



## Welcome to Northwest Girlchoir's 2023-2024 Season!

Founded in 1972, Northwest Girlchoir empowers young people to find their voice through outstanding music education, dynamic choral performances, and an enduring community.

Northwest Girlchoir is committed to racial equity, creating a welcoming, inclusive, and nurturing experience for all choristers, families, and audiences. We honor each individual's history, heritage, and talents. Our community is strongest when all voices are affirmed, and everyone is connected through the joy of singing.

### LOCATION

**North Seattle Church  
2150 N 122<sup>nd</sup> St., Seattle, WA 98133**

Enter the parking lot to the West side of the church. Please follow the one-way route to the back of the building and then back around to the East side of the building. The Northwest Girlchoir office is next to the East Entrance.

### CONCERTS AND TECH REHEARSALS

Please note that *these dates are likely but still tentative*. Attendance at tech rehearsal is required to participate in a concert. **Choristers are expected to participate in all concerts during a program year.** *Note that Prep Choir does not perform in November.*

<b>Concert:</b> Sunday, November 19	<b>Tech Rehearsal:</b> Saturday, November 18
<b>Concert:</b> Sunday, March 17	<b>Tech Rehearsal:</b> Tuesday, March 12 (late afternoon/evening)
<b>Concert:</b> Sunday, June 9	<b>Tech Rehearsal:</b> Saturday, June 8

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Rehearsals begin the week of August 28. Choristers have one week off at Thanksgiving, two weeks off in mid-late December, one week off for Midwinter Break in February, one week off for Spring Break. Additional holidays are observed.

**Prep Choir:** (Grades 1-2) One rehearsal per week on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
**Fresca:** (Grades 3-6) One rehearsal per week on either Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm  
**Amabile:** (Grades 5 and up) Two rehearsals per week on Tuesdays AND Thursdays from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
**Vivace:** (Grades 7 and up) Two rehearsals per week on Mondays AND Wednesdays from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm  
**Amore:** (Grades 9-12) One rehearsal per week on Tuesdays from 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm; one sectional per month on Sunday evenings  
**Ensemble:** (Grades 10-12) One rehearsal per week on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm



## ANNUAL TUITION 2023 – 2024

**Prep Choir (grades 1-2): \$1,120**

**Fresca (grades 3+): \$1,500**

**Amabile (grades 5+): \$2,030**

**Vivace (grades 7+): \$2,070**

**Amore (grades 9+): \$2,260**

**Amore and Ensemble: \$2,710**

### REGISTRATION FEE: \$100

(Registration Fees are 100% NON-REFUNDABLE)

- Tuition includes instruction, use of uniform, and a Northwest Girlchoir T-shirt.
- Flexible payment options are available, including installments via credit card or bank account transfer.
- Tuition does not include tours, summer camps or concert tickets.
- **Accounts must be current (no more than 30 days past due) for a chorister to participate in rehearsals and concerts.**
- **Severely delinquent accounts may result in a chorister being asked to leave the choir until their account is settled.**

### TUITION ASSISTANCE

Northwest Girlchoir believes any chorister who loves to sing should be able to join our choir regardless of their family's ability to pay full tuition. We offer need-based financial assistance for choir, tours, and summer camp. Because of our commitment to equity and access – and thanks to the generosity of individual and foundation donors – our total financial assistance amount has more than tripled since 2013.

Tuition, tour, and camp financial assistance applications are made available at registration time. Decisions are made by our Tuition Assistance Committee, comprised of the Executive Director and members of the Board of Directors. Each application is handled confidentially; neither the names nor the amount of specific awards is shared publicly in any way.

### SCHEDULE FOR TUITION REFUND OR REDUCTION 2023-2024

If a chorister withdraws from choir for any reason before the end of the season, Northwest Girlchoir will offer a tuition refund or reduction according to the schedule below. **Parents of choristers must give written notice of their intent.** The tuition refund or reduction will be based on the date that the written notice (email or letter) is sent to the Northwest Girlchoir office. Please note if you are on an installment plan you must continue paying installments until you have paid the required portion. Registration fees are nonrefundable.

- If written notice is given **by September 15, 2023**, the family is liable only for the *\$100 nonrefundable registration fee* and any installment fees paid to FACTS.
- If written notice is given **by October 15, 2023**, the family is liable for the *\$100 registration fee, FACTS fees, and ¼ of the annual tuition.*
- If written notice is given **by January 15, 2024**, the family is liable for the *\$100 registration fee, FACTS fees, and ½ of the annual tuition.*
- If written notice is given **AFTER January 15, 2024**, the family is liable for *\$100 registration fee, FACTS fees, and the entire 2023/2024 tuition.*

## PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

### Attendance Expectations—Concerts, Tech Rehearsals, Weekly Rehearsals

- Choristers are expected to participate in all Northwest Girlchoir concerts during the year. Choristers are part of a team; a team is only successful if everyone participates. Missing voices at concert times is very difficult for the remaining choristers.
- Arrive on time for rehearsals. Late arrivals interrupt the learning process for everyone in the room. Plan to arrive five minutes early; younger choristers should have a snack before arriving and should use the bathroom before rehearsal begins.
- When one joins a choir, one makes a commitment to their peers and to musical excellence. Choirs depend upon each member to participate regularly to facilitate group learning. Think of choir as a team sport – we must practice together regularly in order to be successful. Practicing on one’s own is useful to reinforce learning but is not a suitable replacement for missing a group rehearsal.
  - **Choirs that rehearse once per week are allowed two absences per concert cycle; choirs that rehearse twice per week are allowed five absences per concert cycle.**
  - After the third (once/week) or sixth (twice/week) rehearsal, a chorister must demonstrate readiness by singing their part for a teacher-conductor in order to sing in the concert.
  - Choristers who miss more than three (once/week rehearsals) or more than six (twice/week rehearsals) are invited to continue to participate in rehearsals to facilitate their learning. In deference to the needs of the group, however, they will not perform in the upcoming concert.
  - Older choirs may have additional performances or tours; more stringent attendance rules may be applied in order for choristers to participate.
- **Attendance at Tech rehearsals is mandatory to sing in all concerts.**
- If a concert absence is unavoidable, please communicate with your teacher-conductor by email at least two months in advance.