



# Welcome to Auditions

Spring 2010

Thank you for choosing to audition for Northwest Girlchoir! For over 37 years, we have been dedicated to the development of girls' musical knowledge, vocal/performance skills, cultural awareness and personal responsibility in a hard-working, fun, and caring community—and we would love to have your daughter (and other talented girls you know) join us!

Auditioning is easy! During the 15 minute audition, Northwest Girlchoir's Artistic Director, Sara Boos, will check your daughter's voice quality, range, and listening skills by having her sing some simple patterns. She will be looking at your daughter's ability to focus and take direction, her interest in learning new things, and her kind/positive character. Each auditioner should also prepare a short song to sing without piano accompaniment--preferably not a "pop" song. A song learned at school, a folk song, or "My Country 'Tis of Thee" are fine examples. Parents are encouraged to sit in on auditions.

**Spring audition dates for Fall 2010 enrollment are:**

Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> (10am-4pm)

Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> (10am-3pm)

Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> (3pm-7pm)

Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup> (3pm-7pm)

Included in this packet are a Program Information sheet, Audition Frequently Asked Questions, directions to the audition/rehearsal facility, and a Prospective Chorister Information form. Please complete the Prospective Chorister Information form (page 5 of this packet) and, along with the \$10 audition fee, return it to the following address:

Northwest Girlchoir  
ATTN: Auditions  
520 NE Ravenna Blvd  
Seattle, WA 98115-7944

To schedule your audition appointment, you may call 206-527-0239, or e-mail [kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org](mailto:kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org). Otherwise, you will be contacted as soon as we receive your audition information form and audition fee. Please note: *if we do not receive your Prospective Chorister Information form and \$10 audition fee at least one week prior to your scheduled audition, we may need to assign your audition time to someone on the waiting list.*

If you have any questions about Northwest Girlchoir or the audition process, please feel free to contact me!

Sincerely,

Kristi Seifert  
Communications Director  
Northwest Girlchoir  
(206) 527-0239  
[kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org](mailto:kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org)



# Auditions

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Do we need to prepare a song for the audition?**

Each prospective chorister should prepare a short song to sing without accompaniment. A song she learned at school, a folk song, or 'My Country 'Tis of Thee' are great examples. The selection should not be a 'pop' song. Above all, your daughter should choose a song that she is comfortable with and shows off what she can do!

### **What happens at auditions?**

Auditioning is easy! During the fifteen-minute audition, Northwest Girlchoir's Artistic Director, Sara Boos, will check your daughter's voice quality, range, and listening skills by having her sing some simple patterns, and try singing 8 bars of a new song. She will be looking at your daughter's ability to focus and take direction, her interest in learning new things, and her kind/positive character.

### **Who watches the audition?**

Your daughter does not have to audition 'in front of everyone.' Auditions take place in a rehearsal room with our Artistic Director, Sara Boos, only, and not other prospective choristers. We do ask that a parent/guardian sit in on the auditions.

### **Can I sit in on the audition?**

Absolutely! We ask that a parent or guardian sit in on each audition with their child.

### **Where does the audition take place? Where do the rehearsals take place?**

Auditions and Seattle rehearsals take place in Greenlake. The address is 520 NE Ravenna Blvd, Seattle, 98115. Eastside rehearsals take place in the Crossroads area at the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. The address is 411 156<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Bellevue 98007. Directions are included in this packet.

### **Does my daughter need to have any singing/choral experience?**

For beginning choirs, (*Songbirds*, *Music Makers*, *Prep Choir*, and *Fresca*) no musical experience is required. Beginning with the *Amabile* level, we recommend some previous musical training (not necessarily vocal). Some good examples are playing an instrument (private lessons, in band, or an orchestra), a church or school choir, or singing lessons.

### **When do rehearsals start/end?**

Rehearsals start in September and end the first week of June. Choristers in our middle and high school level choirs often have the opportunity to prepare for choral festivals and tours in late June/early July.

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

We offer financial assistance based on need, with awards granted for up to 85% of tuition costs. Currently, fifteen percent of our families receive some form of scholarship aid.

### **What are the tuition rates?**

Our tuition rates for the 2010/2011 season have not yet been determined. Tuition rates for our 2009/2010 choir season are listed below. Note there are 3 payment options for each choir. Payment Plan A is one payment; Payment Plan B is two payments, or Payment Plan C is 8 payments.

