

# Do YOU love to sing?

## Audition for the *Virginia Children's Chorus!*



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♪ Fun, Friendship and Song

The Virginia Children's Chorus offers excellent training for young voices. The VCC is a child-centered musical community where children learn to sing beautiful choral music of all cultures.



**Next audition dates:**  
**June 3, 4 & 8 and**  
**Aug. 17, 19 & 20, 2019**  
**for the**  
**2019-2020 Season**

**Training Choir I:** This choir is for beginners, generally grades 1-2.

Rehearsals on Tuesday in Norfolk 6:43-5:30 p.m. OR  
Wednesday in Virginia Beach 6:43-5:30 p.m.

**Training Choir II:** This choir is for advancing beginners, generally grades 3-5.

Rehearsals on Tuesday in Norfolk 6:43-6:10 p.m. OR  
Wednesday in Virginia Beach 6:43-6:10 p.m.

**Choristers:** For intermediate music students, generally in grades 4-8.

Rehearsals on Tuesday in Norfolk 6:00-8:00 p.m. OR  
Wednesday in Virginia Beach 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Concert Choir:** For advanced music students, generally in grades 7-10.

Rehearsals on Monday in Norfolk 5:00-7:30 6 solfège level 4 & 5  
Rehearsals on Monday in Norfolk 5:30-8:00 6 solfège level 6 & 7

**Chamber Singers:** For older, advanced music students, generally girls grades 11-12 and high school aged boys with prior vocal training.

Rehearsals on Monday in Norfolk 6:00-8:30 p.m.

\*The Music Directors will determine which choir is best for your level of skill, and where you will experience the most growth and enjoyment.

## To Audition...

**FIRST** - Call the Chorus Manager at 440-9100 ext 3 to schedule your audition date and time and receive answers to your questions.

**2. Audition Selection Requirements:** If you are auditioning in the summer, this is the grade you will be entering in September. All singing is unaccompanied. Only one verse of each song is required. The director will give you your starting pitch (SP).

**Grades 1-3 for Group Try-Outs or Individual Audition (prepare one verse of all below)**

- Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star (key of D / SP=D)
- Happy Birthday (key of F/SP=C)
- Mary Had a Little Lamb (verse 1) (key of D/SP=F#)

**Grades 4-5 (prepare one verse of all below)**

- Happy Birthday (key of F/SP=C)
- My Country 'Tis of Thee (key of F / SP=F)
- Frere Jacques (key of F / SP=F)
- One other song of your choice 6 bring sheet music.

**Grades 6-9 (prepare one verse of all below)**

- The Star Spangled Banner (key of B flat / SP=F)
- Row, Row, Row Your Boat (key of D / SP=D)
- D Major Scale 6up & down on numbers (1-2-3 4 etc.)
- One other song of your choice 6 bring sheet music.

**Grades 10-12 (prepare one verse of all below)**

- Same as Grades 6-9 and
- Song of your choice should demonstrate singer's range and vocal technique (examples are a classical art song or Broadway show tune.) Bring sheet music.

**3.** Ask your music teacher for help in selecting the 6choice6 piece for your audition and for help preparing for the required songs.

**4.** You must have the printed sheet music for your 6choice6 piece. School, Church, Synagogue or youth organization music is appropriate for this audition.

**5.** Come to your scheduled audition. You will be informed at the audition if you have been accepted with the exception of Group Try-Outs for grades 1-3.

Please be prepared to pay a \$50 registration fee if you are accepted into the chorus. We will review registration materials at this time as well.

*Virginia Children's Chorus Auditions and Norfolk rehearsals are held at Talbot Park Baptist Church, 6919 Granby St. 23505*  
*Our Virginia Beach rehearsals are held at Providence Presbyterian Church, 5497 Providence Rd., 23464*  
**Phone: 757-440-9100 E-mail: [vccinfo@verizon.net](mailto:vccinfo@verizon.net) [www.vachildrenschorus.org](http://www.vachildrenschorus.org)**

**About the**  
*Virginia Children's Chorus*

The Virginia Children's Chorus offers healthy training for the young voice. The VCC is a child-centered musical community where children learn to sing beautiful choral music. Founded in 1992, our mission is to enrich the lives of children through vocal study and enable them to share their extraordinary gift of music through community performances.

The VCC is a vital part of the Hampton Roads artistic and cultural community. Younger performers showcase their talents in community concerts, while older singers also perform with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, the Virginia Arts Festival and other arts organizations.

The VCC embraces the music of all cultures. Our programs reflect this love of diversity and our singers are introduced to a variety of styles: classical, sacred, contemporary, jazz and world folk music.

VCC also performs on tour nationally and internationally. VCC has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City, in Washington D.C., Great Britain, Paris & Canada.



Carol Thomas Downing  
Founder/Artistic Director

Virginia Children's Chorus (VCC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-sectarian, equal-opportunity cultural organization. VCC admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs & activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national & ethnic origin or disability in the employment of faculty or staff, administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and other school-administered programs.

**TUITION & FEES**

2019-2020 Season

**Annual Registration Fee**.....\$50  
New members pay upon acceptance into the Chorus and annually each year at re-registration. Includes first VCC t-shirt and \$5 Parent Association dues.

**Uniform Fee**.....\$60 - \$75  
Varies with child's size and choir.

**Ticket Fee Full / Spring**.....\$50 / \$25  
Each family receives 4 student-priced tickets to each of our two self-produced concerts.

**Full Year Tuition Rates 2019-2020**

Training Choir I .....3 payments of \$238.35

Training Choir II..... 3 payments of \$260.00

Choristers.....3 payments of \$276.65

Concert Choir.....3 payments of \$313.35

Chamber Singers .....3 payments of \$300.00

\*Save installment fees of \$15 by paying in full at the start of the season.

\*Spring enrollment rates also available. Spring semester families can pay 2 installments in January & March or in full in January.

\*Financial aid and alternate monthly payment plans may be available. Call or e-mail for information and an application.

\*Families with more than 1 child enrolled receive 15% discount off the lower tuition(s) after the first full price student and only pay one ticket fee.

**Directions to VCC Auditions at**  
**Talbot Park Baptist Church**  
**6919 Granby St., Norfolk, VA 23505**

**From I-64W:** Take exit 277A, Tidewater Dr., South. At the very first light, Thole St., turn right. Go to the end of Thole St., and turn left on Granby St. Brackenridge Ave. is the second road once you are on Granby. Turn right and immediately left into the church parking lot.

**From I-64E & the Peninsula:** Exit 276 at Granby St., South. Go a mile down the road to Brackenridge Ave. on the right (just after the large, white Masonic Temple). Turn right and immediately left into the church parking lot.

**From Downtown Norfolk:** Take Tidewater Dr. north. At the 64 interchange on Tidewater, you will see Thole St., turn left. At the end of Thole Rd., turn left onto Granby St. Brackenridge Ave. is the second street on your right. Turn right and immediately left into the church parking lot.

**For Everyone:** Enter Talbot Park Baptist through the side door on Sinclair St., to your left when facing the building from Granby. On Sinclair St., follow the VCC audition signs to the set of three glass-paned doors to enter the church.