



August 31, 2017

Dear Families of the UNM Children's Chorus,

Welcome to fall semester! **Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 6, at 5:15** in the UNM Center for the Arts (Popejoy Hall building).

Regular Rehearsal Schedule

- Farolito Singers (kindergarten & 1st grade) - 5:15-6:15
- Lobo Choir (2nd – 5th grades) - 5:15-6:30
- Mid/High School Chorus (6th – 12th grades) - 5:15-6:45

Haven't registered yet? <http://music.unm.edu/community/music-prep-school/>

Parents: *Learn to Play the Ukulele while you wait for your singer!* Do something for *yourself!* Sign up for Dr. Robin Giebelhausen's Ukulele class on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30. Learning ukulele is the perfect way to spend time while your singer is in rehearsal. You don't need to be able to read music but you do need to be willing to have a great time! Invite a friend to join you and sign up now!

On Wednesday, September 6, we'll all meet in the Popejoy Lobby. Each choir will have a designated gathering spot where you can meet conductors and our UNM student assistants. We will all head to our rehearsal spots so we can start rehearsal at 5:15. Parents are welcome to attend the first rehearsal.

Open House, Wednesday, September 20, 5:15-6:00 PM in Keller Hall (across the lobby from Popejoy Hall)

This will be fun and informative and will help you stay connected with what's going on this semester with the UNM Children's Chorus. This is also the last day we will accept new enrollments for fall semester.

Polo Shirts

For concerts, all singers will wear UNM Children's Choir Polo shirts with black bottoms (skirts/slacks, socks/tights and shoes). If your child is in the same choir and has a polo from last year, and it still fits, you're all set. *Everyone else will need to order a shirt. Watch for an order form at rehearsals.* Choir shirts are \$12.00 and you can pay for them when they arrive. Singers will not be allowed to perform without the choir polo shirt and black skirt/pants.

Unlimited Media Release Agreement – if you are new to our program, please be sure to sign this agreement attached with this email. You have the option to deny or grant permission for us to photograph your child during rehearsals and/or performances.

Parking & Drop off-Pick up Service starts September 13

Beginning Wednesday, September 13, you have two options for getting your child to and from rehearsals:

Option ONE: Park and walk into the building with your child. Parking is available on campus at metered spots or in the Cornell Parking Structure for a \$5.00 flat rate after 3:00 PM. Payment is by credit or debit card *only*. Pay at one of the kiosks in the lot or structure. Unless you have a UNM Parking permit, do not park in unmetered parking, or you will be ticketed. Remember that there are often shows in Popejoy Hall and many campus activities that might affect parking availability. You may also park off campus. The UNM Music Prep School is not responsible for parking on campus. If you have questions or concerns, 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.

Drop off/Pick up service starts on September 13 for all choirs:

- **Drop Off Time - 4:55-5:05:** Our UNM Music Education students will be at the field in orange safety vests to escort singers to the building. DO NOT drop off your child until you see one of our student assistants. If you arrive after 5:05 and there is no one at the field, you will need to park your car and escort your child into the building. Rehearsals begin at promptly 5:15.
- **Pick Up Times - 10-20 minutes after your child's rehearsal ends.** Please be on time to pick up your child. It takes us about 10-20 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 her/him to the UNM Police station. Also, remember to *stay with your vehicle or it will be ticketed* while you wait along Redondo Dr. Johnson Field is well used during this time. 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. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on the September 6! Please call the Music Prep School if you need more information or have questions.

Julia Church Hoffman, Director, UNM Music Prep School / musprep@unm.edu / (505)277-8816

A Letter from Regina Carlow, Artistic Director

Dear UNMCC Families,

On behalf of the UNM Children's Chorus family, I send you my best regards and hope that you and your children have enjoyed good health and good times together this summer. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at **our first rehearsal on September 6th at 5:15 PM** at the UNM Center for the Arts (Popejoy Hall building). Our winter concert theme is centered on the piece for multipart chorus -*Si Si Moja (We Are One)* by Jacob Narverud. Our programming and rehearsals materials will be selected to represent the beautiful and diverse tapestry of in the UNM Children's Chorus.

In the spring of 2018, we will mark the 25th anniversary of the UNM Music Prep School with a series of new compositions for children's choirs written just for us. These pieces will be professionally recorded, compiled in a publication and presented in a free concert for the public on May 9th. More information on this concert and the new compositions are forthcoming, but we hope to see all of you (and friends) next month so we can begin the school year together.

As a reminder, all students are required to purchase and wear the official UNM Children's Chorus polo shirt to concerts. You will receive an order form at rehearsal. Here are the choirs listed by age, polo shirt color, rehearsal time and conductor. If your singer already has the correct shirt (and it still fits!) you don't need to purchase another one.

| <u>Choir</u> | <u>Polo Shirt Color</u> | <u>Grades</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Conductor</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Farolito Singers | Blue | K-1 | 5:15-6:15 | Katie Dukes/Judy Castro 9/6-20 <i>(Many congratulations to Katie & Mike on the birth of their baby, Eleanor Joy!)</i> |
| Lobo Choir | Red | 2-5 | 5:15-6:30 | Penny Voss |
| Senior Choir | Black | 6-12 | 5:15-6:45 | Regina Carlow |

As in the past, we will have music education interns to help out with rehearsals supervision as well as our drop off and pick up service before and after rehearsals. This service will start the 2nd week of rehearsals on August 13.

We'll have an open house on Wednesday September 20th where you'll get to meet the interns and conductors. But until then, **please register now and recruit your friends!** Go to the Music Prep School's webpage, click the "Register Here" tab and find the Children's Chorus link: <http://musicprep.unm.edu>. **New members may join through September 20th.** Please contact the Music Prep School if you have questions about registration or the chorus program: musprep@unm.edu or (505)277-8816.

Regina Carlow, Ph.D., Artistic Director, UNM Children's Chorus