

Cape Ann Choir School

at St. John's Church



*An opportunity for quality music education
for children 6 & up.*

*Developing heart, head and voice
in building lifetime skills.*

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The Choir School offers children:

- a chance to sing the great wealth of music from Byrd, Bach, Britten and Bob Marley.
- learn about musical styles and theory through a graded program of the Royal School of Church Music in America (RSCM-A).
- the chance to build confidence and poise through performance.
- to cooperate and collaborate with their peers as well as within a supportive adult community.

Students at the Choir School:

- Are old enough to read and continue throughout their local educational experience.
- Need no previous experience. A placement audition is required.
- DO NOT have to be Episcopalian nor parishioners of St. John's Church.

What are the goals of the program?

- A quality music education which improves self esteem, raises skill levels in academic and social situations, and instills discipline.
- Offer kids a chance to sing challenging and rewarding music in English, Latin, Spanish, French, German and African dialects.
- An opportunity to play African style drums and rhythm instruments, piano, guitar and handbells.

What is the Commitment?

- Rehearsals are Thursdays from 4:30-6 pm beginning September 15, 2011.
- First Thursday of the month the choir will sing EVENSONG at 6 pm for the public (beginning October 6, 2011).
- Once a month there is a choir dinner after the rehearsal to which the families are invited to participate.
- Twice a month the choir will sing for the Sunday service at St. John's Church as well as for special Christmas and Easter events.
- Once a month the choir will sing in the community (nursing homes, civic events, etc.).
- Tuition is \$100 per semester. Partial and full scholarships are available!

Commitment—St. John's Church and participating families share in a commitment to excellence in order for our choristers to achieve the highest standards possible. Singers and their families must commit to on-time attendance at rehearsals, services and concerts, and communicating limited but necessary absences in a timely fashion to the director. The Choir School program has many built-in incentives and rewards, however, parental support and encouragement is very important.

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