Music Makers:	Plan A: \$375; Plan B: 2 x \$187.50; Plan C: 8 x \$48.75
Prep Choir:	Plan A: \$485; Plan B: 2 x \$242.50; Plan C: 8 x \$62.50
Fresca:	Plan A: \$705; Plan B: 2 x \$352.50; Plan C: 8 x \$90
Amabile:	Plan A: \$1040; Plan B: 2 x \$520; Plan C: 8 x \$133.75
Vivace:	Plan A: \$1080; Plan B: 2 x \$540; Plan C: 8 x \$139.50
Amore:	Plan A: \$1175; Plan B: 2 x \$587.50; Plan C: 8 x \$150.65
Ensemble:	Plan A: \$1300; Plan B: 2 x \$650; Plan C: 8 x \$166.25

### **Are there additional costs involved?**

There is a registration fee, which ranges from \$50 to \$100 depending on the choir level. Beginning with *Amabile* a uniform must be purchased. Tours are an additional expense.

### **I am unable to attend scheduled auditions. Can I schedule an individual audition?**

Yes, you can. Please call (206) 527-0239 or e-mail [kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org](mailto:kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org) for more information.

### **My daughter wants to join! What do I do?**

**AGE 4 – PRE-K (Songbirds)** Songbirds has three 10-week sessions starting in September, January, and March. No audition required! For more information and availability, please contact Kristi Seifert at [kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org](mailto:kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org) or 206-527-0239.

**KINDERGARTEN (Music Makers)** Music Makers accepts new singers in September and January. No audition required! For more information and availability, please contact Kristi Seifert at [kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org](mailto:kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org) or 206-527-0239.

**GRADES 1 – 2 (Prep Choir)** Prep Choir accepts new singers in September and January, if space is available. No audition required! For more information and availability, please contact Kristi Seifert at [kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org](mailto:kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org) or 206-527-0239. We are currently not accepting any additional new singers for the 2010-2011 season.

### **GRADES 3 – 12 (Fresca, Amabile, Vivace, Amore, & Ensemble)**

Fresca, Amabile, & Vivace accept new singers in September and January. Amore & Ensemble accept new singers in September.

If your daughter is in grades 3 – 12 during the 2010/2011 school year, please download the [2009/2010 Audition Packet](#). You will need to complete the "Prospective Chorister Information" form (page 5) and return it, along with the \$10 audition fee. Please mail the form to the Northwest Girlchoir office (address below) or email to [kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org](mailto:kristi@northwestgirlchoir.org)

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# Northwest Girlchoir

## 2010/2011 Program Information

### **Songbirds** (age 4 – Pre-K) – 2:00 – 2:45pm

Seattle: Thursdays

Your daughter will sing, dance, play games, play instruments, giggle, and have a lot of fun in this early childhood music exploration class. A non-auditioned class for four year olds through Pre-K, Songbirds explores music readiness concepts and skills which will lay a foundation for a lifetime of musical participation and enjoyment. Songbirds has three, 10-week sessions during our season with a classroom performance at the end of each session. **Session 1:** Sept 23 – Dec 9, 2010. **Session 2:** Jan 6 – Mar 17, 2011. **Session 3:** Mar 24 – May 26, 2011

### **Music Makers** (Kindergarten) – 4:00-4:45 pm

Seattle: Tuesdays or Thursdays

Eastside: Wednesdays

Northwest Girlchoir invites girls entering kindergarten to join Music Makers, our youngest performing non-auditioned choir. Fast-paced, developmentally appropriate, fun classes introduce fundamental musical skills and healthy vocal exploration. Music Makers girls participate in three Northwest Girlchoir concerts per year, and delight audiences with their emerging musicianship and boundless enthusiasm.

### **Prep Choir** (Grades 1-2) – 5:00-6:00 pm

Seattle: Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays

Eastside: Wednesdays

First and second graders are invited to join Northwest Girlchoir's non-auditioned performing group, Prep Choir. Through active, informal games and activities, fundamentals of music and healthy vocal production are introduced and practiced, and girls participate in three Northwest Girlchoir performances per year.

### **Fresca** (Grades 3-6) – 4:30-6:00 pm

Seattle: Tuesdays or Thursdays

Eastside: Wednesdays

Artistic Director Sara Boos leads the Fresca choir, which builds a foundation for enjoyment and success in Northwest Girlchoir. There is focus on developing concentration, attention span, and the skills to work together as a group. Other goals are to learn to sing with relaxed, healthy tone, follow a music score to read basic rhythms and pitch patterns, to match pitch in scales and echo singing, to sing unison and 2-part songs, and to have fun!

### **Amabile** (Grades 4-7) – 4:30-6:00 pm

Seattle: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Eastside: Monday and Wednesdays

Darcy Morrissey conducts the Amabile choir. This level offers choristers the opportunity to develop confidence in singing a wide variety of 2-part repertoire. Amabile singers develop more advanced skills in music reading, as well as more accurate intonation, and an expanded high-voice range. With more rehearsal time, girls also start to build stronger friendships and a deeper sense of responsibility for and pride in their choir community.

