



2016-17 PARENT STUDENT CONTRACT — LEVEL 4 & SUMMER MUSIC INSTITUTE (SMI)

• **Level 4 rehearses Mondays, 5:30-7:00pm**
1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette (*Our Savior's Lutheran Church*)

In order to be a member of Contra Costa Children's Chorus, and Advanced Performing Chorus (Level 4), both chorister and parent/guardian must agree to all of the provisions of participation included but not limited to those listed in this contract and in the attached Liability Contract. Both parent and chorister must initial each section below, sign, date and return this contract to CCCC staff.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

As a member of CCCC Level 4 Advanced Performing Chorus, you understand that your commitment to faithful, consistent, and punctual attendance is vital to the performance success of the group. It is expected that rehearsals take a very high priority in each chorister's life, and that all members work together as a team. Dates of rehearsals, mass rehearsals, tech rehearsals and concerts are provided to choristers and families in June of the preceding season to allow for advanced planning.

Rehearsals

- **(2) absences during the fall semester and (3) absences during the spring semester (planned or unplanned) are permitted.**
- **Each absence must be reported to CCCC**
 - **Planned absence, Unplanned absence/last minute/emergencies –** please email frontdesk@childrenschorus.org
- **Unreported absences will count as (2) absences**
- **Three (3) late arrivals or early departures will count as (1) absence**
 - **Following a third (fall) or fourth (spring) absence,** choristers may be asked to sing for the director to demonstrate their knowledge of the music. If progress is insufficient, a tutor (at the chorister's expense) may be required, or the chorister may be asked to sit out part or all of a performance.
- **If absences continue to occur,** the chorister may be dismissed from chorus without benefit of a tuition refund.

Tech Rehearsals

The tech rehearsal may not be missed for any reason other than illness, or significant school or church events (their own, not friends). Choristers who have an unavoidable conflict are expected to approach the director as far in advance as possible. Missing the tech rehearsal for any other reason may result in the chorister not performing in the concert. Promptness to call times is expected.

Scheduled Performances/Collaborations/Workshops

All performances are mandatory. There are instances when CCCC Level 4 is offered an opportunity to perform or participate in a special activity on short notice. Before confirming participation in an event, members will be polled about availability. Choristers are expected to prioritize these opportunities to the best of their abilities. Conflicts will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Illness

Sore throats, colds, and flus are a concern for singers of any age. If symptoms are mild or not contagious, encourage your chorister to attend. They may be asked to sit off to one side in the rehearsal, or to listen and watch instead. Please arrive early and inform the conductor of any of these circumstances.

Please keep your singer home if he/she has a fever, a significant sore throat, a severe cold or cough, or gastrointestinal symptoms such as vomiting or diarrhea. **Email frontdesk@childrenschorus.org before rehearsal.**

SUMMER MUSIC INSTITUTE – TBA 2017

ATTENDANCE POLICY

SMI is an essential part of the Level 4 season. We focus on learning the repertoire for the upcoming choral year. The curriculum includes: music theory, vocal technique instruction, and rhythm training. Depending on the year, choristers may work with well-known guest clinicians and composers. SMI is an intense community-building experience, as well, and we create the "musical team" which is as important as learning the music. Members look forward to evening campfires, movie night, and other activities. Prior to the beginning of SMI, each Level 4 chorister will attend a vocal assessment interview, plus take a theory assessment test. Appointment times will be made by the CCCC office. **SUMMER MUSIC INSTITUTE IS MANDATORY FOR LEVEL 4.**



AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN LEVEL 4 & SMI 2017

I will learn my music as assigned, practice at home, attend rehearsal with music binder, behave and dress appropriately, and will be committed to participate in all performances and concerts. As the parent I will encourage my child to **practice at home, attend rehearsals, and participate in all performances.**

We understand that SMI (Summer Music Institute) is a mandatory activity for all Level 4 choristers.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Proper behavior (Refer to *Discipline Policy* in Manual) is imperative for all students to benefit from the program. This policy applies to rehearsals and before, during and after performances, Summer Music Institute, all tours and chorus activities. Parents will be notified of inappropriate behavior with a phone call or may be asked to have a conference with the director. If behavior problem persists, the student may be dismissed from the chorus.

PARENT STUDENT MANUAL

I/we have read the Parent Student Manual and reviewed all forms covered under this Parent Student Contract.

