

Seattle Girls' Choir

Concerts

There are a variety of concert opportunities throughout the choir year based on choir level. At this time we sponsor three major concerts for the choir. They are:

- Christmas Concert in mid December for all choir levels
- Benjamin Britton's Advent Lessons and Carols in December for Prime Voci and Cantamus
- Spring Concert in late May or early June for all choir levels

Concerts are held in venues throughout the city. Tickets are sold to these events to defray the costs of the venue, programs, advertising, musicians, flowers, recording and the like. There are a number of ways in which you can contribute as a volunteer for one of these concerts. Feel free to talk to your Go-To Parent or the Concert Manager, each person can be found on the Volunteer Organization List.

In addition SGC may sponsor/facilitate concerts or workshops, with or without guest choirs, and may ask for assistance from the parent auxiliary for volunteers, chaperones, and other coordinating responsibilities.

We also host a Community Recital at the choir center in late winter. This is quickly becoming a favorite event for us all! Each conductor brings his/her choir up on stage and talks to the audience about what a rehearsal looks like for that choir and shows a bit of the process or pieces they are working on. We encourage our families to bring friends who would like to learn more about what choir might be like.

Is this your first concert with The Seattle Girls' Choir?

If yes, the following is an overview of what to expect.

- Uniform Contracts will be issued to new families early in the semester. Girls will be sized during rehearsal and the uniform will be sent home with the chorister. It will be your responsibility to hem the dress, paying close attention to distance the hem must be from the floor to the bottom of the dress while the chorister has her performance shoes on. The contract will include all the information about hemming as well as how to wash and care for the garment.
- Ticket pre-sale forms will be mailed to your home and volunteers will be at the choir center on specified days to fill orders. We have a ticket minimum of 5 per family per concert that you may purchase and use for your family/friends, gift, or resell. Additional tickets are always available at the door as well.
- A Technical Rehearsal will be held the week of the concert at the venue.
 - Watch the Chorus Lines calendar and fliers for the Tech Rehearsal date as it may be in addition to your normal rehearsal day.
 - Technical Rehearsal is held at the actual concert venue and SGC requests a closed rehearsal so parents can wait in the lobby.

- While at the Tech. Rehearsal your daughter will be supervised by a chaperone at all times.
- Each choir level has a specific “call time” assigned and this is the time she must be at the venue and ready to go. The conductor expects girls to be early so they can be settled and ready to sing at the appointed time.

Getting your chorister there at least 5 minutes early is a huge support that you can provide her.

- Each choir level’s rehearsal is a limited time (roughly 20min +/-). We schedule volunteers to usher your daughter in to the building from the curb and ask that you be in the lobby at the end of her call time to pick her up.
- On the day of the concert all choir levels will have a call time up to 2 hours before the performance. Again watch the calendars and pre-concert communication.
- Your daughter should be well fed before arriving, in her uniform, hair neat, and with a water bottle and non-messy snack.
- Again, you can help make your daughter’s experience a success by getting her there on time and in her appropriate uniform.
- Upon arrival she becomes the responsibility of her chaperone.
- There can be up to a 2 hour time difference between the call time and the start of the concert.
 - You are welcome to wait in the venue lobby until the doors open, pre-arrange to volunteer before the concert, or simply come back before the concert begins.
- The door to the auditorium typically opens 25-30 minutes prior to the concert.
 - Our concerts are generally festival seating and seats are first come first served. We ask that you enter with your entire party to sit as a group and that you **do not hold seats for guests to arrive later.**
- SGC asks that there be no photos or videos taken during the performance as not to distract the choristers and conductors.
- There is an intermission.
 - Often SGC will arrange the program so that at intermission Dolcine and Dolcinettes can be signed out by their parents to sit with them through the second half of the concert.
- We work hard to keep the run time of the concert at or under 90 minutes plus intermission. And at the risk of sounding silly the intermission is often based on the length of the line in the powder room.....plan accordingly?
- The sophisticated nature of this music may place some of it beyond the experiences of younger children. We ask you and your guests consider this in advance of attending the concert so that you may plan accordingly.
- The chaperones ask that you check your daughter out from the chorister waiting room at the end of the concert.

- You will be notified when the Uniform Parents will be collecting uniforms after the concert season. So once you are home, slip out the hem, wash, and press per the Uniform Contract instructions.

Enjoy this very professional concert experience!