

What is included in the Choir School of Southwest Florida's program?

- Two weekly choral rehearsals
- After school homework help
- Financial stipend
- Private instrumental lessons
- Transportation aid

In association with St. Luke's Church, the Choir School of Southwest Florida helps to underwrite private music lessons to youth who meet the commitment requirements and want to utilize this opportunity to develop their musical skills.

Youth who satisfy the probationary period of the program may receive free professional piano or organ instruction through the school as well as their choral instruction. If a chorister is working with an established instrumental teacher, a future scholarship program may be able to help with the cost of those lessons.

The choristers also have the opportunity to sing choral masterworks accompanied by professional orchestras. There are opportunities to travel on tour with the choir both domestically and internationally.



Auditions

September 24, 2011 from 1pm-4pm

October 1, 2011 from 1pm-4pm

Other dates and times are available on an as-needed basis.

Call now to reserve your audition time!

The Choir School of Southwest Florida

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An introduction to the Choir School of Southwest Florida



In residence at
Saint Luke's Episcopal Church

Dr. James E. Lorenz
Artistic Director/Choirmaster

The Choir School of Southwest Florida exists to use music as a positive intervention in the lives of youth through out-of-school arts learning, including vocal training, private instrumental lessons, and leadership development in children and youth ages 7-17.

What is the Choir School of Southwest Florida?

A free program open to the community

The Choir School of Southwest Florida is a place for learning and formation, open to youth ages seven and above, that follows the model of the Royal School of Church Music. The term “school” is not used to refer to a building, but a philosophy. A school is a place to learn, and at the Choir School of Southwest Florida, we learn to sing to the best of our ability through regular rehearsals and services. This program is offered at no cost to the students and is open to any youth in our community regardless of religious affiliation.

Shaping lives while training young musicians.

We seek to provide formation in conjunction with musical development. Participants have the unique opportunity to build relationships with singers of all ages through St. Luke’s inter-generational choir. This program allows youth to develop attributes that resonate in all areas of a choir singer’s life.

Teamwork and leadership skills
Discipline of body, mind and spirit
Friendships that last a lifetime

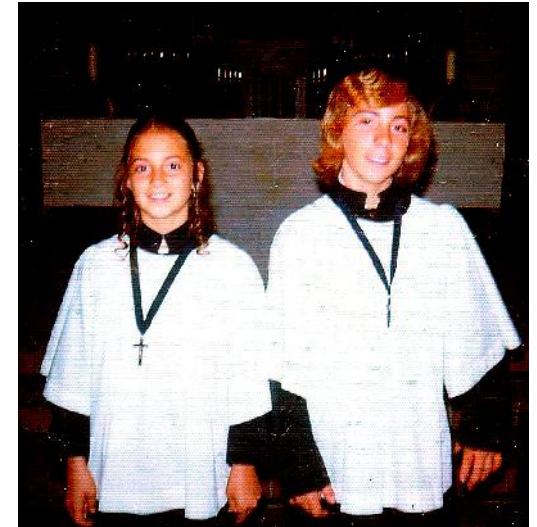
Choir School requirements:

- currently age 7 through 17
- show commitment to the choir program and to practice for private instrumental lessons
- demonstrate potential for musical and leadership growth
- be focused and well behaved
- exhibit enthusiasm, energy and eagerness to work

Benefits

Through the study of classical vocal techniques, choristers become skillful, knowledgeable, and therefore more capable, singers. They learn that singing is a whole body, whole person event, far more than just an exercise in achieving beautiful tone. Additionally, what is learned in voice and instrumental lessons and public performances becomes a positive influence in all areas of life: self confidence, increased independent work habits, mental and physical discipline and more. Specific topics include: basic principles of vocal technique, breathing to sing, vocalizing, practicing, vocal health,

song learning methods and expressive singing.



Eligibility for the Choir School:

This program is open to children ages 7 through 17. The Choir School of Southwest Florida’s program is designed to incorporate all interested youth from the greater Fort Myers, Florida community. A student does not need to be a member of St. Luke’s to participate.

How do I join?

Anyone interested in joining the Choir School of Southwest Florida should call the church at 239-334-2479. More information can also be found on our website at:
www.saintlukes-fortmyers.org