

CAPE TOWN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Beau Soleil Music Centre,

Kenilworth, Cape Town

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!

The newly established Cape Town Children's Choir is based at Beau Soleil Music Centre, Kenilworth, Cape Town. The choir was launched at the start of 2020 and currently has 30 members.

AUDITIONS: Applications for auditions from boys and girls interested in being part of this exciting opportunity are open.

Girls and boys (with unchanged voices) who are aged between 9 (Grade 4 in 2021) and 15 are invited to audition for a place in this choir.

Audition if you:

- love to sing!
- would like to sing with others.
- wish to develop your musical skill in a positive and nurturing environment.
- are willing to commit to being a member of the Choir for at least one full year.

WHAT WILL YOU GAIN FROM BEING A MEMBER OF THE CAPE TOWN CHILDREN'S CHOIR?

- You will learn and practice good vocal technique.
- You will learn to read and sing from written music or develop your current ability.
- You will be surrounded by musically talented friends who strive for excellence.
- You will have the opportunity to develop a life-long love for music.

HOW TO AUDITION?

Please read about the audition process on the next page.

THE AUDITION PROCESS

Audition Round 1

- Please carefully read the membership requirements and other information below.
- Send a video of yourself, about 2 minutes in length singing:
 1. any song or part of a song, unaccompanied (just you, no backtrack).
 2. the traditional Happy Birthday song in English or any language of your choice.

Send the video via WhatsApp to this number 084 597 6578.

Audition Round 2

- If your video audition is successful, you will be invited to an in-person audition. You will be sent an application form to complete and an audition time will be allocated to you.

CHOIR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REHEARSALS (practises):

In-person rehearsals: These are usually held at Beau Soleil Music Centre, 12 Salisbury Road, Kenilworth, on FRIDAY afternoons from 14:45 – 17:15. These rehearsals take place every Friday during the WCED school term. Practises also take place on ONE FULL SATURDAY per term. Additional rehearsals may, on occasion, be scheduled when preparing for a big concert/event. Members will only be permitted to miss rehearsals in exceptional circumstances.

Online rehearsals: These take place on a TUESDAY evening for 40 minutes during the school term. We may also schedule Friday rehearsals to take place online when the choir is unable to rehearse in-person (like we did during the recent COVID-19 lockdown). You will need a stable internet connection, and Wi-Fi or sufficient data to be able to join these compulsory Tuesday evening rehearsals. Online rehearsals take place on Zoom.

CONCERTS AND EVENTS: These are scheduled throughout the year and all members and parents will be informed timeously. Members will only be permitted to miss a concert or event in exceptional circumstances.

TRAVEL: There will be opportunities for travel in the future. Long distance travel (international) with the Cape Town Children's Choir is optional, although members will be strongly encouraged to participate.

CHORAL DISCIPLINES: You will be trained in group vocal development; how to read and sing from music; rehearsal and concert etiquette; a wide variety of repertoire (secular to sacred).

CHOIR RULES: While we aim to keep rehearsals light and fun, there are rules to help us to do that. You will be expected to respect every member of the choir (staff and fellow choristers); cooperate fully at rehearsals and performances; attend all rehearsals and performances; be on time; if necessary be excused from a rehearsal timeously and in writing. Failure to abide by these rules could result in disciplinary action and might jeopardise your membership.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS

Parental support is crucial to the success of the choir. Not only do parents ensure that their children attend all practises, but they may be asked to assist with transport, concert arrangements, accommodation of members of visiting choirs and possible fundraising. Parents may become involved in the choir by joining a sub-committee team / parent's group (assisting with specific arrangements or projects). Parents will be asked to attend an Annual General Meeting.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

The cost of being a member of the Cape Town Children's Choir for the **2021** season is as follows:

1. **Annual fee of R2320** for the full academic year. This will be payable in one of three ways:
 1. A once off payment of R2320 due by the second week of the new academic year.
 2. Termly payments of R580 per term, due by the second week of each school term.
 3. Monthly payments (by debit order) over ten months (February to November) of R232 per month, due by the 1st day of the calendar month.
- This is a special COVID-19-member fee for **2021**. There will be a projected increase in 2022.
- A limited number of bursaries towards the annual fee will be available for those who need and qualify for financial assistance.
- The annual fee will be payable for a **whole year**, even if the member withdraws during the year.
- A member who joins later in the year will pay a proportional fee based on the balance for the year.
- A **once-off, non-refundable registration fee of R550** is payable on acceptance. This includes registration, music rental and choir file, and choir T-Shirt. Lost music will be replaced by the choir member at their own expense.
- A **fee for choir uniforms** – formal and informal - will need to be paid for by choir members once they are in design. This cost will be kept as low as possible.
- Any travel opportunities (national and international) will be at families' expense. Choir members are encouraged to fundraise.
- The above costs are valid for **2021** and will be subject to an annual increase.
- The choir is managed according to an annual budget and has constant expenses (e.g., music purchase, honorariums, concert venue hire, etc.). A member who resigns due to a special circumstance must do so one term in advance, in writing. **Fees for the remainder of the year will still be payable** because the annual budget will be reliant on those fees.
- Failure to pay the required fees without prior arrangement may lead to suspension from the choir.

Thank you for the interest you have shown in this exciting opportunity. Please feel free to send any questions you may still have to info@ctcchoir.co.za.

We're looking forward to receiving your video!

We hope to meet you at an audition!