



HOUSTON BOYCHOIR

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for HBC membership?

Any boy with a treble (i.e. unchanged) voice, ages 8 to 12, who also passes the audition requirements.

What happens at the audition?

Boys are scheduled to audition individually for a director from the Houston Boychoir Artistic Staff. At that time their vocal range is determined and their melodic and rhythmic aptitude is assessed. The entire process takes approximately 15-20 minutes and is conducted in the form of a friendly interview. Candidates are encouraged to be relaxed and to ask questions during the audition.

What happens after the audition?

All candidates will be notified as to their status by mail. Those boys selected for membership are placed into the Choir that corresponds to their skill level. Most applicants begin in the Preparatory Choir.

How many different Choirs does HBC have?

There are currently two Choirs that make up Houston Boychoir:

- ◆ Preparatory Choir (beginning)
- ◆ Chamber Choir (advanced)

****All Choirs require a one-year commitment****

When and where are HBC rehearsals held?

Houston Boychoir currently rehearses at Christ the King Lutheran Church, across from Rice University at the corner of Rice and Greenbriar. All Choirs rehearse on Mondays: The Preparatory Choir rehearses from 4:45PM to 6:30PM and the Chamber Choir rehearses from 5:45PM to 7:30PM. The Chamber Choir also rehearses on Thursdays from 5:45PM to 7:30PM. In addition, all Choirs meet once a month for Saturday morning workshops (September-May).

When and where are HBC performances?

Every effort is made to provide our Choirs with as many positive performance opportunities as possible. In addition to the annual Winter and Spring Concerts, there are usually one or two other public performances per semester. Our current concert season begins in August, runs through May and is immediately followed by the Chamber Choir tour in early June. Actual performance schedules will vary from season to season.

What expenses can be expected?

All choristers pay tuition on an annual basis (payment plans available):

****Scholarships are available upon application****

Certain wardrobe items for performances and workshops are also required at an average cost of \$75-\$100 per chorister.

Note: No qualified chorister is ever denied a position with Houston Boychoir based solely upon the ability to pay.

How are the activities of HBC determined?

The entire Houston Boychoir experience is an educational process that is carefully planned and guided by our staff of artistic directors and backed by forty plus years of performance history.

**The Houston Boychoir is dedicated to
providing quality musical training combined with
educational experiences in a
supportive and fun filled environment.**

How do I apply for membership?

It's simple! Completely fill out an [Audition Application](#) and return it to us ASAP. You can also call our office at 281-484-1560 or reach us via e-mail at HBC@houstonboychoir.com to set up an audition. We look forward to hearing from you!

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AUDITION APPLICATION



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Houston Boychoir members will...

- ◆ be between the ages of 8 & 12, at least 3rd grade, with treble (i.e. unchanged) voices
- ◆ sing with a clear tone that blends well with others
- ◆ have a good sense of pitch and intonation
- ◆ display discipline and self-control
- ◆ be able to take instruction well.

In the audition, boys will be asked to...

- ◆ demonstrate vocal range and ability to match pitch
- ◆ repeat rhythmic and musical patterns as dictated
- ◆ answer questions about themselves and their interests.

Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other: _____

E-mail: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ Age at last birthday: _____

Music Teacher(s): _____

Other activities and hobbies I enjoy: _____

Please mail this completed form to:

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Established in 1962 as The Singing Boys of Houston by the Houston Independent School District, Houston Boychoir became an independent arts organization in 1991. Today, Houston Boychoir continues to provide boys in the Houston Metropolitan area with the exciting opportunity for vocal music study and choral performance. The Choirs are regularly presented in concert throughout the city and are often featured with Houston's major performing arts organizations including Houston Grand Opera and the Houston Symphony Orchestra.

With over forty years of performance history, Houston Boychoir has established a reputation of artistic excellence and continues to strive towards this goal. The Choir was the first American boychoir to be invited to participate in the International Festival of Boychoirs held in Poznan, Poland and is the only American boychoir to be invited to the Alumnat of the Thommanerchor—the same boychoir once directed by Johann Sebastian Bach. In 2003, Houston Boychoir was honored to spend an afternoon at the U.S. Supreme Court with, then, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and continues to proudly represent our city, state and nation during annual concert tours across North America and throughout Europe and Asia.

Houston Boychoir provides a unique, positive, inspirational and lifelong experience that aims to contribute to each boy's total potential. The organization consists of two choirs characterized by their corresponding skill level and commitment. Membership is open to all boys with unchanged voices, ages 8 to 14, who demonstrate willingness to learn, vocal talent, musical aptitude and a strong level of commitment. Auditions are held annually each spring and periodically throughout the year. For more information concerning Houston Boychoir and for booking details, call 281-484-1560 or email to HBC@houstonboychoir.com. You can also visit us online at www.houstonboychoir.com.

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