

**INSPIRE YOUTH CHOIR**  
**Policies, Procedures, Code of Conduct**

**Mission:**

We serve our community by performing music that edifies and elevates the human spirit.

**Vision:**

As the only community youth choir in St. George, the Inspire Youth Choir is dedicated to educating youth on the transformative power of music. When youth belong to Inspire Youth Choir, they are part of a family of musicians who experience the joy that comes from singing uplifting, positive music.

**Objectives:**

- Empower youth through music education and performance.
- Learn dedication, discipline, leadership skills and teamwork.
- Strengthen self-esteem, confidence and choral skills.
- Foster a love of music.

**Registration**

Registration is for youth (boys and girls) ages 10-18. No audition is required. *Space is LIMITED and is first-come-first served.* Registration opens on July 15, 2016. We welcome dedicated, music-loving youth who are looking for an opportunity to be a part of an extraordinary family of musicians.

To secure your membership in the choir, send the **completed** registration form, signed consent and payment to:

Inspire Youth Choir Registration  
2952 S. Slate Ridge Circle  
St. George, UT 84790

**Participant Expectations**

- It is expected and anticipated that choir members will commit to at least a semester of participation. A full year of participation is preferable, as more progress will be achieved through consistent, dedicated efforts.
- Choir members are expected to practice daily at home in preparation for weekly rehearsals and performances. Members should come prepared to each rehearsal having learned their part. Consider each rehearsal as a weekly “music lesson” that one prepares for.
- Each choir member is responsible for bringing 5-10 guests to end of season concerts in December and May.
- Each choir member is responsible for inviting friends and other potential choir members to join the choir.

### **Parent Responsibilities**

- Parents are responsible for transporting their youth to and from rehearsals, events and performances. Please do not drop off your youth more than 10 minutes before rehearsals or performance call times. Be on time to pick up your student. If you will be late due to an emergency, please call/text the director.
- Inspire Fine Arts does not assume responsibility for youth dropped off unattended.
- Parents will be asked to assist in chaperoning at choir events and concerts.

### **Rehearsals/Performances**

- Rehearsals will be held **every Thursday from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Desert Hills High School Choir Room.**
  - Please eat and use the restroom before coming to rehearsal or performance.
- No gum, food or drink (except bottled water) allowed.
- Turn off and put away all cell phones and electronic devices.
- Bring your music binder and pencil to all rehearsals.
- Adhere to the code of conduct at all times.

### **Dress Code**

#### *Rehearsal Attire*

As representatives of Inspire Fine Arts, participants will dress modestly at rehearsals and choir events. No tight, revealing clothing or clothing with offensive language or symbols will be allowed.

#### *Performance Attire*

To be professional, the choir must look professional. We aim to look as amazing as we sound!! Inspire Choir members will wear performance attire that is chosen by the administration. Members will order and pay for their own performance attire (information will be provided at the parent meeting) and obtain their own black dress shoes, black dress socks, white polo shirt and black pants. No jewelry (including watches) or nail polish. Hair must be a natural color and out of the face. Boy's hair must not be longer than collar length.

#### *Approximate clothing costs*

*Girls performance attire: \$60*

*Boys performance attire: \$45*

### **Attendance Policy**

Attendance is essential to the success of the choir. If more than 3 rehearsals are missed in the semester, the participant will not be able to perform in the concert. Known conflicts must be pre-approved with the director in writing in advance. Please make every effort to attend weekly rehearsals.

- Attendance at all dress rehearsals is mandatory. If a choir member misses a dress rehearsal, they will not be permitted to perform in the concert.

### **Tuition/Fees**

We are sensitive to financial demands and time constraints placed on families. We provide music education and performance opportunities at an inexpensive, affordable rate. Tuition is \$75/1<sup>st</sup> semester and \$100/2<sup>nd</sup> semester- and helps pay for organization expenses. Tuition is paid by check or online (inspirefinearts.com under the “donate now” tab). A \$25 fee will be charged for returned checks. Registration fees of \$25 cover the rental of the sheet music binder and choir t-shirt. If a student loses their choir binder, they will be required to pay for another binder for \$25.

### **Payment deadlines:**

*September 1<sup>st</sup>*: - Semester tuition (Sept.-Dec.) and registration fees due (\$100).

*January 1<sup>st</sup>*: - Semester tuition (January – April) due (\$100).

### **Termination & Refund Policy**

When youth join the choir, they are expected to make a commitment and make a tuition payment for the entire semester. If extenuating circumstances arise, refunds will be evaluated individually by the director- (i.e. a move out of the area, major illness, family emergency, etc.). Refunds will be provided at 100% if notification is given by September 1st (1<sup>st</sup> semester) and January 1st (2<sup>nd</sup> semester). After the registration deadline, refunds will be prorated at 50%. No refunds will be given after November 1<sup>st</sup> or April 1<sup>st</sup> respectively. No refunds will be authorized in the event of a dismissal. Registration and costume fees are non-refundable.

*Inspire Fine Arts reserves the right to dismiss choir members for inappropriate behavior or language and/or drug or alcohol use.*

### **Nondiscrimination Policy**

Inspire Fine Arts does not discriminate. We welcome artists of any race, religion, color, national and ethnic origin to fully participate in programs and performances.

## **Season Calendar**

1<sup>st</sup> Semester: September-December

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester: January-April

Summer break: May-August

## **Important dates to remember:**

- Mandatory parent and participant meeting: Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm in the Desert Hills High School choir room.
- First rehearsal: Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30-6:30 pm!!
  - ALL registration and tuition MUST be paid by September 1<sup>st</sup> in order to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.
  - Come prepared to the 1<sup>st</sup> rehearsal ready to sing “The Star-Spangled Banner.” (memorized)
- **Winter Concert:** December 2 & 3 @ 7:30pm. Desert Hills High School Auditorium. Call time is 6:30.
- **Spring Concert:** May 5<sup>th</sup> @7:30pm. Location TBD.
- Additional minor performances will be scheduled.

**Code of Conduct for Choir Members and Parents**

1. I will be respectful- of myself, others, the decisions of the administration, rehearsal spaces and venues.
2. I will be prepared, on time and adhere to the attendance policy. I will bring my music, a pencil and a bottle of water.
3. I will come ready to work.
4. I will practice daily.
5. I will be positive, supportive and courteous.
6. I will contact the director and schedule an appointment to discuss any major concerns.
7. I will use the buddy system at all rehearsals and performances.
8. I will check in/out my child at rehearsal room or performance venue.
9. I will **not** post/publish negative comments or photographs about Inspire Fine Arts of any kind.
10. I will allow Inspire Fine Arts use my photograph or my image likeness for promotional purposes.

I have read and will abide by the above policies. I am aware of the nature and content of the program and assume the risks associated with my/my child's participation. I agree not to allege or attempt to impose any liability on Inspire Fine Arts in the event of any damage, injury or loss resulting from such participation.

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Signature (Parent/Guardian)

Signature (Choir Member)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Inspire Fine Arts)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_