

CHATTANOOGA BOYS CHOIR

Frequently Asked Questions

How is the choir structured? There are five different ensembles: Mozart, Schubert, Handel, Concert, and Cantabile. Choristers generally spend their first year in Mozart, one year in Schubert, and one year in Handel. The amount of time in rehearsals and the number of performances increases with each year. Choristers will spend the rest of their time (until their singing voice changes) in Concert Choir, the main touring and performing ensemble. Once a chorister's singing voice has changed they are able to move into Cantabile.

What is the cost to participate in the CBC? Tuition is determined by the ensemble. For 2023-2024, Mozart and Cantabile tuition will be \$450 annually. Schubert, Handel, and Concert tuition will be \$650 annually. In addition, Summer Music Camp for 2023 \$250 for the full week, \$125 for the half day Mozart camp.

When are rehearsals?

Mozart	Mondays	4:30-5:30
Schubert	Tuesdays	4:30-6:00
Handel	Mondays (4-5 times per semester)	4:50-6:10
Handel	Tuesdays	5:00-6:40
Concert	Mondays (4-5 times per semester)	5:10-6:30
Concert	Tuesdays	5:00-6:40

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. Concert Choir continues to rehearse until Tour. Summer Music Camp 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). We simply 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 we encourage attendance at all rehearsals except for illness, 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 on the Baylor School campus. Those choristers who will be in 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, Handel, or Concert will attend the entire week. Camp is filled with music classes, recreation, swimming, and team building activities. You'll receive much more information about camp during the year.

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