



SEASON THIRTEEN

2019 - 2020

RAINIER YOUTH CHOIRS

Guiding singers of all backgrounds to a high level of artistry in choral performance and music education.

Changing Lives through Song

RYC's distinguished artistic staff is planning a joyous, musical 13th season, with challenging and fun rehearsals, inspired performances, community outreach, and memorable tours.

All choirs rehearse Monday evenings at Cedar Heights Middle School (19640 SE 272nd in Covington).

_____ **Primo Voce (PV)** (*Italian for 'first entry'*): ***Monday, 5:30-6:30 pm**

This group is for treble boys and girls, grades 2 - 4, no prior music training necessary.
Tuition: \$50/month in nine monthly payments or \$450 in full

_____ **Bella Voce (BV)** (*Italian for 'beautiful voice'*): ***Monday, 5:30-7:00 pm**

This group is for treble boys and girls, grade 4 and up, no music training needed. Grade 4 singers need to have been promoted from Primo Voce after at least one successful season.
Tuition: \$65/month in nine monthly payments or \$585 in full.

_____ **Colla Voce (CV)** (*Italian for 'with the voice'*): ***Monday, 5:30-7:00 pm**

This auditioned group is for treble boys and girls, grade 7 and up who have been promoted from Bella Voce and/or have music reading skills and choral singing experience.
Tuition: \$95/month in nine monthly payments or \$855 in full.

_____ **Consonare (CS)** (*Latin for 'to sound together'*): ****Monday, 6:40-8:30 pm**

This auditioned group is for high school mixed voices. Younger singers with requisite skills may be accepted. Strong music reading, focus and singing skills are necessary. The Young Men's Ensemble and the Young Women's Ensemble combine to form Consonare, rehearsing separately and together each week.
Tuition: \$105/month in nine monthly payments or \$945 in full.

*** NOTE:** *When Monday rehearsals are cancelled due to weather or holidays, PV, BV and CV may schedule a makeup rehearsal the following Tuesday location TBD..*

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Rainier Youth Choirs is a non-profit, community-based organization with no religious affiliations. RYC offers an exceptional, affordable and family-friendly youth choral music education and performance program.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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- When does the season begin/end?** RYC's season runs from September through mid-June. Singers may be added in January.
- When and where are performances held?** New Hope Presbyterian Church, Kent. *(dates unconfirmed as yet)*
Free: Oct. 14 and June 1. Ticketed: Dec., Mar. and May. **Concert participation is required.**
- How do I get concert tickets?** Tickets may be ordered on our website for advance purchase discounts or by contacting RYC's Executive Director. Season tickets = priority seating.
- What if the weather is bad?** We will use the Kent School District's announcements for school closings or cancelling evening activities. When possible and safe, an alternate location will be used. Be sure to check your email for details.
- What can I do while my child is in rehearsal?** Many parents enjoy visiting in the check in area at CHMS, where free wi-fi is available after you sign in your singer. Shopping is within two miles of CHMS in either direction. Plan to pick singers up promptly afterwards.
- How does RYC communicate with member families?** Most RYC communication occurs via email with twice-monthly **eUpdates** and occasional reminders, including using the 'Remind' app.
- Why/How does RYC raise more money?** RYC strives to keep tuition affordable, priced well below comparable organizations in the area. The annual budget is currently about \$100,000. Grants, donations and ticket sales help provide scholarships and cover other general expenses. No mandatory fundraisers will be held.
- Are additional obligations/expenses expected for members and families?** On-time attendance at all rehearsals/performances is crucial. Singers must practice at home. We expect singers to participate in our age-appropriate travel opportunities to fully represent RYC's reputation of excellence, still TBD for 2019-2020. See page 3 for additional expenses.
- Is financial assistance available?** Partial, needs-based tuition scholarships are available. Applications may be requested and will be reviewed confidentially by the Finance Committee.
- Is there a sibling discount?** Yes. After paying full tuition for the most advanced family singer, a 20% discount is applied for the first sibling, and 25% for each additional one.

- OTHER EXPENSES:** These costs are not included in tuition.
- Annual registration fee:** \$55 per singer, non-refundable. This fee does not apply towards tuition.
- *Casual Uniform:** \$25 RYC polo; black dress pants, black socks and shoes, supplied by singer
- *Formal Uniform** Cost varies by group/gender, approximately \$60 - \$85 for auditioned groups
The full casual uniform is also Primo Voce's formal uniform.
- RYC music tote bag:** This bag is highly recommended to protect the sheet music that needs to be returned or replaced after each concert. Most RYC singers have a bag.
(\$30, optional)
- Tour/Festival Costs:** Travel is part of the curriculum. These opportunities are often life changing and provide bonding experiences for the betterment and enrichment of each singer and the whole ensemble.
- Older groups take an international tour every 3rd year followed by two years of local or domestic performance trips and/or festivals. The last international tour was to Ireland in summer of 2017. Austria/Germany is the 2022 destination for Consonare and Colla Voce singers. Plans for 2020 TBA soon.
- All singers are expected to plan ahead to participate when possible.***
- Optional fundraising activities are made available to help members bring these costs down and make tours/festival costs more manageable.

**Gently used casual and formal uniform items may be available.*

OTHER OBLIGATIONS:

Volunteer commitment: in an effort to keep costs down, RYC relies heavily on parent/family volunteers. Volunteer teams include: Concerts, Development, Marketing, Information and Attendance, Trip Planning, Summer Camp, and Fundraising.

RYC requires that one family adult volunteers a minimum of one hour per month. A \$250 buyout of the obligation is acceptable, though we prefer help.

Safety is a number one concern and background checks are required for all RYC adult volunteers and for any singers 18 and older. We use the easy Washington State Patrol WATCH form.