

# CHATTANOOGA BOYS CHOIR

## Frequently Asked Questions



**How is the choir structured?** There are four different ensembles in the Chattanooga Boys Choir: **Mozart**, **Schubert**, **Concert Choir**, and **Cantabile**. Choristers generally spend one year in **Mozart** and one year in **Schubert**, learning the fundamentals of voice building, music literacy, and ensemble skills. Choristers spend the rest of their time in the **Concert Choir**, the main touring and performing treble (soprano-alto) ensemble. As a chorister's singing voice reaches a specific advanced point in the voice change process, they move into **Cantabile** (tenor-bass), typically beginning in high school.

**What is the cost to participate in the CBC?** Tuition is determined by the ensemble. For 2023-2024, Mozart and Cantabile tuition is \$450 annually. Schubert and Concert Choir tuition is \$650 annually. Yearly tuition can be paid in two installments at the beginning of each semester (fall and spring). Additionally, Summer Music Camp is required of all choristers entering **Schubert** and **Concert Choirs**. It takes place July 17-21 and costs \$260 for the full week (9:00a-4:00p). Students entering the **Mozart Choir** have a half-day camp experience which costs \$125 for the week (9:00a-12:00p).

Tuition only covers a portion of the CBC's annual operating expenses. In addition to tuition, three additional avenues of chorister family support are requested each year: 1) the annual fall nut & pecan sale (Sep-Nov), 2) winter program ad sales, and 3) Parkplatz automobile parking at Memorial Auditorium events. These efforts require minimal time from families but help keep tuition costs for chorister families low, and the choir is grateful for these efforts.

### When are Chattanooga Boys Choir Rehearsals?

<b>Mozart</b>	<b>Mondays</b>	4:30p - 5:30p
<b>Schubert</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	4:30p - 6:00p
<b>Concert</b>	<b>Mondays</b>	(5-6 times per semester...check semester schedule for details), 5:10p - 6:30p
	<b>Tuesdays</b>	5:00p - 6:30p
<b>Cantabile</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	5:45p - 7:30p

**Does the CBC operate year round?** The CBC follows the Hamilton County school calendar, as a majority of choristers (though certainly not all) attend Hamilton County schools. That means when Hamilton County is on a break, the CBC is as well. Rehearsals generally begin the second week of school and continue up to the *Finale!* Spring Concert in mid May. Members of the Concert Choir and Cantabile choirs who are going on tour continue to rehearse until the tour. Summer Music Camp for choristers returning the following year is always the third full week in July.

### My son participates in sports/other activities. Can he still participate in the choir?

Absolutely! Most CBC members participate in many other activities. We distribute our schedule, which includes performances and special events, at the beginning of the year (August), if not earlier. We ask that as soon as you are aware of unavoidable conflicts that you let us know. Keep the rehearsal schedule in mind as you are planning other activities – once a week isn't much time and choristers should be in attendance at all rehearsals except for illness, family emergencies, etc.

**Will my son be attending Summer Music Camp this year?** Yes! All new choristers (and current members) will be attending camp this summer. Camp is July 17-21, 2023 on the Baylor School campus. Those choristers who will be in the Mozart choir in August will attend a half-day camp (July 17-21) – this will allow the Mozart group to interact and get to know each other and the music staff before they start rehearsals in August. Choristers who are placed in **Schubert** or **Concert Choirs** will attend the entire week. Camp is filled with music classes, recreation, swimming, and team building activities.

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