

Roanoke Valley Children's Choir
February 2020 Newsletter

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The Roanoke Valley Children's Choir
33rd Annual Spring Concert April 26, 2020

"Sing Spectacular!"
(a new name for the concert!)

Sunday, April 26, 2020 Concerts 1:30 and 4:30*
**1:30 concert includes special recognitions and senior send-off*
Shaftman Performance Hall at the Jefferson Center

Tickets available through the Jefferson Center Box Office at
540-345-2550 or online at www.jeffcenter.org

Free Class! Ready~Set~Sing Class!

A class to help young singers prepare for their audition.
May 7th or May 14th 6:00-6:45pm at Bethel Baptist Church
Sign up at www.childrenschoir.com

RVCC Newcomer Auditions for ages 7-17 at Bethel Baptist Church

Friday, May 15th 3:30-6:00pm
Saturday, May 16th 10:00-1:00pm
Schedule your audition online at:

www.join.childrenschoir.com

or 540-724-6787

Williamsburg A B B+ Choral Festival

This year, the *Music in the Parks Festival* for the A/B/B+ Choirs will be April 17-18, 2020. Information has been emailed to you and registration is open on Active Network. The cost of the trip is \$180 for choristers and \$155 for chaperones. This is one of the favorite traditions in the RVCC and we're looking forward to another great trip! We'll need lots of chaperones and hope that you can join us!

Parking at Rehearsals

A/B and B+ Choirs: Please park in the lot across the street from the church. The crossing guard will help you cross the street. Enter the church through the front double doors that lead to the sanctuary.

At the end of A/B rehearsals at 5:30 and B+ rehearsal at 6:30, parent volunteers will walk the choristers across the street to the parking lot for parent pick-up.

C Choir: Please park in the lot between the church and activities building or on the street around the church. (not in the parking lot across from the church) We will not have a crossing guard during C Choir rehearsal times so please do not cross the street. There is street parking available all around the block of the church.

Everyone should enter the church through the double doors in the front of the church.

*Did you know the easiest way to access
your Active Network account is
through the RVCC website? Just go to
www.childrenschoir.com and scroll
over 'Singers & Families', then click on
'Active Network'.*

SENIOR INFORMATION PACKETS & SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

Due on February 3rd!!!!

If you need a packet, please
contact Ms. Davidson ASAP.

Are you practicing??

1. Music therapists believe that singing boosts your mood.
2. Singing also enhances immunity by increasing antibodies that fight sickness according to one German study.

Two more good reasons to practice!

RVCC Little Singers Class!

Spring Semester 2020

Open for ages 4 ½ - 7 years old

- Class 1 – Mondays, 5:00 – 5:45
(This class will be geared towards the Preschool and Kindergarten age singers.)
- Class 2 – Mondays, 6:00 – 6:45
(This class will be geared more towards the 1st and 2nd grade age singers.)



Both of the Little Singers Classes will join together to perform one song at the RVCC Annual Spring Concert at the Jefferson Center. This year we will be singing “Winnie the Pooh”! The Little Singers will perform on stage accompanied by the RVCC Concert Choir as we re-create this classic and well-loved theme song!

Performance Songs: “Songs from Winnie the Pooh”

Costume for the RVCC Spring Concert is a solid red shirt and brown or khaki pants or leggings.
“Winnie the Pooh” ears will be provided.

In addition to the RVCC Concert Performance, each class will have their own parent mini recital in the Sanctuary at Bethel Baptist Church. Additional songs we will be singing in the class include:

- Do-Re-Mi
- This Land is Your Land
- Sing After

Spring Semester Class Dates (2020):

- **March 2nd** - Class 1 (5:00-5:45),
Class 2 (6:00 - 6:45)
- March 9th - NO CLASSES this week
- **March 16th** - Class 1 (5:00-5:45),
Class 2 (6:00 - 6:45)
- **March 23rd** - Class 1 (5:00-5:45),
Class 2 (6:00 - 6:45)
- **March 30th** - Class 1 (5:00-5:45),
Class 2 (6:00 - 6:45)
- April 6th - SPRING BREAK (no classes this week)
- **April 13th** - Class 1 (5:00-5:45),
Class 2 (6:00 - 6:45)
Mini Parent Recitals in Bethel Sanctuary
Class 1 Recital 5:35,
Class 2 Recital 6:35
- **April 20th - 5:30 - 6:15 Combined Rehearsal (Sanctuary)**
(Class 1 & Class 2 join together + Sibling Choir)
- **April 25th - 1:40 - 2:00 Little Singers Saturday Rehearsal**
(On stage at the Jefferson Center)
- **April 26th - 1:30 and 4:30 RVCC Concert Performances**

Sign-up on Active Network!!

