



# DENVER CHILDREN'S CHOIR

## *The Harmony of Children*

### **QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

Thank you for your interest in the Denver Children's Choir. Listed below are answers to the questions that parents most frequently ask about us.

- **Who are you?**

Founded in 1995, the DCC (Denver Children's Choir formerly named the Rocky Mountain Children's Choir) is a 501(C)3 non-profit Colorado corporation. We are not affiliated with any other organization, church, school, and /or business.

- **What do you do?**

The Denver Children's Choir unites the children of greater Denver's widely diverse communities through rigorous ensemble music instruction. Children of all races, cultures, and socioeconomic backgrounds come together to sing, study, and perform choral music. Its comprehensive choral music education program brings Denver area children of all ages together in a nurturing and inclusive environment.

- **Do children need to audition to participate?**

Yes. However, the audition is more of a screening process to find the best placement for the singer. A DCC conductor will use casual vocal exercises and conversation to assess an ensemble fit. If a singer show advanced skills, the singer will meet with a conductor from one of our premier ensembles. We do not turn singers away.

- **How are selected children grouped in choirs?**

*Timberline*: beginning training choir

*Alpine*: intermediate training choir

*Summit*: experienced treble singers

*Fourteeners*: mature SSAA advanced ensemble

*Mountain Aires*: mature TTBB advanced ensemble

*Altitude*: mature SATB advanced ensemble. Altitude members are also members of either Fourteeners or Mountain Aires and attend rehearsals for both ensembles.

- **What is the time commitment?** 2022-2023 season rehearsals starting the week of August 22, 2022:

#### **PREMIER CHOIR PROGRAM**

**Central Denver - TUESDAYS at First Mennonite Church, 430 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver**

**Fourteeners** rehearsal 6:00 – 8:30 pm

**Mountain Aires** rehearsal 6:00 – 8:30 pm

**NE Denver – SUNDAYS at private home in Park Hill**

**Altitude** – rehearsal 3:00-5:30 pm (in addition to the Fourteeners/Mountain Aires Tuesday-rehearsal time 6:00-8:30 for Altitude members )

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD CHOIR PROGRAM (NCP)**

The DCC is offering three rehearsal sites for Timberline and Alpine, and two rehearsal sites for Summit Singers. You will be able to sign up for the location that is the most convenient for your family. **NOTE:** Our multi-level ensembles are set up for a singer to progress at their own pace. It is best to assume that your child will spend more than one year at each level until they are musically and socially ready to advance.

**NE Denver – WEDNESDAYS at Park Hill United Methodist Church, 5209 Montview Blvd, Denver**

Timberline/Alpine combined rehearsal – 5:00-5:45 pm (Timberline) and 5:00-6:15 pm (Alpine)

Summit rehearsal – 6:00-7:45 pm

## NW Denver – Thursdays at Beach Court Elementary, 4950 Beach Ct., Denver

Timberline/Alpine combined rehearsal – 3:45-4:45 pm

## Central Denver – THURSDAYS at First Mennonite Church, 430 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver

Timberline/Alpine combined rehearsal – 5:15-6:00 pm (Timberline) and 5:15-6:30 pm (Alpine)

Summit rehearsal – 6:00-7:45 pm

### • **PERFORMANCES**

DCC prepares for formal concert programs in December and May of each season. Several additional performances are scheduled throughout the year as opportunities become available. The DCC will be firming up what our performances will look like during the summer months.

### • **What type of music is performed?**

Music includes but is not limited to traditional classical works, folk songs, pop music, secular pieces and diverse sacred selections. Music is inclusive; representing different cultures and often sung in the native language. Since the choir's inception, songs have been performed in over 30 languages from 47 different countries and traditions.

### • **What is your attendance policy?**

Regular attendance is essential since much material is covered during the one rehearsal each week. Two absences are allowed for each singer per semester. Children with poor attendance records will be advised by their conductor if they will or will not be able to sing in performances.

### • **What does it cost?**

#### **ANNUAL COST TABLE:**

CHOIR NAME	TUITION		FEES		TOTAL CHOIR COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST
	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Registration	Materials		IF ON FREE LUNCH	IF ON REDUCED LUNCH
Timberline	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$600.00	\$87.00	\$201.00
Alpine	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$660.00	\$93.00	\$219.00
Summit	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$870.00	\$114.00	\$282.00
Mountain Aires	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$980.00	\$125.00	\$315.00
Fourteeners	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$980.00	\$125.00	\$315.00
Altitude	\$560.00	\$560.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$1,210.00	\$148.00	\$384.00

### • **Is financial assistance available?**

Yes, the DCC has a financial assistance program. Aid is provided for tuition, materials, and uniform fees. More than half of our choir members receive some sort of financial assistance. Financial aid information is requested in the registration process. Singers on Free Lunch pay approximately 10% of our tuition fee, and singers on Reduced Lunch pay approximately 30% of our tuition fee. If you would like more information, please call the choir office. **The Denver Children's Choir will never turn a child away because they cannot afford to pay tuition.**

### • **Are there any additional fees?**

In addition to tuition and fees, all choir members are responsible for purchasing a DCC t-shirt at the cost of approximately \$15. Timberline and Alpine also must provide appropriate BLACK pants/skirt, shoes, socks or tights, and belts. Summit, Fourteeners and Mountain Aires are also responsible for purchasing a DCC sweatshirt specific to their ensemble, and have guidelines for uniform pieces that they choose.

Social events and tour fees are not included in the annual tuition and are charged at the time of each event. DCC keeps costs as low as possible and offers fundraising opportunities for larger fees (tours).

### • **What is expected of the parents?**

Parent/guardians are expected to help in some way, large or small. Parent involvement helps to build a cohesive choir community. In addition, volunteers help keep tuition rates low by decreasing the need to hire additional staff. Additionally, foundations are more likely to award grant money to those organizations that effectively use volunteer talents. Many volunteer opportunities require a minimal amount of time, but they contribute greatly to the success of the organization.