### **Vivace** (Grades 6-10) – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30-6:00 pm

Under the direction of Beth Ann Bonnacroy, the choristers in Vivace sing in 3 or more parts and experience more sophisticated repertoire and musical training. They have expanded performing opportunities, both during mainstage concerts and throughout the community. Vivace singers receive instruction in developing their maturing singing voices and are choral leaders-in-training. Each summer Vivace participates in regional choral festivals. Recent appearances have included festivals in Vancouver, BC; Eugene, Oregon; and Denver, Colorado.

### **Amore** (Grades 8-12) – Tuesdays, 6:30-8:45pm, one Sunday afternoon per month, 5:30-8:30 pm

Our largest choir, made up of 50 members, is directed by Sara Boos. At the Amore level, choristers participate in sophisticated music-making, through the complexity and beauty of the repertoire, the independence and skills necessary to learn the music and texts, and the increasing demands for consistent, healthy, and brilliant vocal tone. Amore choristers share their talents and love of singing in performances throughout Puget Sound and participate in regional choral festivals and national and international tours.

### **Ensemble** (Grades 10-12) – Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

Ensemble is made up of 20 auditioned Amore singers who want the experience and challenge of performing in a smaller group. Their repertoire includes more *a cappella* music, chamber music, and pop and vocal jazz arrangements.

**Tuition** – Tuition is payable in eight monthly payments from September to April. Tuition rates vary according to choir level. 2009/2010 monthly payments ranged from \$48.75 - \$166.25.

**Financial Assistance** – We offer financial assistance based on need, with awards granted for up to 85% of tuition costs. Currently, fifteen percent of our families receive some form of scholarship aid.



**Welcome to Northwest Girlchoir.**  
*Thank you for choosing to audition with us!*  
**Prospective Chorister Information Form**

Audition Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 Audition Fee Enclosed

**Prospective Chorister Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip Code

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall 2010) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Northwest Girlchoir? \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Information**

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Musical Background** (classes/lessons; instruments played and for how long; choirs, musical plays)

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**Other Information**

Anything else you would like us to know about your daughter (personality strengths, learning styles, health issues or special needs, etc.) Please use the back of this form as needed:

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# Directions

## **Greenlake Location (former John Marshall Building) 520 NE Ravenna Blvd.; Seattle, WA 98115**

### **From the North:**

Take I-5 South to exit 171 toward NE 71<sup>st</sup> St/NE 65<sup>th</sup> ST. Merge onto 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. Turn right at NE 71<sup>st</sup> St. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> left onto 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. Turn right at NE 71<sup>st</sup> St. Continue onto Weedin Place NE. Turn right at NE 65<sup>th</sup> St. Take the 2<sup>nd</sup> right onto NE Ravenna Blvd. John Marshall will be on the right. Continue past John Marshall and turn right on NE 68<sup>th</sup> St to access the parking lot.

### **From the South:**

Take I-5 North to exit 170 for Ravenna Blvd toward NE 65<sup>th</sup> St. Merge onto 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. Take a slight left at NE Ravenna Blvd. John Marshall will be on the right. Continue past John Marshall and turn right on NE 68<sup>th</sup> St to access the parking lot.

### **From the West:**

Take NW 65<sup>th</sup> St heading east around the bottom of Green Lake. Turn left at NE Ravenna Blvd. John Marshall will be on the right. Continue past John Marshall and turn right on NE 68<sup>th</sup> St to access the parking lot.

### **From the East:**

Take I-90 west, exit onto I-5 north, and follow the "From the South" directions.

OR

Take the 520 bridge and exit onto I-5 north toward Vancouver BC. Take exit 170 for Ravenna Blvd toward NE 65<sup>th</sup> St. Merge onto 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. Slight left at NE Ravenna Blvd. John Marshall will be on the right. Continue past John Marshall and turn right on NE 68<sup>th</sup> St to access the parking lot.

### **Parking:**

Continue past John Marshall and turn right on NE 68<sup>th</sup> St to access the parking lot. Enter on the side or through the front entrance.

## **EASTSIDE - Cross of Christ Lutheran Church 411 - 156<sup>th</sup> Ave NE; Bellevue, WA 98007**

### **Directions from I-405**

Take the NE 8th Street exit and head east. Travel east approximately 2 miles. Make a right at 156th Avenue NE. Take the first right after NE 6th Street into the church parking lot.

### **Directions from 520**

Take the 148th Avenue NE southbound exit. Travel south on 148th Avenue NE until NE 8th. Turn left onto NE 8th Street. Travel up the hill and make a right onto 156th Avenue NE. Take the first right after NE 6th Street into the church parking lot.

### **Directions from I-90**

From I-90 East, take Exit 11B. From I-90 West, take Exit 11. Travel north on 148th Avenue NE until NE 8th Street. Turn right onto NE 8th Street. Travel up the hill and make a right onto 156th Avenue NE. Take the first right after NE 6th Street into the church parking lot.