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# **WVS PREMIER IGNITE YOUR PASSION PROGRAM Junior Honour Choir**

2021-2022 Open House Information

# Acknowledgement



We would like to acknowledge and thank the Squamish Nation upon whose traditional territory West Vancouver Schools reside.

We would like to express our gratitude to this Nation as we value the opportunity to learn and share educational experiences on this traditional territory.

# Welcome & Introductions





# Suzanne Fulton

WVS Premier Honour Choir Program Director  
and Course Instructor  
WVSS Choir Teacher



- Bachelor of Music, Opera Performance (UBC)
- Bachelor of Education (UBC)
- Masters in Music Education (UBC)
- Member of the BC Choral Mentorship project
- Has experience teaching music at the elementary and high school levels in West Vancouver Schools (since 2003)
- Has run choral clinics and adjudicated festivals around the lower mainland
- Has taught private voice lessons to all ages
- Runs the choral program at WVSS (3 choirs)
- Studies conducting regularly at workshops with various conducting mentors (Richard Nace and Geoffrey Boers from WA and Graeme Langager from UBC)

# Hey Jung Choi

Pianist for the WVS Premier Honour Choir Program



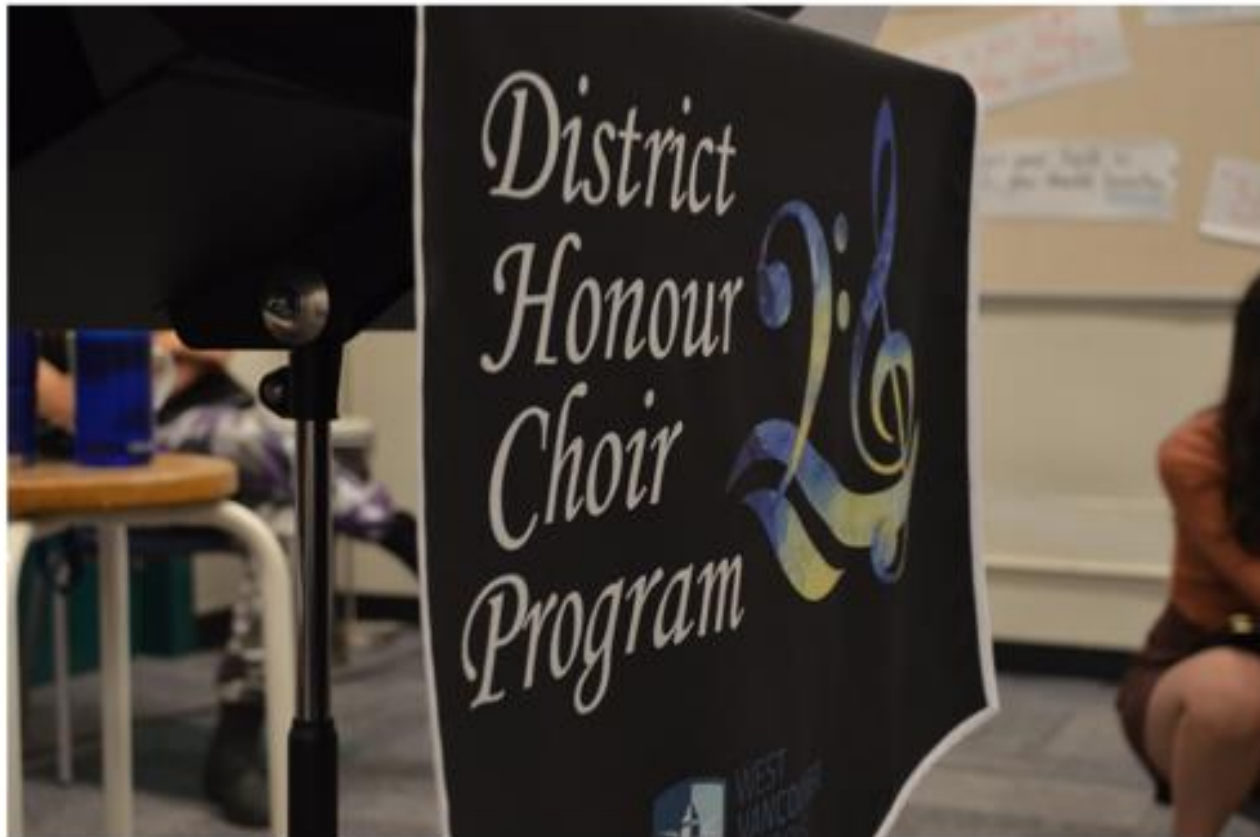
- Bachelor of Music, Kyung Hee University of Seoul, South Korea
- Masters of Music, Piano Performance, San Francisco Conservatory of Music
- Performed as a concert pianist in Japan, Korea, Europe, the USA, and Canada
- Pianist for the Hollyburn Elementary Choir
- Pianist and Director of the Silk Purse Singers in West Vancouver

## What lead me to create WVS Premier Honour Choir Program?



Picture taken at the  
first ever  
WVS Premier Honour  
Choir Program Holiday  
Concert  
in  
December, 2013