- Go to www.childrenschoir.com
- Scroll over “Singers/Families”
- Click on “Active Network”

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Auditions for C Choir

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Auditions for C Choir will be held on Thursday, February 13, from 4:00-6:00 in the choir room At Bethel Baptist Church. Please sign up in groups of 4 on February 3 and 10 and remember your audition time!

About 20 singers will be accepted into the C Choir based on the scores from auditions. Decisions will be based on the following:

1. Theory Test score given during choir on February 3.
2. Maturity demonstrated during rehearsals.
3. Musicianship and Singing ability
 - a. Sight Singing
 - b. Clapping a Rhythm
 - c. Sing Legato
 - d. Excerpts from B+ songs; **Alleluia, Psalm 23, Tengo**. You will be expected to be able to hold your part while another person sings the other part.

Eligibility: Choristers must be at least 12 years old to audition. The C choir is mostly 13-18 year old with many years of choir experience. Most choristers enter the C Choir in their 8th or 9th grade year.

*There has only been one year in recent years that everyone who tried out for C choir made it. I make the choice based on the accumulative score from your audition and available openings in certain sections. This year we have 23 graduating seniors. 4 Soprano I's, 7 Soprano II's, and 7 Alto I's, and 5 Alto II's.

Good Luck to everyone auditioning!

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RVCC Dear Evan Hansen Audition Announcement!

Kevin Jones will once again serve as our director and choreographer.
We will consider performers from **all Choirs!**

Auditions will take place at Bethel Baptist Church *in the choir room* on
Thursday, March 26 from 6-7:30pm.

Please prepare **16-32 bars of a strong actable song** for your audition.
You must bring sheet music with you. No recorded accompaniment
will be allowed. *Dear Evan Hansen* is a story with a very strong acting
emphasis. Please choose a song to sing that will show off your acting
skills and your ability to portray a strong-willed, passionate individual.

Music must be memorized!

If cast, you MUST attend *all* rehearsals, which will be:

Friday, March 27th from 6:30-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel Baptist Church
Saturday, March 28th from 10am-3pm in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel Baptist Church
Saturday, April 25th Dress Rehearsal at Jefferson Center
Sunday, April 26th Performances at Jefferson Center

(You will not be called to rehearsal the entire time, but we will need you to commit to the
entire block of rehearsals before auditioning so that we may consider you. Thank you!)



SIBLING CHOIR! 😊

RVCC Spring Concert 2020

Welcome Little Singers!



MUSIC: "Songs from Winnie the Pooh"

SIGN UP: Please have big brother/sister sign your name and get your music and CD on March 2 or 16.

REHEARSALS:

March 30	7:00-7:30	Bethel Baptist Choir Room
April 20	5:30-6:15	Bethel Baptist Sanctuary
April 25	12:45-1:05	Shaftman Hall

*A parent needs to stay with their child during these rehearsals

CONCERT: April 26 1:30 and 4:30 Concerts Shaftman Hall

*The Sibling Choir and the Little Singers Choir should meet AT THE BACKSTAGE DOOR at 1:35 for the first concert. Parent pick-up at 2:00 PM at the Stage Door. For the 4:30 concert, please plan to attend the concert and bring your child to the backstage door after the song, "One Small Voice". The Sibling/Little Singers Choir sings at both concerts.

DRESS: Please wear a solid red shirt and brown or khaki pants or leggings.
"Winnie the Pooh" ears will be provided.

HELPERS: Select C Choir helpers will lead our youngest singers on and off the stage.

PROGRAM:

- A B B+ C Choir opening, 2 songs
- A and B Choir, 2 songs
- SIBLING/LITTLE SINGERS CHOIR** (about 15 minutes from the start of the concert)
- B+ Choir, 3 songs
- Concert Choir, 7 songs
- Awards for senior students (1:30 concert only)
- Closing Finale

Please let me know if you have any questions! Kim Davidson, 676-7265
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Music Folders:

Please encourage your chorister to take special care of their choir music. Lost or damaged music will result in a charge to the chorister. No drawing or writing on the music or binder is allowed – except for musical notations.

Approximate charges for Spring 2020 binders:

A Choir - \$22.00
B Choir - \$22.00
B+ Choir - \$23.00
C Choir - \$30.00

Poor Weather??

In case of bad weather on any performance or rehearsal day please watch your email & check the website: www.childrenschoir.com

Calendar Changes

Every now and then a few changes are made to the Choir calendar. Please make sure you check the current calendar attached to the current monthly newsletter.
Lots of people find it helpful to print out the new, current calendar and discard any other old calendars.
Questions: kimdavidson@childrenschoir.com

**To see what the
RVCC is up to:**

**“Like” the RVCC on
Facebook!**

**Follow the rvcchoir
on Instagram!**

Volunteering!!!!

Please make every effort to volunteer in support of your child and the arts. Whether you can help a little or a lot, we LOVE you for it!