



STUDENT INFORMATION PACK

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Thank you for your interest in New York Chamber Choirs, and in particular, your interest in membership in the NYCC Youth Choir. This document contains everything you need to know and should help you with any questions you have.

ABOUT NEW YORK CHAMBER CHOIRS

New York Chamber Choirs is a non-profit organization and charity registered through New York State. Its mission is to provide opportunities for chamber choir performance, education and outreach to adults and young people at the highest level. We aim to fill a void in New York City at no cost for its members.

New York Chamber Choirs has had a series of several successful concerts and events, most recently featuring UK-leading composer Paul Mealar, NY-leading composer Ola Gjeilo and Syrian composer Kinan Azmeh. We rehearse at 566 Columbus Avenue each week. Find us [online](#) and watch [this video](#) to learn about us. **NYCC Youth** will rehearse **each Tuesday evening from 5:00pm - 7:00pm** in normal school / college term time. The organization abides by non-profits regulations in New York City, is insured and registered, and all supervising adults have current background checks.

WHAT IS A CHAMBER CHOIR?

A chamber choir is a smaller choir, typically less than 20 singers. Performances are traditionally unaccompanied and involves music at a higher level of vocal intimacy than larger groups. For this reason, typical skills include heightened levels of adjustment, sensitivity, delicacy, vocal color and blend of tone.

WHAT TYPES OF MUSIC WOULD WE SING?

A chamber choir, like most choirs, performs music in many styles. As part of **NYCC Youth**, you would rehearse and perform classical music, jazz, pop, gospel and new compositions. Our upcoming concerts feature the music of a wide range of composers, styles and includes some sacred repertoire. If you are new to any of these genres, this will be an exciting opportunity for you.

WHO CAN JOIN NYCC YOUTH?

NYCC Youth is open to students aged 14-20 currently enrolled in public, private, charter, specialist or home schooling. NYCC is not a political or religious organization and does not discriminate against color, race, gender, national / ethnic origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity / expression.

WHY SHOULD I BE INVOLVED?

New York Chamber Choirs offers the opportunity for performance, music education, choral training and individual voice / theory lessons at no cost. **NYCC Youth** will perform separately and actively work alongside NYCC (the adult choir) in a series of rehearsals, concerts, events, recordings, team-building days and outreach. You will also have the opportunity to perform and collaborate with the leading choral professionals in NYC, the US and abroad as part of a professional young chorus.

WHAT ARE THE DATES FOR THIS SEASON?

A calendar of rehearsals, concerts and special events can be accessed directly on the NYCC website.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE AUDITION?

Auditions are located at 87th / Columbus Avenue. Please visit NYCC's website to sign up for an audition time.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE AUDITION?

We want to see you perform at your best, so auditions are relaxed and friendly. We want to get to know you through your personality and voice. Please prepare one song of your choice (no accompaniment, in any style). We will then ask you to try some simple sight-reading and take you through vocal exercises to test and hear your vocal range. Slight singing experience is a plus, however not a requirement. **Please bring and complete the parental consent slip at the bottom of this form.**

WHO PAYS FOR NYCC?

NYCC receives kind donations from interested individuals, company and supporters who believe strongly in the mission of the organization. We will not ask you for dues and will always aim to fundraise all programs, concerts and events through sponsorship and grants.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Aside from our website, we have [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) content. If you have any inquiries, please contact the Artistic Director [Alistair Hamilton](#).

PARENTAL CONSENT SLIP (AGED 14-18)

Please ask your parent / guardian to complete this consent slip and bring this completed slip to the audition

Student Name: _____ Day / Time: _____

I give consent for my son / daughter to attend an audition for **NYCC Youth**.

Parent Name: _____ Phone number: _____