

January 14, 2020

Welcome! We are excited to start singing together this Wednesday, January 29, at 5:15 in the UNM Center for the Arts (Popejoy Hall building). For this first rehearsal, park and escort your child into the building. We will gather in the lobby before heading to our classrooms. See below for parking information. Our Johnson Field drop off/pick up service starts Wednesday, February 5. See below. We will continue to accept new singers until the 3rd rehearsal, February 12. Invite a friend to join you!

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule - As noted in our registration information, divisions of choirs and room assignments are subject to change each semester, based on enrollment and staffing changes. We will notify families if changes occur.

Lobito Singers (K – 2nd) 5:15-6:15, Conductors, Katie Dukes & Cierra Trevino, Room 1108

Lobo Singers – (2nd – 5th) 5:15-6:30, Conductor, Camille Kelly, Room B120

Encanto Singers (6th – 12th) 5:15-6:45, Conductor, Judy Castro, Room B117

Semester Dates:

January 29

February 5, 12, 19, 26,

***February 15 (Saturday) – Instrument Petting Zoo 12-1 pm**

March 4, 11, 25

April 8, 15, 22, 29

May 6, 6:30 PM Concert in UNM's Keller Hall

No Rehearsals:

- **March 18**
- **April 1**

Instrument Petting Zoo - Saturday, February 15, in UNM's Keller Hall 12:00-1:00 PM

Plan to attend our annual Instrument Petting Zoo! This fun, community-building and musical exploration event is for the whole family! Invite your friends and neighbors! Learn about, touch, and play all types of instruments with the guidance and leadership of UNM Music Education students.

Concert Dress and Polo Shirts

UNM Children's Chorus polo shirt with black bottoms (skirts/slacks, socks/tights and shoes).

Singers will not be allowed to perform without the UNM Children's Chorus polo shirt and black bottoms. If your child needs a polo shirt, watch for an order form at the rehearsals. Shirts cost \$14.00. Pay for them *when they arrive* by check or exact cash. **DO NOT PAY WHEN YOU ORDER.**

Unlimited Media Release, Minors on Campus, and Emergency Contact/Medical Release Forms

Please find a copy of our **Unlimited Media Release Agreement, UNM Minors on Campus, and Emergency Contact/Medical Release** forms, found under “Required Forms” on our website. We will also have copies available in the lobby during the first few sessions. Print or pick up these forms, fill them out and give them to your teacher or to one of us in the lobby before or after your first class. You have the option to grant or deny permission to photograph your student during music classes/performances. If you have filled out our media release form in the past year, you do not need to fill one out again, unless you want to change your permission. Every family must complete these forms, as per University of New Mexico policy.

Parents during rehearsal time

We value the support of parents, guardians, and all adult family members and welcome your presence in the Fine Arts building before, during, and after rehearsals. It is our experience that children generally do better in rehearsals when parents aren't observing. We welcome parents and guardians 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. 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 or Sean 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.

Personal items at 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, February 5, 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.*

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. This service begins 2/5. Please be extra vigilant and patient due to construction and traffic 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 promptly at 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 for us 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.

UNM Children's Chorus Cancellation Policy Due to Weather & Other Emergencies

- If we feel it is unsafe for families and teachers to travel due to weather conditions or if UNM cancels classes or closes campus for emergency reasons, we will cancel our classes.
- There will not be make up classes or refunds if we have to cancel.
- If we must cancel, we will put a message on our voice mail (505.277.8816) and will ask local television stations to add us to the cancellation list that is published on television stations, websites and apps.

Please note: We communicate by email throughout the semester. Be sure to add musprep@unm.edu to your contact list, so our emails don't go into your spam folder. Also, much information can be found on our website: <http://musicprep.unm.edu>.

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