



# Kirkwood Children's Chorale



*KCC: the most affordable auditioned children's choir in the St. Louis area!*

## **AUDITIONS!!!**

Open auditions for new members from any school district!!!

**Audition appointments for new members of Kirkwood Children's Chorale are now being accepted for the 2012-2013 season.**

### **WHEN:**

Call or E-mail for an Audition Time.

Enrollment is limited. Please call soon to ensure your singer's placement in a choir.

### **WHERE:**

First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood; 100 East Adams, Kirkwood, MO

### **WHO:**

Current 1st - 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

*1<sup>st</sup> grade students will join the KCC non-auditioned choir—Carolers.*

### **HOW:**

Call 314-803-2007 or E-mail [info@kirkwoodchildrenschorale.org](mailto:info@kirkwoodchildrenschorale.org)  
to schedule an audition appointment.

*An adult must accompany the singer to fill out forms.*

### **WHAT:**

Children will be asked to sing "Happy Birthday" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and match rhythm patterns and pitches.

### **WHY:**

To pursue the love of music & enjoy fun, friendships and outreach.

### **COST:**

There is no charge to audition.

Kirkwood Children's Chorale rehearses on Tuesday afternoons,  
September through March at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood  
100 East Adams, in Kirkwood.  
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**[www.kirkwoodchildrenschorale.org](http://www.kirkwoodchildrenschorale.org)**

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## KCC's FAQs

*frequently asked questions*

### Q. Do I have to live in Kirkwood to be in KCC?

A. No, KCC is open to singers from all over the Metropolitan area. We currently have members from over 50 schools and 24 zip codes.

### Q. What do I do for the audition?

A. The audition process is simple. Two music teachers will ask you to sing "Happy Birthday" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star", match some pitches and echo.

### Q. How do I know if I made it in the Chorale?

A. You will receive a letter shortly after your audition, which will tell you if you have been accepted as a member.

### Q. How often do we practice?

A. All choirs rehearse weekly on Tuesdays, at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, 100 E. Adams. Concert Choir meets from 4:30-6:15 pm, the Carolers from 4:45-5:45 pm, Cambiata from 4:45-6:15 pm and Choraliers from 4:45-6:00 pm. We practice from September to mid-March.

### Q. How do I register?

A. Registration is \$50 for all new members and should be paid upon receipt of your acceptance letter.

### Q. What are my tuition costs?

A. Total tuition includes "base" tuition plus a fund raising / buyout option:

| Tuition Schedule | Base Tuition | Fund Raising/Buyout Option | Total |
|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------|
| Concert Choir    | \$595        | \$125                      | \$720 |
| Cambiata         | \$495        | \$125                      | \$620 |
| Choraliers       | \$450        | \$125                      | \$575 |
| Carolers         | \$395        | \$125                      | \$520 |

### Q. What does my tuition cover?

A. The tuition helps pay for staff, rent for practice facilities as well as concert venues, purchasing music, hiring instrumentalists and administrative costs like paper, copying, postage.

### Q. What am I receiving for this tuition?

A. Over 60 hours of high caliber vocal and choral instruction including ear training, reading music, blending in a group, breathing, tone quality, posture, enunciation, music interpretation, singing in harmony, and performance skills. You will also have the opportunity to perform with well known guest conductors, soloists, and instrumentalists and to perform in venues such as the Old Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral, Fox Theater, and the Touhill. You will receive training in music theory, music literature and foreign languages. In addition, you may be able to tour with KCC; we have had numerous successful tours to Europe, Asia, and within the United States. Interested members may audition for regional and national honor choirs.

### Q. Is there any tuition assistance?

A. KCC offers partial scholarships to qualifying members. Please email Sarah Hon or call KCC for the scholarship application. There is also a 10% discount for member families that have multiple children in the Chorale.

### Q. Are there additional expenses?

A. Families purchase their children's KCC uniforms, which consists of black pants, black socks, black shoes, a white oxford and a red polo shirt. The cost is around \$70; we do host a used uniform sale annually. All audience members purchase tickets for our two annual public concerts. Touring expenses are the responsibility of the family. There is fund raising assistance, to help defray some expenses.

### Q. How many performances are there?

A. Each choir performs at 3 concerts open to the public and 2 outreach concerts (at nursing homes, hospitals, churches, etc.) Cambiata performs at yearly Cardinal games and Concert Choir has a performing schedule with additional commitments and an annual concert tour.

### Q. What are parents expected to do?

A. Parents are responsible for getting their child to every rehearsal and performance on time, in proper uniform when required and to help their child take care of their voice. We have a Parent Board that is instrumental in helping KCC excel! Since we are a volunteer driven program there are plenty of opportunity to assist in fund raising and supporting KCC.

*Praise for KCC*

### Q. What do the parents say?

- ❖ "My child's self esteem and confidence have improved since joining KCC."
- ❖ "This is one of the most worthwhile activities any of my kids has ever participated in."
- ❖ "My child has benefited from KCC's disciplined, professional environment."

### Q. What do educators say?

- ❖ "You are truly a world-class group of musicians."
- ❖ "It is wonderful that you can get such musical beauty out of the kids."
- ❖ "I am impressed with the difficulty of your music and how professional your singers are."
- ❖ "Your choir is what we all strive for in music education."

### Q. What do the KCC children say?

- ❖ "Thank you for giving me the gift of music and the gift of self-esteem. KCC gave me something to work toward and be proud of. It also helped me get through my middle school years."
- ❖ "I felt like I belonged to a big family in KCC. It was a place to go where people accepted me and appreciated my talents. I got to be with other singers who understood my love of music and who were willing to work as hard as I was."
- ❖ "I am overwhelmed with emotion as I think of all I have learned while I was with KCC. I will never forget the trips and concerts and I will never forget that I am capable of achieving far more than I ever imagine."

### **Mission Statement:**

The Kirkwood Children's Chorale strives to provide young singers with an enrichment program of musical excellence, vocal training, performance opportunities and character development.