



A Closer Look at Our Choral Program

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.

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 are held each spring for the following school year. 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.



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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 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

Men’s Concert uniforms

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 men will be measured by a professional on either Monday Sept 9th or Tuesday Sept 10 from 3:00-5:00. This is mandatory for all men.

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.

Women’s Concert uniforms

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

Concert Choir Women: Black skirt and red blouse.

Advanced Chorale Women: Black skirt and black blouse with necklace.

Treble Choir Women: Black dresses with white accents.

All returning women will try on their concert clothes on August 29th from 8:30am-12:00pm and new students from 12:00pm-3:00pm. If you cannot make August 29th, please come August 30th from 8:00am-12:00pm. Or contact your Choir Family Rep, Felicia Johnson at BPABchoirrep@gmail.com.

Students must provide:

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

Vocal Jazz uniforms

Each year the vocal jazz students decide on the women’s and men’s attire for that year, which they will order, purchase and own. Price varies from year to year.

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 15th, 2019. 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



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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.

Choir Camp

\$180 fee paid by Concert Choir and Advanced Chorale. Fee must be paid by July 1, 2019.

Camp will be held at Camp Burton on Vashon Island, September 13-15, 2019.

Trip Fees for 2019-2020

Concert Choir and Advanced Chorale: New York City, estimate cost of \$1,800

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.

For payment link, go to www.ballardperformingarts.org and then under the BPA Families tab.

Pay by check made out to BPA and dropped off in the band room mailbox or postal mail 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 download the form on the BPA website, the BPA Families tab then Forms & Payments and return it to your students' teacher or to the P.O. Box listed above.

Choir Events

Women's Uniform Fitting: August 29th – 8:30-12:00 for returning students, 12:00-3:00 for new students at BHS

Men's Uniform Fitting: Sept. 9th and Sept. 10th after school at BHS

**Ballard Performing Arts Boosters Meeting:
September 10 at 7:00pm BHS Library**

**Choir Camp for Concert Choir and Advanced Chorale:
September 13-15**

Contacts

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Ballard Performing Arts Checklist

You may pay any fees online at www.ballardperformingartsboosters.org
or by check made out to: BPA, PO Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127

All BPA Students: please circle group

Band	Choir	Orchestra
<u> </u> Camp Fee		Band \$190
due July 1		Orch/Choir \$180

<u> </u> Annual Program Fee		\$155
due Sept 15		

Program Specific Fees:

<u> </u> Jazz I & II Fee		Jazz II \$100
Due Sept 15		Jazz I \$200

<u> </u> Percussion Class Fee		\$50
Due Sept 15		

<u> </u> Fiddle Ensemble Fee		\$200
Due Sept 15		

If you need financial assistance, please complete and return the scholarship form found on the website.

Interested in chaperoning at camp?

Name _____ Email _____

Or send a message to: ballardperformingarts@gmail.com