



The Choir Family News

The Choirs of Grace Church in New York

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***P. Allen Greetings -**

What an amazing week. I'm still sitting high from the beautiful singing and growth of the choristers over the last week and through the entire Festival. Congratulations and thank you again everyone.

Tuesday night we had a very productive initial zoom meeting of trip families to begin putting all the details together for the summer tour to Berlin - Krakow. Please reach out and thank our planning committee for all the work they have already done on to support us all. They are amazing. Mary Cannon, Veronica Maginnis, Tünde Csonka, Marlaine Olinick, and Karen Gorman.

One parent brought up "Brand New Day" from the Broadway Show "The Wiz." A wonderful show and one of my favorite pieces. I've had it in my head ever since the meeting.

During the meeting we were talking repertoire for the tour and a light went off.....

A Choir Motto as we prepare for the tour, as life changes and we live into and out the other side of pandemic life....."Brand New Day"
Brand New Day is the title of a wonderful Freedom song in the show "The Wiz."
We have a beautiful arrangement of it for the chorister's voices that combines it with "Over the Rainbow."

In a very joyful way it connects as a spiritual to the biblical text "I am making all things new," a resurrection theme. Spring and Easter are coming.

I've attached an audio file of it from the Live TV broadcast of The Wiz.
Please play it for your choristers, it will be helpful in our learning process for them to listen to it often.

Have a beautiful weekend. every day is new, let your light shine and heal the world.

Love, p.

***THIS WEEKEND:**

Sunday 13 February, The Choir of Men and Boys sings at 11:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Call

Seniors Required

Novices/Juniors Optional

Lunch after church for Boys.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Senior Boy and Girls Choristers with HS Singers in the Church.

NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday:

7:00 a.m. Enter at Chantry Broadway Gate.

7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Senior Boy Rehearsal

At GCS Dismissal, After School Vocal Coaching by sign up genius(see below) until 4:30 p.m.

4:45 - 5:00 p.m. Junior Chorister Snack time in the Honor Room.

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Junior Chorister Rehearsal (Boys and Girls 4 - 5th grades) with Senior Mentors. (Enter and Exit, GCS Gate to Huntington Close and Broadway Chantry Gate) (No Evensong)

Wednesday:

7:00 a.m. Enter at Chantry Broadway Gate.

7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Senior Girls Rehearsal

At GCS Dismissal, Novice Chorister Rehearsal in the Chantry to 4:00 p.m.

(Girls, 2nd and 3rd grades) with Senior Mentors

Pick up in Huntington Close/Honor Room, enter at the Chantry Broadway Gate.

Thursday:

7:00 a.m. Enter at Chantry Broadway Gate.

7:20 - 8:10 a.m. Junior and Senior Boys Rehearsal

It is so important for the Junior Choristers to have this rehearsal time together with the Senior Choristers, please make an effort, all Junior Boys need to attend.

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No afterschool vocal coaching today, it's a Holiday Weekend.

COMING UP:

Sunday 20 February, The Adult Choir singing at 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday 27 February, The Girls' Choir with HS Singers and Adults sings at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch after church for Girls.
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Senior Boy and Girls Choristers in the Church.**

***All things Covid....**

We follow the guidelines and protocols established by Grace Church School.

*** Everyone over the age of 12 must be vaccinated a minimum of two weeks prior to first rehearsal.**

***Anyone ineligible for the vaccine or under 12 must have had a negative covid test not more than 72 hours prior to first rehearsal. If your child is a Grace Church School student, their school test submission is sufficient. If your child attends another school, please [submit](#) negative test results [here](#).**

[Update from NY State via B. Reilly 28 August 2021](#)

[Covid Update from GCS, George Davison 24 August 2021](#)

***Masks will be worn at all times indoors.**

***When singing a six foot distance will be maintained between singers.**

Most Recent Update: 7 January based on the communication issued today by GCS.

Return from Positive Test Quarantine

Fully vaccinated people who test positive for Covid-19 must quarantine and isolate. They may return to in-person after **five days** from the date of their positive test (day zero) if they are symptom free, have had no fever for 24 hours and are feeling well.

Counting days begins from the date of the positive test, which is day zero. On the sixth day, students may return if they are symptom free, have had no fever for 24 hours and are feeling well.

Return from Household Quarantine

If a fully vaccinated person lives with someone who tests positive for Covid-19, they can return after five days if they are symptom free AND present a negative test taken after the fifth day.

Exposure

Fully vaccinated choristers who are vaccinated and boosted who are exposed to Covid-19 by a contact from outside of their household do not have to quarantine. They must monitor their symptoms closely and get tested on the fifth day from exposure.

Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated people who are exposed as a close contact (indoors, unmasked for 15 or more minutes in a 24-hour period), must quarantine for 5 days.

Masking

Masks will continue to be required at all times. All members of the community should wear properly fitting KN95, N95, or surgical masks moving forward. The data suggest that these masks provide much more protection than cloth masks especially against the more contagious Omicron variant. These masks are readily available at drug stores and from online retailers.

***RECRUITING IS NEVER OVER!**

The Concert this Sunday at 4:00 is a great recruiting tool.

Invite friends and family to come hear your chorister(s) sing!

The Choristers sing better with an audience where family is the minority and they also love to sing for their families.

Your job is audience development. Bring in fresh and joyful new faces and spirits to grow the music.

CHOIR ESSENTIALS

Spring 2022 and Choir Tour Motto - Brand New Day!

The Choir Word for 2021-2022 - BEAUTY!

The Choir Words for 2020-2021 - SAFETY and FLEXIBILITY!

The Choir Word for 2019-2020 - TEAMWORK!

The L's of Choir:

Look - Listen - Learn - Lead!

The C's of Choir

**Courtesy - Confidence - Communication - Care - Commitment - Clarity
- Concentration. All of these build and care for our Choir Community.**

Here is where you find all the Choir Schedules just click!

[Goggle Cal Link to all Choir Schedules](#)

[Choir Handbook](#)

***IMPORTANT LINKS:**

[The Goggle Choir Schedule Calendar Link](#)

[Sign Up Genius for Choir Parent Volunteer Sign Link](#)

[Sign Up Genius for After School Vocal Coaching](#)

[Sign Up Genius Tuesday Night Parent Helpers](#)

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