take Me Out to the Ball Game

You are My Sunshine

You can also sing an excerpt from a choir song that you have learned.

- Tonal Memory

A few short series of notes will be played on the piano. You will be asked to sing them back. This tells us about your musical ear. This will also help determine your place as an alto or a soprano in the choir.

Coro Vivo and Arioso

Grades 7-12.

Coro Vivo is a choir for tenors and basses (changed voices). Arioso is a choir for treble voices.

- Vocal range check

This will feel like vocal warm-ups.

- Prepared Solo Song - sung a cappella (no instrumental accompaniment)

Sing a one-minute excerpt of a classical song, folk song, or hymn sung in a classical/choral style. If you're not sure what to sing, try one of these audition standards. Feel free to sing in a different key than they are notated.

This Land Is Your Land

We Shall Overcome

Amazing Grace

You can also sing an excerpt from choral repertoire that you have learned.

- Sight reading

We will ask you to do your best to sight read a melody and a rhythm. This isn't something you can cram for right before an audition. It gives us a snapshot of how well you understand how to read music.

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Camerata

Grades 7-12.

Camerata is an advanced choir that focuses on high-level quality choral repertoire.

All Singers in Camerata also sing in Arioso or Coro Vivo.

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