

**Connecticut
Children's
Chorus
2009-2010
Handbook**

Personnel

Overture Choir

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Director

Prelude Choir

Katie Zahara
Director

Canticum Choir

Lillie Feierabend
Director

Cambiata Choir

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Director

Concert Choir

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Connecticut Children's Chorus

Mission Statement

The Connecticut Children's Chorus provides enriching, pre-professional musical experiences for highly talented and motivated young musicians in a supportive, community-centered environment where students' passion and love for music can be nurtured. Through a variety of musical experiences guided by dedicated, accomplished directors, choir members have the opportunity to:

- Develop comprehensive musicianship skills including music reading, music writing, vocal production, ear training, movement, and musical interpretation.
- Engage in music making through a rich repertoire of choral music from different time periods and different cultures.
- Perform with professional musical organizations such as the Hartford Symphony, the Hartt Symphony, and other outstanding children's choirs from around the country.
- Develop self-esteem and a sense of musical accomplishment.
- Interact with other talented and motivated peers from different towns in Connecticut.
- Travel to choral festivals in the U.S. and abroad.
- Work with professional composers and guest directors.

Membership

Members of Overture Choir are typically in grades 1 - 3; Prelude 3 - 5; and Canticum 5 - 7. Concert Choir is for males with unchanged voices and females in grades 6 - 12 who demonstrate an advanced level of vocal development and musicianship. Cambiata is for boys in middle school and high school whose voices are either changing or have changed and who demonstrate a high level of musicianship. Progression from one choir to the next level is determined by audition.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition for the Connecticut Children's Chorus is as follows:

	HCD Private Lesson Student Rate	All Other Students
Overture Choir	\$140/year	\$425/year + \$25 reg fee
Prelue Choir	\$140/year	\$530/year + \$25 reg fee
Canticum Choir	\$140/year	\$585/year + \$25 reg fee
Cambiata Choir	\$140/year	\$635/year + \$25 reg fee
Concert Choir	\$140/year	\$635/year + \$25 reg fee

Singers will be charged for any music or materials that are lost or damaged. Uniforms must be purchased at an additional cost.

Concert Attire

It is vitally important that we realize our place in the larger context of this performing organization. Therefore it is important that we maintain a professional attitude toward our performance responsibilities which include our concert attire.

Parents are responsible for purchasing uniforms on their own, directly with the company listed below. Please allow at least 8 weeks prior to your first performance for shipping and error in sizing, etc. The Hartt Community Division no longer facilitates uniform orders.

Overture Choir will wear a white t-shirt and dark blue pants or skirts. Socks worn with pants must be dark blue. Shoes should be closed toe and black or dark blue. (purchase at the store of your choice)

Prelude Choir. Girls: pleated navy skirt, long sleeved white shirt with a Peter Pan collar, navy tights, and navy, black or brown dress shoes. See uniform pages for specific ordering details including the company and the item numbers. Hair ribbons, if worn, should coordinate with the uniform.

Boys: navy pants, long sleeved white shirt, dark socks and dark dress shoes, colorful tie. (purchase at the store of your choice)

Watches, CCC pendants/pins, and small stud earrings are the only jewelry allowed.

Canticum Choir: Girls will wear black dresses, black hose and black closed-toe shoes. See uniform pages for specific ordering details including the company and the item numbers.

Men will wear black dress pants, tux shirt, black bow tie, black socks and black dress shoes. (purchase at the tux store of your choice)

Hair ribbons, if worn, should coordinate with the color of the uniform.

Watches, CCC pendants/pins, and small stud earrings are the only jewelry allowed.

Cambiata Choir: Men will wear black dress pants, tux shirt, black bow tie, black socks and black dress shoes. See uniform pages for specific ordering details including the company and item numbers. Watches, CCC pendants/pins, and small stud earrings are the only jewelry allowed. All items can be purchased at Squire Tux at the Westfarms Mall. See the uniform ordering page for details.

Concert Choir: Girls will wear black dresses, flesh hose and black closed-toe shoes. See uniform pages for specific ordering details including the company and items numbers.

Men will wear black dress pants, tux shirt, black bow tie, black socks and black dress shoes. (purchase at the tux store of your choice)

Hair ribbons, if worn, should coordinate with the color of the uniform.

Watches, CCC pendants/pins, and small stud earrings are the only jewelry allowed.

Requirements

Singers who have been accepted into the Connecticut Children's Chorus must submit the CCC Registration form with appropriate tuition and fees. Submission of the registration form with tuition and fees, and accepting a position in CCC by attendance, constitutes agreement with all policies stated in this handbook. Please see attendance policies in particular.

Students in CCC should review the calendar and handbook prior to the start of the school year and attend only if they are willing to make a commitment to the organization for the coming year. A singer who does not fulfill this

commitment will not be considered for solo and ensemble performance opportunities or for future membership in the organization.

