

Dear Music Teachers:

As you can imagine, the pandemic damaged our enrollment. More than ever, we need your help in identifying boys who would be good candidates for the Lincoln Boys Choir. We know there are boys in your school who are great singers and would love what we do!

### AUDITION INFORMATION

We are holding in-person auditions Friday, March 3, 2023 AND most Thursdays throughout the spring. We will also audition boys in August as school is starting. We will be happy to contact families after you have provided their names and contact information online or using one of the forms provided. It is best if you scan and email to us, but you can also mail it.

You can also send parents directly to us by directing them to our website, [lincolnboyschoir.org](http://lincolnboyschoir.org). Parents can watch a video about the audition process and schedule an appointment.

### AUDITION CRITERIA

Who is eligible: Boys going into grade three through college. We have choirs for both unchanged and changed voices!

The criteria that will be used in the audition are:

- Sing first verse of "America" (My Country, 'Tis of Thee) with accompaniment and then acapella. Memorization is helpful but is not required and a copy of the music will be provided.
- Sing a scale that is comfortable in their range. Unchanged voices may start with D Maj. above middle C and adjust as necessary. Changed voices may start with F Maj. below middle C and adjust as necessary.
- Sing a pattern of five notes after hearing them played on the piano.

For examples and resources, visit our music and practice files online at [lincolnboyschoir.org](http://lincolnboyschoir.org)

Note: When recommending a singer, please take into account his attentiveness and ability to follow directions during class when making recommendations. It is also important that parents are able to consistently get their singer to rehearsals on Thursday evenings. We do have many families that carpool, as well.

### ABOUT LINCOLN BOYS CHOIR

The Lincoln Boys Choir is composed of three distinct choirs of boys and young men grade 3-college, selected by audition. Concert Choir and Chorale are for singers with unchanged voices, and both are conducted by Kevin Scheele and accompanied by Julie Schumacher. Cantare, our changed voice ensemble, is under the direction of Eric Wyler and accompanied by Micah

Lincoln Boys Choir is proud to rehearse weekly at Saint Paul United Methodist Church. In 2019, LBC became artists in residence at the historic downtown church. "Saint Paul has been such a great partner with us for many years for holiday concerts and collaborations," LBC Artistic Director Kevin Scheele said. "We are so excited to have the opportunity to continue growing that partnership as artists in residence.



The sanctuary is fantastic acoustically, and we have more opportunities for artistic growth with access to the pipe organ and harpsichord during our weekly rehearsals. It's truly a beautiful place to call our rehearsal home."

In recent years, we have focused on performing with community and professional musicians in special collaborations. These exceptional learning opportunities have included concerts with Omaha Symphonic Chorus and Omaha Symphony at Omaha's Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra, Plymouth Brass, Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir, University of Nebraska Varsity Men's Chorus, First-Plymouth Church and Abendmusik choirs, and the Saint Paul United Methodist Church Chancel Choir.

## REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES

We rehearse every Thursday during the school year at Saint Paul United Methodist Church (11th & M Street).

Concert Choir 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. (Beginning Unchanged voices)  
Chorale 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (Advanced Unchanged voices)  
Cantate 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (Changed voices)



We generally follow the LPS calendar for breaks and do not meet in June, July and most of August. We resume rehearsals in mid-August after school starts. Annual performances include two formal concerts (at the end of each semester) and several informal performances during the year. LBC places a special focus on collaborations with community and professional musicians each year. We strongly feel that these collaborations are something unique that our singers benefit from in their musical and personal growth.

## GENERAL DETAILS

Financial obligations include \$400 (full year) tuition, a formal uniform (around \$75 for tux pants, shirt, bow tie & cummerbund), and a choir polo shirt (\$20). Financial assistance is available.

Tuition and uniform items are very affordable compared to private music lessons, many youth activities, sports and camps. Do not let financial considerations keep you from nominating a boy if you think he is otherwise a good candidate! We have tuition assistance available for families meeting our criteria. Gently used uniform items are also available to financial aid recipients.

Sincerely,

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