



**CANTUS YOUTH CHOIRS**

# **FIELD GUIDE**

2017-2018  
EDITION



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*“Cantus fosters not just musical excellence  
but also self-discipline, kindness towards others and  
accountability.”*

- Cantus Parent



# CONTACT INFORMATION

*To ensure prompt response, please direct inquiries through the appropriate channels. If unsure, please contact Marissa Pineda. Answers to many questions can be found online at [cantusyouthchoirs.com](http://cantusyouthchoirs.com).*

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# SINGER CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Read Cantus Handbook</b><br>cantusyouthchoirs.com/members            | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Use directory to arrange carpools</b><br>cantusyouthchoirs.com/members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sync calendar to your device</b><br>cantusyouthchoirs.com/calendar   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Like the Cantus Facebook page</b><br>facebook.com/cantusyouthchoirs    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Submit any scheduling conflicts</b><br>cantusyouthchoirs.com/members | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Note tour registration deadlines</b><br>cantusyouthchoirs.com/calendar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Log in to Charms</b><br>cantusyouthchoirs.com/members                | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Buy concert tickets early</b><br>cantusyouthchoirs.com/store           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Get your concert outfit</b><br>cantusyouthchoirs.com/members         | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Access practice recordings</b><br>cantusyouthchoirs.com/members        |

# EXPECTATIONS

## For Singers

1. Always bring your music, a pencil and water bottle to rehearsals. No gum. Cell phones/mp3 players turned off.
2. Be no earlier than 15 minutes and ready to sing when the rehearsal begins.
3. Be quiet and respectful in the lobby. Do not roam about the building or outside the building at any time.
4. Wear clothing that is modest and appropriate, following typical school district dress code guidelines.
5. Don't run, yell, or be disrespectful to adults, colleagues or Cantus equipment.

## For Parents

1. Please be prompt for drop off and pick up.
2. Parents and community members are only welcome to observe rehearsals by invitation of the Choir Director.
3. Because directors must prepare for rehearsal, they are unavailable to talk to parents before/during/after rehearsal on Tuesdays. For Tuesday emergencies, please contact the Cantus Secretary at 208-954-6254.
4. Please give us the benefit of the doubt and encourage your singer to do so also.
5. Please do not say anything negative about other Cantus singers or ensembles.



# STAYING INFORMED

*Cantus Youth Choirs is paperless. Cantus uses the following methods to communicate with youth and families:*

## Email

All information is disseminated through email. When you registered for Cantus, youth and parent email addresses were added to our mailing list. We email almost weekly, so if you are not getting emails, you need to go to [cantusyouthchoirs.com/help](http://cantusyouthchoirs.com/help) for troubleshooting tips. All emails are posted to our facebook page ([facebook.com/cantusyouthchoirs](http://facebook.com/cantusyouthchoirs)) and our website at [cantusyouthchoirs.com/email-archives](http://cantusyouthchoirs.com/email-archives). Due to its spam filters, AOL email accounts are unable to receive Cantus mass emails.

## Calendar

All events are posted to the Cantus Calendar. A printed copy of the calendar is included in this Ultimate Survival Guide, BUT any printed version of the calendar is subject to change. The Cantus Calendar can be synced to your device. Please go to [cantusyouthchoirs.com/calendar](http://cantusyouthchoirs.com/calendar) to view the calendar and syncing instructions.

## Website and MEMBERS Page

All concerts and ticketed events are posted to our website. News, informative articles, FAQs, troubleshooting videos, handbook, director bios, rehearsal times, ensemble descriptions, registration forms, and more are posted to our site. All member information and resources are found at [cantusyouthchoirs.com/members](http://cantusyouthchoirs.com/members):



Charms



Calendar



Practice Files



Submit Audition



Email Archives



Directory



Concert Apparel



Absence Request



Photos



Handbook



VoiceOver App



Bella Visi App



Fortis App



# TUESDAY REHEARSALS

*Rehearsals are held every “Cantuesday” at Tree City Church on Eagle Road in Boise. Any exceptions are on the Calendar.*