Attendance

Participation in the Connecticut Children's Chorus is based on an academic calendar beginning in September and ending in June. Consistent attendance and active participation at all rehearsals is crucial to the success of a choral organization. It is expected that all members demonstrate responsibility, punctuality, and dependability as part of their commitment. This sometimes includes being faced with difficult decisions. The following are considered excused absences:

- School dress rehearsal or concert
- Illness
- Religious event
- Family emergency

If a singer knows that he/she will have to miss a rehearsal or performance because of one of the above he/she is expected to complete an Advance Absence Form, a copy of which is included in this handbook, and give it to their choir manager. In the case of illness or family emergency, parents are asked to call and leave a message at 860-768-4451 ext. 0 or email CCC@hartford.edu. Excessive absences of any nature may result in dismissal at the discretion of the director. Excessive tardiness will be dealt with in a similar manner.

Expectations

Singers are expected to:

- attend all rehearsals and concerts.
- demonstrate a high level of self-discipline, maturity, and professionalism.
- be courteous, polite, and respectful of other singers and adults.

If additional rehearsals and/or concerts are required, they will be communicated well in advance. Singers who miss more than two rehearsals prior to a concert may be asked to meet with the director to assess musical progress. If necessary the singer may be asked to attend an extra rehearsal after a regular rehearsal for additional help. If unprepared the singer may be asked not to perform. Singers who miss a performance, except in the case of illness or family emergency, will not be considered for future membership.

At Rehearsals

Singers are expected to

- be in place, ready to begin with music and materials at the designated time.
- be attentive to all directions and follow them quickly.
- be responsible for knowing assigned music.
- have a sharpened pencil in the folder.
- bring a quick, nutritious snack for mid-rehearsal break.
- handle business matters with the director or manager prior to rehearsal
- Folders should be neat and organized with the CCC calendar in front.
- The cost for any unreturned music will be forwarded to the parents from the Community Division.
- Water is the only beverage recommended.

At Performances

Singers are expected to

- be in place, ready to sing, at the designated time.
- wear the uniform appropriate for their performing group.
- refrain from wearing perfume or cologne.
- refrain from consuming dairy products.

Uniform Ordering Information

Prelude Choir Girls:



Telephone: 1-800-373-6248
Website: www.frenchtoast.com



GIRLS: 1. White Peter Pan Blouse with Lace Trim Collar – long sleeve

<u>Item#</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
1115B	Girls (4,5,6,6X)	7.98
1115G	Girls (7,8,10,12,14)	8.98
1115N	Girls (16,18,20)	9.98
1115U	Girls Plus (101/2 thru 201/2)	10.50

2. Navy Blue Pleated Skirt

<u>Item#</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
1066B	Girls (4,5,6,6X)	8.98
1066G	Girls (7,8,10,12,14)	9.98
1066N	Girls (16,18,20)	10.98
1066U	Girls Plus (101/2 thru 201/2)	11.98

4. Navy Blue Girls Nylon Tights (3-Pair Pack)

<u>Item#</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
2209V	Girls (4-6X) fits 39"-47" tall, 39-52 lbs.	8.98
2209V	Girls (7-10) fits 48"-54" tall, 48-78 lbs.	8.98

Canticum & Concert Choir Girls:

Stage Accents: www.stageaccents.com or 1-800-631-1611
Sierra Dress



A classic style with updated appeal. Satin binding trims the empire bodice, scoop neckline and sleeves on this crepe dress. Bodice and sleeves are fully lined. Washable satin backed crepe in black only. Please allow 4-6 weeks for production. Ladies size chart C. Girls size chart O.

Ladies' #8594 \$65
Girls' #5250 \$55

Formal Dresses and Separates

Chart C	Order Size	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	1X	2X	3X
	Bust	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56
Waist	24	25	26½	27	29	31	33½	36	38	40	42½	45	47	49	51	
Hips	34	34	34½	36	38	40	42½	45	47	50	53	56	57	59	61	
Skirt Lth	46	47		48		48		49		49		49		49		

Girl's Dresses for Ages 10-13 Years and Heights up to 64"

Chart O	Size	7	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
	Bust	28	29	30	31	32	34	36	38
Waist	23	24	25	26	27	29	31	33	
Height	50"	52"	56"	58"	61"	63"	64"	64"	
Back Lth	12⅞"	13"	13⅜"	13¾"	14⅛"	14½"	14⅞"	15¼"	
Skirt	37	40	42	43	44	44	44	44	

If individual exceeds height or back length measurement on this chart, please order from ladies' sizes from Size Chart C.

Cambiata Choir Boys:

Squire Tux (West Farms Mall)
860-561-2001

Tux shirt style #100 (long-sleeved white wing-tipped shirt) \$25
Tux pants black style # 3034 (black polyester adjustable pleated pants) \$25
Black Bowtie – T, style # 58PR \$9.95
Cummerbund – B, style #58PR \$12.00

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Advance Absence Form

Name: _____ Overture Choir____ Canticum Choir____

Overture Choir____ Cambiata Choir____ Concert Choir____
Date of Absence: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Reason for Absence:

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