



CHORUS AUDITIONS!

Wed. & Thurs., August 30 & 31, 2017

Location: Orchestra Iowa School, 119 Third Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids
Time: stop in between 4 and 5:30 p.m. No appointment necessary

HARMONY CHORUS, GRADES K & 1

Early Childhood students are invited to participate in Harmony Chorus, a K-1 exploratory choir designed to engage students in the joy of making music. (No pre-K students, please). Students work on the basics of pitch, tone matching and breath control as they develop focus and learn the importance of working within a group. A variety of quality and fun literature is selected to build vocal skills and proficiency in unison and simple rounds. This chorus provides performance opportunities throughout the school year. Students must audition to be accepted into the Harmony Chorus. Auditioning students will be asked to sing "Happy Birthday." Rehearsals are held on Sunday afternoons at Orchestra Iowa School.

Director: Jessica Muters, Tuition: \$140, no registration fee
Uniform shirt required at a cost of \$10

ODYSSEY CHORUS, Grades 2 & 3

Children in second and third grade are invited to participate in Odyssey Chorus, a preparatory choir designed to instill good vocal habits, beginning music reading and appropriate choir behavior. A variety of educationally sound and kid-friendly literature is selected to build vocal skills and proficiency in unison and part-reading. This chorus also aims to prepare singers for the Discovery Chorus and provides numerous performance opportunities throughout the school year. Rehearsals are held on Sunday afternoons at Orchestra Iowa School. Students audition by singing *America (My Country 'tis of Thee)*.

Director: Jessica Muters, Tuition: \$145 plus \$40 registration fee*
Uniform shirt and tie required at a cost of \$25

DISCOVERY CHORUS, GRADES 4-6

Students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades are invited to audition for Discovery Chorus, a long-standing Orchestra Iowa School program designed to help young singers become acquainted with quality choral music and build good vocal and performance technique. Students are selected annually by audition and have the opportunity to perform with Orchestra Iowa on two concert cycles in the school year. Students audition by demonstrating pitch matching and tonal memory skills. They will also be asked to sing *America the Beautiful*. Rehearsals are held on Sunday afternoons at Orchestra Iowa School.

Director: Amy Hanisch, Tuition: \$150 plus \$40 registration fee*
Uniform shirt and tie required at a cost of \$25

*Students that have paid the initial registration fee of \$40 in the last three years (school year 14/15 or later) pay a reduced registration fee of \$20.

Harmony & Odyssey Schedules

- *Harmony: Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 2:30-3:10 or 3:20-4 p.m. at Orchestra Iowa School.*
- *Odyssey: Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 1:15-2:15 p.m. at Orchestra Iowa School.*

*First Rehearsal September 10, 2017.
Rehearsal and concert dates to be announced after auditions.*

BEFORE AUDITIONING IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS AND PARENTS LOOK AT THE REHEARSAL AND CONCERT DATES BELOW TO DETERMINE THE PROBABILITY OF GOOD ATTENDANCE WHICH IS *ESSENTIAL*.

Discovery Schedule

- Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 2:30-4 p.m. at Orchestra Iowa School unless otherwise noted.

For the Symphony 4 Youth Concert: September 10*, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 8, 12, 19. Dress rehearsal November 8. Concert date: Monday, November 13: two morning concerts.

*Parents are asked to attend a brief meeting on September 10 at 2:30 p.m.

For the December Holiday Spectacular Concerts: December 3, 10. Dress rehearsal December 14. Concert dates: December 16 & 17.

For the combined choral concert: February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 25, April 8. (No rehearsals on March 18). Dress rehearsal with combined choruses: Saturday, April 14 from 1-3:30 p.m. at Orchestra Iowa School. Performance: Sunday afternoon, April 15, 3 p.m.

Note: Discovery Chorus students are occasionally given the opportunity to perform in additional Orchestra Iowa concerts throughout the season. These opportunities require extra rehearsal obligations, but participation is optional. In 17/18 there will be an opportunity to perform as part of the Nutcracker show on December 2 & 3 and in the June 2 Mahler concert. Details to be announced.