



Please consider me for: **Concert Choir Only**_____ **Concert & Chamber Choir**_____

Name _____ Hometown _____

Voice Part: SI SII AI AII TI TII BI BII

Academy _____ Grad. Year _____ Email _____

1. Have you read and understood the FAQs on the back of this form? (YES / NO)

Parent/Guardian Signature  _____

--THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ONLY NEED TO BE ANSWERED BY CHAMBER CHOIR APPLICANTS--

If you are selected as a member of the Chamber Choir...

2. ... will you accept the seat offered to you and remain in the choir for the entire year?
(YES / NO)

3. ... would you sacrifice your participation in another Wednesday club to ensure your enrollment in Chamber Choir, unless you are an athlete or a senior?
(YES / NO)

4. ... are you able to, and will you, also enroll in Concert Choir for all three trimesters?
(YES / NO)

-----**AUDITION REQUIREMENTS BELOW**-----

Scores: 1-2 = Outstanding 3-4 = Excellent 5-6 = Good 7-8 = Fair 9-10 = Poor

Diatonic Scales:

From the designated starting pitches, sing one octave of a major scale, on "ah," in both directions:

- **Low Major Scale** (* = descending first, then ascending): **Tone Int. Total**
SI: E₄, SII: C₄, AI: A₃, AII: G₄*, TI: E₃, TII: C₃, BI: A₂, BII: E₃* _____ + _____ = _____

- **High Major Scale:** **Tone Int.**
SI: B-fl.₄, SII: G₄, AI: E₄, AII: C₄, TI: A-fl.₃, TII: F#₃, BI: E₃, BII: D₃ _____ + _____ = _____

Solo: REFRAIN of "America the Beautiful," (use the lyrics below) **Intonation Phrasing**

("America, America, God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.")

Starting pitches – Soprano: G, Alto: C, Tenor: F, Bass: D _____ + _____ = _____

Chromatic Scale (Half steps, DO to SOL, then SOL back to DO) **Intonation**

Soprano & Tenor: F, Alto & Bass: C _____ x 3 = _____

Tonal Memory

(A short excerpt will be provided for you **at the audition**)

12-16mm. = 0, 9-11 = 2, 6-8 = 4, 3-5 = 6, 1-2 = 8, 0 = 10 _____ x 3 = _____



BCA Choir FAQs

Please read entirely with a Parent/Guardian, and **have them sign your audition form and the bottom of this page.**

1. **Do I need to audition for Concert Choir?**

- **NO!** Concert Choir is **audition-free**. Just sign up for it as you would any other elective or project.

2. **What's the Difference between Concert and Chamber Choir?**

- **Concert Choir** is a come-one, come-all, **non-auditioned class**. Provided that students can match pitch and carry a melody individually, all students are welcome to enroll in Concert Choir.
- **Chamber Choir** is a select, **auditioned** ensemble with a limited number of seats. Those electing to participate in Chamber Choir **must also participate in Concert Choir - no exceptions**. **Chamber Choristers must also participate for the entire school year.**

3. **When are CHAMBER CHOIR AUDITIONS?**

- **Current BCA students:** before 26MAY2022. **Current 8th graders:** the first Wednesday of June.

4. **What does a BCA Chorister's class schedule/time commitment look like?**

- Concert Choir runs as an elective and as a project. It is offered during all lunches, during project time, and at the end of the day (period 9).
- Chamber Choir is a Wednesday club. For seniors who aren't on campus on Wednesdays (and athletes who can't be part of the club), rehearsals take place roughly once every three weeks, on Thursday evenings (6:30-8:30pm).
- If you join BCA Choir in Trimester 1, you are **required** to sing in the Holiday Concert (an evening during the first week of January), and in the two combined **evening** rehearsals that lead up to it.
- If you join BCA Choir in Trimester 2, you are **required** to sing in the Spring Concert (an evening at the end of April), and in the two combined **evening** rehearsals that lead up to it.
- If you join BCA Choir in Trimester 3, you are **still required** to sing in the Spring Concert and the two combined **evening** rehearsals that lead up to it. This is challenging, as you'll have less than a month to prepare your music, but I am more than happy to work with you 😊
- You can re-enroll in Concert Choir as many times as you want.

5. **Do we have choir trips, and what are they like?**



- Our past choir trips have included a performance of Mozart: Requiem at Carnegie Hall, a collaborative trip to a high school in Aarhus, Denmark, and a festival in Boston. Additionally, our students are requested to sing at and are featured locally quite often off campus; this has included the opening of New Bridge Medical Center, and at the annual Bergen County Women's History Month Event. On campus, we open athletic matches and various assemblies with our National Anthem.

6. **How will I know which ensemble I'm in?**

- All students, provided they can match pitch and carry a melody, are welcome to enroll in Concert Choir.
- **Chamber Choir invitees will be notified of their acceptances via email.**

7. **Can I Still Do Sports if I'm in Choir?**

- Of course you can. For Concert Choir, lunchtime rehearsals and Wednesday projects allow you to enroll in Concert Choir and still keep open your elective hour to play on a sports team. If you're accepted into Chamber Choir, athletes and 12th graders have special Thursday evening rehearsals, where instead of attending Chamber Choir every Wednesday afternoon, they attend a Thursday evening rehearsal once every three weeks.

 **So... How do I register to have Choir on my schedule?** 

You must visit your guidance counselor and personally request that they enroll you in Concert Choir.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Any other questions? Email Mr. Spinelli: louspi@bergen.org