

From the Choristers.....

It's a truly enriching experience. I love the whole group!

-Brady, St Nicholas Choir

If you had a bad day and you come to choir school and sing, your day becomes better.

-Ellen, St Cecilia Choir

Choir School is a great way to express yourself and make beautiful music.

- Laura, St Nicholas Choir

It is fun and educating.

-Graham, St Nicholas Choir

I love it so much that I would like to do it everyday!

- Cally, St Cecilia Choir

I would neither be the musician nor the person I am today without the HOH Choir School.

- Allison, St Nicholas, Cantamus

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CHOIR: [kwahy'r]- noun

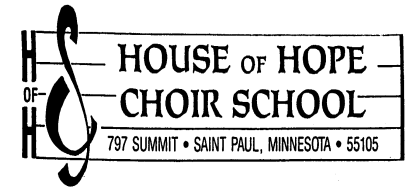
- **A company of singers**

SCHOOL: [skool]- noun

- **An institution where instruction is given**

HOUSE OF HOPE CHOIR SCHOOL

- **Excellent music education based in choral music**
- **Enthusiastic students**
- **Dedicated teachers**



***Celebrating our 26th
year of excellence in
choral music***

Sofia Ardalan, director

Faith, Excellence and Tradition

Our mission is to carry forward the centuries-old tradition of choral church music. Students receive the finest in musical education, participate in worship and develop deep and lasting friendships.

Founded in 1982, the House of Hope Choir School is open to both members and non-members of the congregation. Students enter with varying levels of prior musical training, but once they join they embark on a rigorous course of musical study, including rehearsals, voice training, sight-singing and music theory.

The opportunities for musical development are tremendous. In return, choristers are held to high musical standards. They are exposed to a demanding repertoire, and they learn to sing at a high level.

But the House of Hope Choir School teaches much more than just music. Choir School members learn about commitment, perseverance and teamwork, a set of skills that will benefit them in any field.

Alleluia Choir age 3-grade 1

Children begin their musical training through games and songs, with an emphasis on positive, creative music making. The Alleluia Choir participates in the 9 am worship service about four times a year.

St Cecilia Choir grades 2 & 3

In the St Cecilia Choir, students develop musical skills such as note-reading, ear-training and good choral singing habits. Together with the St Nicholas Choir, choristers participate weekly in the 9 am service.

St Nicholas Choir grades 4-12 (treble)

The primary Choir School ensemble focuses on a high level of musicianship, detailed rehearsals and performance. Students continue to develop their skills in music theory, voice technique and ear-training. The St Nicholas Choir presents an anthem weekly in the 9 am worship service.

St Andrew Singers boys, grades 7-12

Focusing on the new baritone and changing voice, this choir provides small group and solo training for young men. Music theory and sight-singing are also studied. St Andrew Singers join the St Nicholas Choir and present an anthem in worship about once a month. They also present a solo recital each year.

Cantamus girls, grades 7-12

This ensemble offers young women an additional opportunity to rehearse and perform challenging music. Focus is on developing the whole musician through music theory, vocal technique and historical understanding. In addition to small group singing, members present a solo recital each year. Members of Cantamus are also members of the St Nicholas Choir.

All children and youth, regardless of church affiliation, are welcome to participate in the Choir School. Previous musical training is not required. Choir School members should have an interest in music and singing, be willing to learn and grow and have the ability to make a commitment to the Choir School schedule.

CHOIR SCHOOL SCHEDULE

MONDAY

4:15-5:30 Cantamus

5-6:15 St Andrew Singers

WEDNESDAY

4-4:45 Alleluia Choir, age 3-pre K

4:45-5:30 Alleluia Choir, ages 4 & 5

5:30-6:15 Alleluia Choir, K & grade 1

4:15-6:30 St Cecilia Choir

4:15-7 St Nicholas Choir

SUNDAY

8:15 am rehearsal

9:00 am worship

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