

August 23, 2018

Dear Families of the UNM Children's Chorus,

Welcome to the fall semester at the UNM Children's Chorus (UNMCC). We're so glad you've decided to join us. Our first few rehearsals will be structured to give us time to explore the music and get to know each other's voices. Parents are welcome in rehearsal for the first three weeks, but after that rehearsals are closed to visitors. We will continue to accept new singers until the 3rd rehearsal, September 12, so please feel free to invite your friends to join us!

Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, August 29th at 5:15 in the UNM Center for the Arts (Popejoy Hall building). For this first rehearsal, you will need to pay to park in the Cornell Parking Structure (directly west of the Center for the Arts), in any metered spaces around campus, or off campus. We will meet in the lobby and go into our rehearsal rooms from there.

Haven't registered yet? Sign up and recruit your friends! Everything you need is on our webpage:
<http://music.unm.edu/community/music-prep-school/>

Regular Rehearsal Schedule

- Farolito Chorus (Grades Kindergarten & 1st) 5:15-6:15, Conductor, Katie Dukes
- Lobito Chorus – (Grades 2nd-3rd) 5:15-6:30, Conductor, Julia Church Hoffman
- Lobo Chorus (Grades 4th-6th) 5:15-6:30, Conductor, Penny Voss
- Senior Chorus (Grades 7th-12th) 5:15-6:45, Conductors, Regina Carlow and Judy Castro

All State Choir Auditions for Elementary and Mid School Singers

We are pleased to be able to offer audition help for the New Mexico All State Honor Choirs to be held in Las Cruces on January 24-26. The concert will feature selected singers in performance on Saturday morning January 26. These honor choirs are open to children in grades 4-9. UNMCC teachers will help students learn the audition pieces and record the audition in time for the October 1st deadline.

- **Elementary Singers** - The rehearsals for interested elementary singers (4-6th grade) will be held starting Wednesday, August 29 at 4:30. If your singer is interested in auditioning, report to the Center for the Arts (Popejoy) Lobby and your child will be taken to the rehearsal room.
- **Mid/Junior High Singers** – grades 7-9 will rehearse on the following Saturdays: September 8, 15, and 22. We will record the singers and send in the application.

Parents - learn to play the ukulele while your singer rehearses!

Sign up for Dr. Robin Giebelhausen's ukulele class on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30. Learning ukulele is a fun 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! The ukulele class is eligible for UNM's tuition remission program for UNM employees/retirees through UNM's Continuing Education. This information, registration, and more is available on our webpage.

Open House, Wednesday, September 12th, 5:15-6:00 PM

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.*

Concert Dress and Polo Shirts

For concerts, all singers will wear their UNM Children's Chorus polo shirt 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-\$14.00. You will pay for them when they arrive. Singers will not be allowed to perform without the choir polo shirt and black skirt/pants. Here are the updated polo shirt colors: 1. Farolitos – turquoise, 2. Lobitos – purple, 3. Lobos – red, 4. Seniors – black.

Unlimited Media Release Agreement and Minors on Campus Forms– These forms are attached to this email. Please complete them and bring them to the first rehearsal. We will also have copies in the lobby. Every family must complete these forms, as per University of New Mexico policy. Thank you for your cooperation!

Parking & Drop off-Pick up Service starts September 5th

Beginning Wednesday, September 5, 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 fee. 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 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.

Drop off/pick up service starts on September 5 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 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 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, 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. We are looking forward to seeing everyone August 29! Please contact the Music Prep School if you need more information or have questions.

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