RETURN OF MUSIC

I/we will return all music loaned to me each semester, by the end of the semester. Each copy must be in good repair. If it is tattered, or otherwise destroyed, I/we will be responsible to pay for its replacement.

REPLACEMENT OF THEORY WORKBOOKS

Theory workbooks are included with tuition, but if they are lost/damaged and need replaced, I/we will be responsible to pay for replacements.

PAYMENT AGREEMENT

We have read the Financial Obligation Policy, Tuition Fee Schedule, Parent Student Manual, Payment Coupons, Drop Form & Refund Policy, and Leave of Absence Form. We agree to pay all tuition and fees associated with participation in Contra Costa Children's Chorus activities. We also understand that if our account is in arrears, and no alternative arrangements have been worked out, our chorister(s) may not attend rehearsals or any scheduled chorus events. In addition, our chorister(s) will be dismissed from chorus if our account continues with non-payment.

REFUND POLICY

We understand that we have made a commitment for the entire 2016-17 season and to our fellow choristers.

However, if we must drop out of chorus during the year, we will inform our conductor (in writing by letter or email), and submit a Drop Form to the office. We will confirm that the drop has been recorded in CCCC records by emailing the Finance Manager. Refund amounts, if any, are based on the date that the drop form has been received by CCCC.

A \$100 non-refundable Administrative Fee will be deducted from any refund. After that, the Refund Policy is:

- 50% Refund – if CCCC is notified within 6 weeks of chorister's 1st rehearsal day (per semester)
- 0% Refund – if CCCC is notified after 6 weeks from chorister's 1st rehearsal day (per semester)

No refunds are available for SMI, tours, workshops, except with the written approval of the Chorus Manager.

PARENT STUDENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Our signatures below certify that we have read, understand and accept all the terms in this contract, and understand that failure to abide by the contract could result in dismissal from the Chorus.

Student Name (please print)

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Chorister's Name: _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In consideration for being allowed to participate in Contra Costa Children's Chorus activities, including but not limited to auditions, rehearsals, vocal coaching, workshops, performances, tours, and camps, and transportation to and from all such activities, we acknowledge and agree to the following:

We, the parent/guardian and chorister, on behalf of ourselves and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, agree to release and hold harmless Contra Costa Children's Chorus ("CCCC") and each of its officers, directors, agents, employees, administrators, volunteers, representatives and assigns from any and all right, claim or liability for any and all damages, injuries, costs or expenses incurred by the undersigned chorister or his/her parent/guardian during the course of, as a result of, or in any way connected with the undersigned chorister's or parent/guardian's participation in CCCC activities, whether such damages, injuries, costs or expenses may arise from circumstances outside the control of CCCC, from the acts of any other participants in CCCC, or from the acts of CCCC or any of its officers, directors, agents, employees, volunteers, representatives and assigns, including negligence or carelessness of same. This agreement extends to all claims of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, including an express waiver of any rights or benefits either of us may have under section 1542 of the California Civil Code relating to the release of unknown claims. By signing below, we acknowledge that we each have read and understand the provisions of this waiver of liability.

PHOTO, VIDEO, AND AUDIO RELEASE

I understand and agree that during any Contra Costa Children's Chorus (CCCC) activities, my chorister may be photographed, video recorded, or audio recorded. I understand and agree that CCCC shall hold the sole copyright to any images or recordings of the undersigned chorister, and I hereby waive any and all claims to such images or recordings, including but not limited to ownership or copyright claims.

I further agree that my chorister's image and voice, including photos, videos, audio recordings, and any other reproduction of the undersigned chorister's likeness may be used by CCCC for any purpose, including but not limited to marketing, fundraising, external news or entertainment media, publicity, archiving, or any other purpose, without payment or any other compensation, now or in the future. I understand that CCCC will not use the chorister's name without my express approval. I hereby release CCCC and its officers, directors, agents, employees, volunteers, representatives and assigns from any expectation of confidentiality for the undersigned chorister.

SEVERABILITY

In the event that any provision of this contract is held unenforceable, all remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

CHOICE OF LAW

This agreement shall be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any action arising out of or in relation to this agreement shall be resolved in the courts of Contra Costa County.

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Please Sign and Date:

Student Name *(please print)*

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name *(please print)*

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

NOTE: Please return an original copy of this signed contract to the Chorus staff, and keep a copy for your records. Please understand that for liability reasons no student may be permitted to participate in chorus programs without their signed contract on file.