



# Introduction to the Choir

## Information for Families

### **The Choir**

The North Star Boys' Choir consists of four groups: two training choirs, the international touring choir, and a choir for older boys. All boys learn proper singing techniques, as well as good manners and respect for each other. Any boy can learn to sing; no experience required.

### **Music Magic**

Our youngest training choir, for beginning singers. Open to all boys 5-7 years old.

### **Cadet Choir**

The intermediate training choir. Typical age of boys is 8+ years old. They learn to sing in parts and in other languages, and they perform increasingly challenging music throughout the year.

### **Viking Choir**

The international touring choir. Typical age of boys is 9-14 years old. Boys are invited to join the Viking Choir, usually after singing in the Cadet Choir for a time. They learn to sing complex harmonies and rhythms, in multiple languages, using advanced techniques, based on the Viennese style of singing.

### **Kantorei**

For older boys who have "graduated" from the younger choirs. These boys provide the tenor and bass parts in certain songs and perform their own multi-part songs. They often serve as junior prefects to help guide the younger boys.

### **Rehearsals and Voice Lessons**

**Music Magic:** every Tuesday from 4:45 to 5:25 pm.

**Cadet Choir:** every Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 to 6:45 pm. Boys in the Cadet Choir also have a half-hour voice lesson each month.

**Viking Choir:** every Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Thursday 6:30 to 8:00 pm (optional), Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, Saturday 1:00 to 2:00 pm (required for new Viking Choir boys, optional)

for experienced boys), and Sunday 5:30 to 7:00 pm (optional, at Francis's house with pies!). Boys in the Viking Choir also have a half-hour voice lesson each month.

**Kantorei:** every Tuesday 8:00 to 9:00 pm.

All rehearsals are at Christ's Community Moravian Church in Maple Grove (13250 93rd Ave N). Voice lessons are at the church on Tuesdays, and at Francis's home in Elk River by appointment. (1797 Tipton Circle, Suite 112).

If your boy will miss rehearsal for any reason, he must call Francis in advance to let him know.

## **Concerts, Tours, and Camps**

### **Music Magic**

- **December:** all-choirs Christmas concert
- **May:** all-choirs spring concert
- **August:** day camp (optional)

### **Cadet Choir**

- **December:** all-choirs Christmas concert
- **May:** all-choirs spring concert
- **August:** resident camp at Timber Bay Camp (with Viking Choir)
- **August:** day camp (optional)

### **Viking Choir**

- **December/January:** all-choirs Christmas concert; regional concerts and church services during Christmas/Epiphany season (may include weekend overnights)
- **March/April:** church services during Easter season
- **May:** all-choirs spring concert
- **June:** national tour (international every third year)
- **August:** resident camp at Timber Bay Camp (with Cadet Choir)

### **Kantorei**

- **December:** all-choirs Christmas concert
- **May:** all-choirs spring concert
- **June:** national tour with Viking Choir (international every third year)
- **August:** resident camp at Timber Bay Camp (optional, as junior counselors)
- **August:** day camp (optional, as junior counselors)

## Uniforms

Families are responsible for outfitting their boys with the following uniform items. The NSBC items can be ordered through the choir by filling out the clothing order form on the parent page of the choir website.

### Music Magic and Cadet Choir

- Khaki pants, flat front (not pleated), no cuffs
- Black dress shoes
- Black dress socks
- Black dress belt
- **NSBC polo shirt with embroidered logo (purchased through the choir)**

### Viking Choir

- White dress shirt, long-sleeved, no-button collar
- White v-neck undershirt
- Black pants, flat front (not pleated), no cuffs
- Black dress shoes
- Black dress socks
- Black dress belt
- Khaki pants, flat front (not pleated), no cuffs
- Khaki shorts
- White sneakers
- White socks
- **Two (2) NSBC polo shirts with embroidered logo (purchased through the choir)**
- **NSBC sweatshirt (purchased through the choir)**
- **NSBC red jacket with embroidered logo (purchased through the choir)**
- **NSBC red knit hat with embroidered logo (purchased through the choir)**
- **NSBC gray concert uniform and barbershop vest (supplied by the choir)**
- **NSBC baseball cap with embroidered logo (supplied by the choir for tour)**

### Kantorei

- White dress shirt, long-sleeved, button-down
- Black pants, flat front (not pleated), no cuffs
- Black dress shoes
- Black dress socks
- Black dress belt
- Khaki pants, flat front (not pleated), no cuffs
- Khaki shorts
- White sneakers
- White socks
- **NSBC polo shirt with embroidered logo (purchased through the choir)**
- **NSBC tie with embroidered logo (supplied by the choir)**

## Costs

Monthly tuition pays for rehearsals, voice lessons, rent, and tour-bus transportation to select events. Part of the fee also covers the cost of sheet music, folders, concert uniforms, administration, and insurance. We email invoices monthly for online payment.

- Music Magic tuition \$60/mo. Sep to May (\$540 total)
- Cadet Choir tuition \$90/mo. Sep to May (\$810 total)
- Viking Choir tuition \$130/mo. Sep to Jun (\$1,300 total)
- Kantorei tuition \$70/mo. Sep to Jun (\$630 total)
- Summer tour (Viking, Kantorei) est. \$1,800 national / \$3,800 international (monthly payments start in the fall)
- Resident camp (Cadet, Viking) \$380 (\$150 for junior counselors)
- Day camp (optional) \$90 (no cost for junior counselors)
- NSBC polo shirt (all boys) \$28
- NSBC sweatshirt (Viking) \$38
- NSBC jacket (Viking) \$68
- NSBC knit hat (Viking) \$10
- NSBC scarf (Viking) \$20
- NSBC baseball cap (Viking, Kantorei) no cost; provided for tour
- NSBC concert uniform (Viking) \$100 deposit; uniforms stay with the choir
- NSBC tie (Kantorei) no cost; ties stay with the choir

We have [tuition and tour discounts](#) for families, full-year pre-payment, and recruiting. We want to make the North Star Boys' Choir experience available to every boy. If cost is an obstacle to your son's participation, contact a staff member and we'll work something out.

## NSBC Staff

**Francis Stockwell**  
Artistic Director

**Craig Anderson**  
Conductor Emeritus/Retired

**Paul Bell**  
Executive Director

**Open Position**  
Program Director

**Vicky Duran**  
Administrative Assistant

## Parent Volunteers

Many hands make light work. We invite you to share your skills and talents to help make the organization run smoothly. Contact a staff member if you'd like to help.

Thank you for being a part of the North Star Boys' Choir!