5:00				
5:15				
5:30	<b>Chorale</b> (Melody Paskett) Grades 3-5 5:30 to 6:45			
5:45				
6:00		<b>Presto*</b> (Krista Carroll and Erika McCauley) Grades 7-9 6:00 to 7:00	<b>VoiceOver Sectionals*†</b> Grades 10-12 6:00 to 7:00	<b>Fortis*</b> (Keith McCauley) Grades 10-12 6:00 to 7:00
6:15				
6:30				
6:45				
7:00	<b>Concert Choir</b> (Brandi Cook) Grades 6-7 7:00 to 8:15	<b>Virtuoso Singers</b> (Melody Paskett and Krista Carroll) Grades 8-9 7:00 to 8:15	<b>Concordia</b> (Erika McCauley and Keith McCauley) Grades 10-12 7:00 to 8:15	
7:15				
7:30				
7:45				
8:00	<b>Bella Visi*</b> (Brandi Cook) Grades 10-12 8:15 to 9:15		<b>VoiceOver*</b> (Keith McCauley and Annie Roberts) Grades 10-12 8:15 to 9:15	
8:15				
8:30				
8:45				
9:00				
9:15				

\* Optional audition-only contemporary ensemble.

† VoiceOver sectionals are held in October-November and February-March. Please see Cantus Calendar for exact dates.



# ATTENDANCE

*All Cantus events are mandatory unless indicated otherwise on the Cantus Calendar ([cantusyouthchoirs.com/calendar](http://cantusyouthchoirs.com/calendar)). If you cannot attend a mandatory event, you must make prior arrangements with the Cantus Secretary (see page 3). Cantus hosts a number of event types:*

## **Weekly "Cantuesday" Rehearsals**

Weekly rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings. You may miss 3 rehearsals per semester for reasons other than illness. You do not need to excuse these 3 absences, but budget wisely. If you are ill, *please do not come to rehearsal*. Illnesses should be reported as soon as possible so they do not count against the 3 absence allotment. Use [cantusyouthchoirs.com/members](http://cantusyouthchoirs.com/members) to communicate all absence requests.

## **Retreats and Parties**

Cantus hosts occasional retreats and parties (some required, some optional). The purpose of these events is to work on music, improve relationships, increase trust with peers and directors, and build a community where youth can develop risk-taking skills, leadership and confidence.

## **Tech Rehearsals**

Tech rehearsals are intense, fast-paced rehearsals that focus on logistics, body placement, stage cues, and microphone/sound balance. It is critical that every singer is in attendance. Singers who miss tech rehearsal are not allowed to perform in the concert. A singer may be excused only under the most extreme circumstances.

## **Performances**

Attendance at performances is required. With very few exceptions does Cantus have any concerts, performances or "gigs" that are not announced at the beginning of the season.

## **Tours**

Singers are encouraged to come on tour, but tour is optional. However, tour is non-refundable; once committed, you must pay in full, or sell your spot to another singer.



