

August 29, 2019

## **It's time to sing with the UNM Children's Chorus!**

**Rehearsals start Wednesday, September 4!**

**Haven't registered yet? <http://musicprep.unm.edu>**



### **Information about this semester**

**We are so excited to start singing together this coming**

**Wednesday, September 4, 5:15 in the UNM Center for the Arts (Popejoy Hall building)!**

- For this first rehearsal, park and escort your child into the building. See below for parking information.
- Our Johnson Field drop off/pick up service starts next Wednesday, September 11. See below.
- **We will continue to accept new singers until the 3<sup>rd</sup> rehearsal, September 18. Bring a friend with you!**

**Weekly Rehearsal Schedule** - As noted in our registration information, divisions of choirs are subject to change each semester, based on enrollment and staffing changes. Here are this semester's new groupings:

**Farolito Singers (Grades Kindergarten – 2nd)** 5:15-6:15, Conductor, Katie Dukes, Room TBA

**Lobo Singers – (Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5th)** 5:15-6:30, Conductor, Dawn Perez, Room B120

**Encanto Singers (Grades 6th – 12th)** 5:15-6:45, Conductor, Judy Castro, Room TBA

### **Rehearsal, Family Fun Day, and Concert Dates**

**September 4, 11, 19\*, 25**

**October 2, 16, 18, 23, 30**

**October 19 (Saturday) 10:00-4:00 at UNM = Family Fun Day!**

**November 6, 13, 20**

**December 4**

**December 11, 6:30 PM Concert in Keller Hall**

### **NO REHEARSALS ON**

- **October 9 (Fall Break)**
- **November 27 (Thanksgiving)**

**Parent Meeting – Wednesday, September 18** – While our singers are rehearsing, parents will briefly gather with Julia to get information and answer questions. Learn about who we are, the polo shirts, Family Fun Day, Concerts, parking on campus, concerts, repertoire, and other fun stuff. Especially for new families, but ALL are welcome! This is the last day we will accept new enrollments, too.

### **Family Fun Day - Saturday, October 19, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, here at UNM!**

This will be a fun community-building and rehearsal event for ALL our singers! Stay tuned for lots more information coming soon! It will include lunch and families will be invited to join us in the afternoon. Lots more information is coming soon, but for now *get this on your calendar and save the date!*

## Concert Dress and Polo Shirts

For concerts, all singers will wear **UNM Children's Chorus polo shirt with black bottoms (skirts/slacks, socks/tights and shoes)**. These are the polo shirt colors: Farolito Singers = Turquoise, Lobo Singers = Red, Encanto Singers = Black. If your child needs a polo shirt, watch for an order form at the rehearsals. Shirts come in children and adult sizes small-medium-large. They cost \$12.00 and you will pay for them *when they arrive* by check or exact cash. We will let you know when it is time to pay. **DO NOT PAY WHEN YOU ORDER**. Singers will not be allowed to perform without the polo shirt and black bottoms.

## Unlimited Media Release Agreement and Minors on Campus Forms

Everyone must fill out these forms, even if you filled one out last year. Give them to your child's teacher or one of our office assistants. We will email them and also will have copies in the lobby. Every family must complete these forms, as per University of New Mexico policy.

## Parents during rehearsal time

We value the support of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and all adult family members and welcome your presence in the building before, during and after rehearsals. It is our experience that children generally do better in rehearsals when parents aren't observing. Therefore, we welcome parents at their child's *first* rehearsal, but after that rehearsals are closed. Please be sure we have all your Minors on Campus forms with your emergency contact information. Also, thank you for ensuring your singer is on time to rehearsal and knows where they will be picked up at the end of rehearsal. Talk to Julia if you have questions or concerns about this policy and thank you for your cooperation!

## Sign out at the end of rehearsal

All singers must be signed out at the end of rehearsal. Encanto Singers who drive will sign themselves out. If you are picking up your child in the building, *please meet them at their classroom* to sign them out at the end of rehearsal. Please do NOT wait for them to come to you in the lobby.

## Don't bring personal items to rehearsal

Please, no toys, stuffed animals, electronic devices, etc. Coats, hats, water bottles, and such, are okay. As with all things, let us know if there is an accessibility reason something is needed from home.

## Parking and Drop off/Pick Up Service

**Beginning Wednesday, September 11, you have two options** for getting your child to and from rehearsals.

*Whichever option you pick, be sure your child knows where you will pick them up and please be on time. When parents are late it causes all sorts of stress for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation with this.*

### **Option ONE: Park and walk into the building with your child.**

- Stay with your child in the lobby until we head to our rehearsal rooms and sign them out at their classroom at the end of rehearsal.
- Parking is available for a fee on campus at metered spots or in the Cornell Parking Structure. Pay at one of the kiosks. Unless you have a UNM parking permit, do not park in unmetered parking or you will be ticketed. You may also park off campus.
- Remember there are often Wednesday evening shows in Popejoy Hall and many campus activities that might affect parking availability.
- *The UNM Music Prep School is not responsible for parking citations. If you have questions or concerns about parking, contact UNM Parking and Transportation: <http://pats.unm.edu/>*

**Option TWO: Use our drop off/pick up service on the south end of Johnson Field on Redondo Drive**

Please be extra vigilant and patient due to construction in this area. Your child's safety is our #1 concern.

- **Drop Off Time – 4:55-5:05:** Our UNM Music Education interns will be at the field in orange safety vests to escort singers to the building. **DO NOT drop off your child unless you see our student assistants on the field.** If you arrive after 5:05 and there is no one at the field, you will have to park your car and escort your child into the building. Rehearsals begin at promptly 5:15.
- **Pick Up Times – 15-20 minutes after your child's rehearsal ends.** Be on time to pick up your child. It takes about 15-20 minutes to get out to the field after our rehearsal. If we don't hear from you and you have not picked up your child by 7:00 PM, we will take them to the UNM Police station. *Stay with your vehicle or it will be ticketed* while you wait along Redondo Drive. Johnson Field is well used during this time, plus there is lots of construction going on. Be aware of flying objects, such as soccer balls or frisbees! The UNM Music Prep School is not responsible for any parking tickets or damages to your vehicle.

**That's it for now. Please contact the Music Prep School if you need more information or have questions.**

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