

Grace Cathedral Choir of Girls

Launching in 2024

Who's eligible?

All girls in grades 3-8. Girls do not need to have previous musical experience. We are looking for children with a bright mind, a good musical ear, and a desire to be part of an excellent team. Girls who are younger or older may be admitted in special circumstances.

How to join?

Auditions will be held in starting 2024 by appointment. Contact Sue Crawford, Music Program Manager, to schedule an audition (suec@gracecathedral.org). Auditions will open in January and remain open through the spring of 2024. We will have auditions for new members for the fall term in August.

How much does it cost to join the choir?

There are no fees.

What happens in an audition?

In an audition, the Director of Music will give children and parents/guardians a tour of the music department, and we will get to know each other. Children will be asked to read words at sight, to sing "Happy birthday" or another familiar song, and to play some listening games. Auditions last about 20 minutes and have an encouraging tone.

When will the girls' choir sing?

The Girls' Choir will practice after school on Tuesday and Wednesdays, from 4:15pm-5:30pm. Girls can arrive on weekdays as early as 3:45pm and will be supervised by adult leaders.

The spring term choir will operate from February through April, 2024. The girls will sing for services in Grace Cathedral before Easter. We will announce the dates of public singing in advance after the choir has formed. After April, the choir will break for the summer.

Who leads the choir?

The Grace Cathedral music staff will lead the choir. This is the same team that leads the Cathedral Choir of Boys. Children are always supervised by trained and background-checked adult leaders.

[Click here for more information about the music staff \(link to photo/bio\)](#)

Jared Johnson, Canon Director of Music
Oberlin College and Conservatory, B.A., B.Mus,
Yale University, M.M., M.M.A., D.M.A.,
Christopher Keady, Associate Director of Music
Lewis and Clark, B.A.
Yale University, M.M.
Peter Meredith, Instructor of Voice and Music Theory
Oberlin College, B.A.
Holy Name University, M. Ed.
Sue Crawford, Music Program Manager
University of Sussex, B.A.

Magdalen College Oxford, M.Phil.

Will the girls sing with the boys?

Not normally. The Choir of Girls will be its own treble choir, with a schedule independent of the boys' schedule. Our boy choristers are all students at Cathedral School for Boys and rehearse during the school day. The girls will sing on many occasions with the professional alto, tenor, and bass singers of the Cathedral Choir. On some special occasions they will sing together with the boys.

Do I have to be a member of Grace Cathedral?

Choristers do not have to be members of Grace Cathedral, the Episcopalian church, or any faith tradition.

I'm interested but not sure if I want to audition. What should I do?

Contact the music office any time. We want to hear from you and we can have an informal discussion to help determine the next steps.

I would like to help. How can I support the choir?

Come hear the choir sing.

Encourage and cheer for all boy and girl choristers, as well as our adult singers who are the backbone of the cathedral choir.

Volunteer to help, contact ofcmusic@gracecathedral.org)

Make a financial gift to support the growth of the choir and music staff.