# FALL CALENDAR\*

ENSEMBLE		DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
ALL	8/31	Thu	11:59 pm	Referral Bonus Deadline	
ALL	9/5	Tue	6:30 pm	Optional meet and greet with directors	Tree City Church, 3852 N Eagle Rd 83713
ALL	9/5	Tue	7-7:45 pm	New Parent Orientation Meeting	Tree City Church
ALL, opt	9/5	Tue	8:00 pm	Tour Meeting	Tree City Church
ALL	9/12	Tue	varies	Rehearsal 1	Tree City Church
VS	9/12	Tue	8:15-8:45	Virtuoso Singers welcome party (directly after rehearsal)	Tree City Church
VO	9/16	Sat	4-11:00 pm	VoiceOver Retreat	McCauley Home, 593 W Watersford Dr, 83616
ALL	9/19	Tue	varies	Rehearsal 2	Tree City Church
FO	9/22	Fri	7-11:30pm	Fortis Man Cave Party	McCauley Home, 593 W Watersford Dr, 83616
ALL	9/26	Tue		Rehearsal 3; Bring a Friend Night and in-rehearsal welcome parties for CH/CC (during last part of rehearsal)	Tree City Church
ALL, opt	9/26	Tue	DUE DATE	Mini-tour registration due	as per email instructions
ALL	10/3	Tue	varies	Rehearsal 4	Tree City Church
ALL	10/3	Tue	DUE DATE	Used outfits due	TBA, watch emails
Concordia mini-tour	10/3	Tue	8:15-8:45	Concordia mini-tour training meeting	TBA, watch emails
ALL	10/4	Wed	5-7:00 pm	Outfit Resale Event	TBA, watch emails
ALL	10/10	Tue	varies	Rehearsal 5	Tree City Church
ALL, opt	10/10	Tue	8:15 pm	Pre-Mini-Tour Meeting	Tree City Church
Concordia	10/10	Tue	in rehearsal	Concordia Testing	Tree City Church
ALL	10/11	Wed	DUE DATE	Online outfit orders due	as per email instructions
ALL	10/17	Tue	varies	Rehearsal for FO, BV, and VO ONLY--all other groups canceled	-
ALL, opt	10/19	Thu	evening, TBA	Local mini-tour: meet at Tree City	Tree City Church
ALL, opt	10/20	Fri	evening, TBA	Local mini-tour	TBD
ALL, opt	10/21	Sat	all day, TBA	Local mini-tour	TBD
ALL	10/24	Tue	varies	Rehearsal 6	Tree City Church



PR, BV, FO, VO	10/24	Tue	DUE DATE	Contemporary Ensemble Solo Auditions Due	as per email instructions
tour families	10/30	Mon	DUE DATE	Oregon Tour 2018 Deposit Due	as per email instructions
tour families	10/30	Mon	DUE DATE	Oregon Tour 2018 Chaperone Applications Due	as per email instructions
ALL	10/31	Tue	-	No Rehearsal: Happy Halloween!	-
Bella Visi	11/3	Fri	varies	Bella Visi Retreat	TBD
ALL	11/7	Tue	varies	Rehearsal 7	Tree City Church
ALL	11/7	Tue	DUE DATE	Traditional Ensemble & Transition Solo Auditions Due	as per email instructions
ALL	11/14	Tue	varies	Rehearsal 8	Tree City Church
ALL, opt	11/14	Tue	evening, TBA	Outfit alterations for small fee available (watch email for details)	Tree City Church
CH	11/14	Tue	6:15-6:45 pm	Informance for Parents (last 30 min of rehearsal)	Tree City Church
ALL	11/21	Tue	-	No Rehearsal: Thanksgiving Break	-
ALL	11/28	Tue	varies	Rehearsal 9; Bring a Friend Night	Tree City Church
ALL	12/5	Tue	varies	Rehearsal 10	Tree City Church
VO	12/5	Tue	7-8:00 pm	VO gig: St Luke's Evening of Memories at Riverside Hotel	2900 W Chinden Blvd, 83714
tour families	12/6	Wed	DUE DATE	Tour First Payment Due	as per email instructions
tour families	12/6	Wed	DUE DATE	Tour Chaperone First Payment Due	as per email instructions
VO	12/9		6-10:00 pm	VO recording session at Tonic Room	1509 S Robert St, Boise, 83705
ALL	12/12	Tue	varies	Rehearsal 11	Tree City Church
ALL	12/15	Fri	5-9:30 pm	TECH REHEARSAL CC, CH, VS, CON	NNU Brandt Center
BV, FO, VO	12/15	Fri	9:30-10:30 pm	TECH REHEARSAL FO, BV, VO	NNU Brandt Center
ALL	12/16	Sat	5-7:00 pm	DRESS REHEARSAL	NNU Brandt Center
ALL	12/16	Sat	7:00 pm	WINTER CONCERT	NNU Brandt Center
	12/19		-	Cantus closed for holidays until 1/9/18	

***PLEASE NOTE: The Winter Semester Calendar (January to May 2018) will be available at [cantusyouthchoirs.com/calendar](http://cantusyouthchoirs.com/calendar) once it is finalized.***

