

Oregon Children's Choir Boychoir

About the Conductor:

CHRIS DOBSON holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of Oregon. He grew up in Eugene, participating in the Oregon Children's Choir throughout his childhood. Chris is an alumnus of the first Oregon Boychoir. He has sung in many other choirs, including On the Rocks (the University of Oregon's male collegiate a cappella group). He directed the First United Methodist Church youth choir for two years. As an active local musician, he conducts and sings with various local choirs throughout the performance season. He has also served as clinician and guest conductor for choral festivals in Eugene and Albany. Chris currently teaches music at Meadowlark and Buena Vista Elementary Schools, and sings with the contemporary a cappella group, Rezonate. He is also an active composer and arranger, having won the best original arrangement award at the Northwest Harmony Sweepstakes competition in March of 2009.

About the Boychoir

The OREGON BOYCHOIR is Eugene's premier community choir for boys entering grades 5 through 8. Keeping with their three main goals of Performance, Enrichment and Respect, they learn and perform an eclectic repertoire including classical, contemporary and popular music. The boys learn how to adapt to their changing voices in an accepting, challenging and stimulating environment. Given many chances to perform, the singers develop confidence and a sense of pride as they work as a team to achieve what would be impossible individually. The Boychoir year crescendos to an unforgettable annual performance tour to destinations such as California, Washington and Canada where the boys share their love of singing with others on a global scale.

Time Commitment and Attendance

Boychoir parents must attend a mandatory parent meeting to be held on the first evening of rehearsal.

**Parent Orientation Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2009 from 5:30-6:00 pm
First United Methodist Church
1376 Olive, Eugene, OR 97401**

Rehearsals for the 2009-2010 Season begin Tuesday, September 15, 2009. Specific attendance requirements will be discussed at the parent meetings. Choristers must attend all choir events listed on the master schedule including:

- All regularly scheduled 2-hour rehearsals, one evening per week.
 - The Boychoir rehearses once per week on **Tuesdays from 6 pm to 8 pm**. Additional rehearsals may be scheduled at the director's discretion.
 - All absences must be excused by calling or emailing the director or parent volunteers.
- All Day Fall Retreat with Performance – Saturday, October 10, 2009
- One Overnight Retreat, date TBA
- Special Concerts⁺ and Major Seasonal Concerts (one per term)
 - Holiday Concert – December 12, 2009
 - Spring Event – March 6, 2010
 - Finale Concert – May 8, 2010
- Summer Performance Tour (Required) – 4-7 days, usually in June directly after Eugene School District 4J dismisses for summer vacation.

Financial Commitment

The Oregon Children's Choir is a non-profit organization. Its operating expenses, which include music, conductor's salaries, and rehearsal space, are funded by chorister tuition. Payment schedules are as outlined on the registration form. Tour costs and payment expectations will be presented at the parent meeting.

- Tuition for the upcoming season, September through June, is \$400.
 - Choral Uniforms – Black broadcloth shirt, black pants, black shoes and black socks. Total cost will be around \$40, to be determined in the fall.
 - Oregon Children's Choir polo shirt - \$15
- Summer Performance Tour – \$550.00

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