

Choral Program Detailed Overview

Treble Choir

Treble Choir is open to all students with soprano and alto voices in the school who enjoy music and wish to become better singers and performers. All ninth-grade students with upper voices who wish to join choir will begin their high school choir experience in this ensemble. Treble choir learns and performs music for the treble voice in a variety of musical styles, from classical to Broadway and pop. Students will learn correct vocal technique, music theory, sight-reading, expressive singing, and how to work together to create a dynamic musical performance. Students are encouraged to take Treble Choir for as many years as they wish.

Advanced Chorale

Advanced Chorale is an ensemble of intermediate to advanced musicians with soprano and alto voices. Students sing and perform quality choral literature of the highest level from a large variety of genres, cultures, and styles. This group performs at numerous school concerts and festivals throughout the year. In addition to their performance schedule, students spend time developing advanced music reading and comprehension skills, as well as refining their vocal technique and their ability to sing expressively. Advanced Chorale attends the fall choir camp and travels on a choir tour.

Concert Choir

Concert Choir is a large performing group for all voice parts. Students sing and perform quality choral literature from a large variety of genres, cultures, and styles. There is an emphasis on building musicianship skills through a program of sight-reading, music theory, ear training, and vocal technique. This group performs choral literature of the highest level at numerous school concerts and festivals. Concert Choir also attends fall choir camp, participates in numerous workshops and invitational, and travels on a choir tour.

Extracurricular Choral Program--Vocal Jazz

Vocal Jazz is a small mixed ensemble for advanced singers. Students will sing a variety of choral literature with an emphasis on jazz music. A high level of sight-reading, music theory, ear training, and vocal technique is expected. This group participates in vocal jazz festivals throughout the northwest and performs at numerous singing gigs in and around the Seattle area. Auditions will be held in the fall. A sound technician and a jazz rhythm section may also be enrolled each year. *(Vocal Jazz is a zero period class, earning full credit, which meets at a designated time outside of the 6-period school day. To be a participant in Vocal Jazz, students must also be enrolled in another music ensemble group during the school day.)*

Extracurricular Choral Program—Women’s Chamber Choir

Women’s Chamber Choir is a select ensemble of the top soprano and alto voices in the choir program. They rehearse after school on Tuesdays and before school on some Fridays. Students perform advanced choral literature for soprano and alto voices, participate in Solo and Ensemble Contest, and participate in various smaller concerts and gigs throughout the area. Auditions occur in the fall.

Extracurricular Choral Program—Men’s Ensemble

Men’s Ensemble is a select ensemble made of the top tenor and bass voices in the choir program. They rehearse after school on Tuesdays and before school some Fridays. Students sing a variety of music including doo-wop, contemporary



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rock, pop, classical, and folk music. Men's Ensemble performs for all school concerts as well as assemblies, gigs throughout the area, and at Solo and Ensemble Contest. Auditions occur in the fall.

Uniforms

Concert Tuxes

Owned and maintained by Ballard Performing Arts and loaned to students for the school year and kept at home.

Tux jacket and pants, bow tie, cummerbund, garment bag, and hanger

All students who will wear a tux will be measured by a professional on a date TBA.

Students must provide:

Black socks, black dress shoes (no tennis shoes), tux shirt, cufflinks, and studs. Tux shirts, cufflinks, and studs are available to purchase from Ted Brown Music, 1006 NE 50th St, 206-622-0171. The tux shirts cost \$19.99.

Concert Dresses

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts and loaned to students for the school year and kept at home.

Concert Choir Dresses: Black skirt and red blouse.

Advanced Chorale Dresses: Black skirt and black blouse with a necklace.

Treble Choir Dress: Long black dresses

Fittings will be on a date TBA.

Students must provide:

Black, low heeled, closed-toe dress shoes, and natural-colored nylons.

Vocal Jazz uniforms

Vocal Jazz students wear knee-length black dresses or black velvet neckties which will be distributed at the first rehearsal. Students choosing the neck-tie option will need to provide their own black dress pants and white button-down shirt.

T-shirt

All choir members will have the same t-shirt, which comes included in the annual fee. This shirt is worn on trips and at informal events where formal attire is not required.

Fees

Music Department Annual fee

\$155 yearly fee paid by all choir students. Fee must be paid by September 25, 2021. Each year we ask that all students pay a Music Department annual fee to help cover the cost of our operating expenses—sheet music, festival fees, transportation, uniforms, t-shirts, instrument repair, and uniform cleaning and maintenance. As many of you know, the Seattle Public School District funds only the teachers' salaries. Running a professional quality music program requires significant support from our community. We are grateful to our Ballard Performing Arts community and deeply appreciate your support. Choir students may participate in band and/or orchestra without paying another fee. Jazz Bands, Fiddle Ensemble, and percussion class include separate fees. See below for scholarship information.

Choir Camp



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Fee and due date TBA. For Concert Choir and Advanced Chorale, Choir Camp is Saturday, **September 25, all day.**

Trip Fees for 2021-2022

At this time, we don't know if we can take overnight trips this year. The trip that was planned is for Concert Choir and Advanced Chorale: New York City with an estimated cost of \$1,800. Any new information we have will be communicated ASAP.

How to Make Payments

Pay online - this is the preferred method. There are no extra fees and you will receive a receipt. You can also review if payment was made by checking over your credit card statements.

To pay the fee, go to [the payment page of the Ballard Performing Arts](#) website.

Pay by check made out to BPA and mailed to:

BHS Performing Arts Booster Club, P.O. Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127.

*The Music faculty, together with the Ballard High School Performing Arts Booster Club (BPABC), is committed to providing a high-quality experience for all students who wish to participate in Performing Arts activities regardless of financial circumstances. Therefore, we offer scholarships to students who may need financial support or assistance. **If you are in need of scholarship assistance, please complete the scholarship request form on the [BPA website](#).***

Choir Events

Ballard Performing Arts Boosters Meeting:
September 14 at 7:00 pm in the Library and Zoom

Choir Camp: **Saturday, September 25th, early morning to late evening.** Please save the date, details will be sent out soon.

Fall Choir Concert: **Thursday evening, October 28**

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