KEY: Concordia (CON); Virtuoso Singers (VS); Concert Choir (CC), Chorale (CH), VoiceOver (VO), Bella Visi (BV), Fortis (FO), Presto (PR)

*\* All dates are accurate as of 9/1/2017. Dates and times are subject to change. Families will be notified via email.*



# KEY ADDRESSES

*Most activities are held at the following locations. Please check the online Calendar to confirm locations of events.*

## **Tree City Church**

*Rehearsal venue*

3852 N Eagle Road  
Boise, ID 83713

## **McCauley Home**

*Retreats and parties venue*

593 W Watersford Drive  
Eagle, ID 83616

## **Brandt Center**

*Winter Concert venue*

707 Fern Street  
Nampa, ID 83686

## **The Tonic Room**

*Recording studio*

1509 S Robert Street  
Boise, ID 83705

## **The Shores Clubhouse**

*Retreats and parties venue*

1899 S Channel Way  
Eagle, ID 83616

# CHARMS

*To log in to Charms, our online accounts management system, please perform the following steps:*

1. Go to [cantusyouthchoirs.com/members](http://cantusyouthchoirs.com/members)
2. Click or tap on the “Charms” icon
3. If it asks for school, enter “cantusyouthchoirs”
4. Enter your password into the “Student Area Password” field. The password default is your student ID. Your student ID is your student’s first and last name followed by the numeral 8, for example: janedoe8. If you have forgotten your password, go to [cantusyouthchoirs.com/help](http://cantusyouthchoirs.com/help) to reset your password.



# CONCERT OUTFITS

*Every singer in Cantus needs to purchase an outfit. Part of the outfit will need to be purchased from Cantus at [cantusyouthchoirs.com/members](http://cantusyouthchoirs.com/members).*

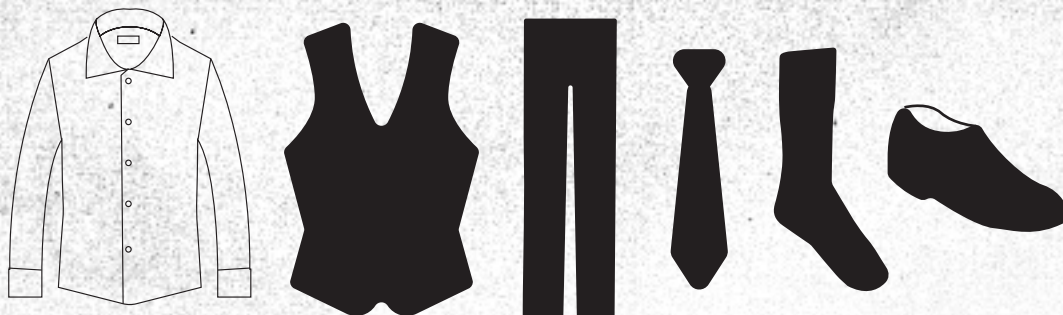
## Ladies

Ladies will need to purchase a black gown and a set of crystal earrings and necklace from Cantus. This is about \$85. Once received, the dresses need to be tried on immediately to make sure they fit. Dresses will also need to be hemmed at floor length. Ladies will be responsible for providing their own black nylons or tights (no footless), solid-black-closed-toe-closed-back-one-inch-heel-or-less-no-sparkles-or-buckles shoe. All hair will need to be pinned back from the face.




## Gentlemen

Gentlemen will purchase a black vest and tie from Cantus, about \$45. The need to make sure their vest fits snugly around the chest and waste. Gentlemen will need to provide their own white-collared-long-sleeved dress shirt, black dress slacks (no jeans, Dockers, corduroy, casual or athletic pants), black socks (no patterns or additional colors), and black dress shoes (no tennis shoes or shoes with other colors).








*“Cantus has done a good job of creating a **safe place** for its singers and used uplifting music to **inspire the kids to love singing.**”*

*“You love our kids and we as parents love that!”*

*“I love that going to Cantus practices and performances are **a positive environment** for my children!”*



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