## How has the program expanded? Why add a Junior Honour Choir?





## General Concept for Premier Programs like 'Ignite Your Passion: Junior Honour Choir'

- For Grades 6 & 7 students
- Developed and taught by WVS teachers
- Choice, fee-paying programs
- Designed to offer unique programs for students
- Students must be registered full time in any one of WVS elementary schools to be eligible
- Program environments are positive, challenging and fun for all students!
- Extension of learning in specialized areas, such as choir





# The Program: Junior Honour Choir



## Specific Areas of Study:

Vocal Technique

Ear Training

Rhythm Reading and Performance

General Ensemble and Presentation Skills

Context of Repertoire (Historical)

Communication Skills and Musical Nuance

Lyric Diction



# The Rationale

## **Students will:**

- Develop musical excellence
- Exhibit a high level of dedication and effort
- Sing and perform regularly in the district and community
- Develop a sense of community and pride in their work
- Be encouraged to participate in the art of choral music for life



# The Schedule & Location

Junior Honour Choir Meeting Time:  
Monday afternoons from  
3:45-5:15pm

Location:  
WVSS School, South Campus  
(Room 64, Cafeteria building)



Our main Honour Choir concerts (2 per year) take place at the beautiful Kay Meek Theatre in West Vancouver.

## Schedule for the Other Choirs in the Program: Looking Ahead

### **Intermediate Treble Honour Choir- Tuesdays 3:45-5:15pm**

Grade 8 and 9 students who sing in the treble register

### **Senior Treble Honour Choir- Tuesdays 5:30-7:00pm**

Grade 10, 11 and 12 students who sing in the treble register

### **Mixed Honour Choir- Tuesdays 7:10-8:40pm**

Grade 8 and 9 students who sing (or will sing) in the bass clef and Grade 10, 11 and 12 students who sing in the treble register





Clothing / Equipment

# Clothing / Equipment Requirements

## PROVIDED:

### Informal Uniform

Honour Choir students are provided with a hooded sweatshirt for informal clinics and travel. Students are welcome to wear these to school.

### Formal Uniform:

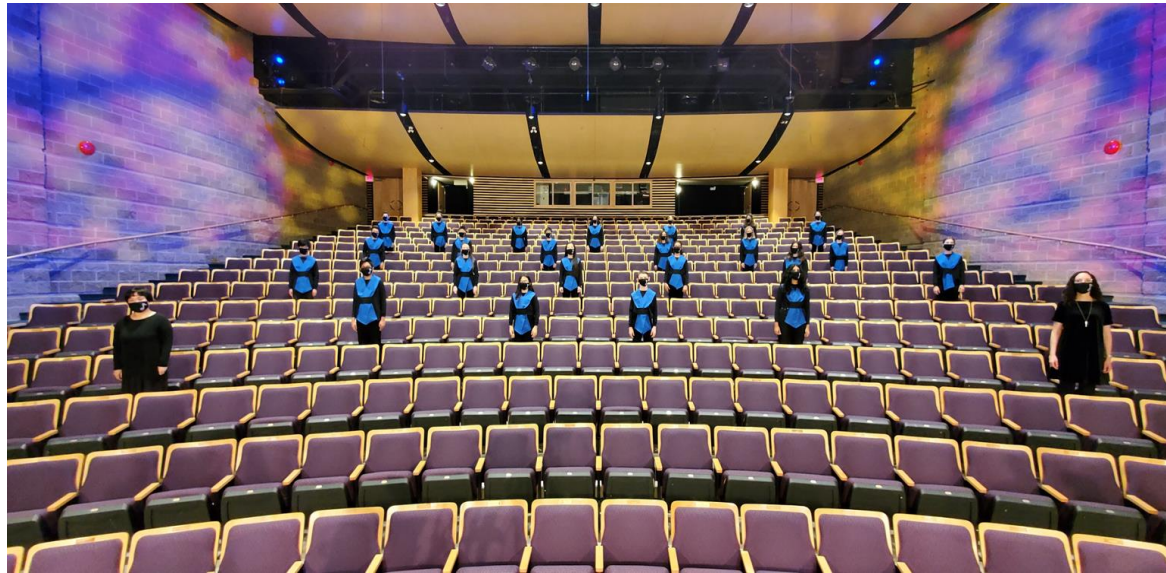
Students are also issued a long sleeve black shirt and a sash for their formal uniform. These sash is to be returned at the end of the year.

### Materials:

Choir Folder and Music

## TO BE PROVIDED BY FAMILY:

- Solid black dress shoes (comfortable)
- Solid black dress pants
- Solid black socks or tights



Covid "Concert" Filming of Junior Honour Choir  
December 2020 (Socially distanced with masks)

# Fees



## Fees

**\$50/month (\$500 annually)** from Sept-June which covers expenses such as:

- Local transportation fees (ex. bussing to festivals or concerts)
- Fees for guest clinicians
- Social activities (ex. Year-end party)
- Choir hoodies
- Formal uniform rental
- Leather choir folders

**Note: \$100 non-refundable deposit due on acceptance to secure your spot; this covers Sept. and Oct. Fees are typically collected through School Cash Online.**





## Working with Clinicians...

Since the program began in 2013, the Honour Choirs have worked with some amazing clinicians:

- Carrie Taylor (CDN)
- Jen Williams (CDN)
- Richard Nace (US)
- Geoffrey Boers (US)
- Moiria Smiley (US)
- Frank Lee (CDN)
- Dr. Graeme Langager (CDN)
- Greg Quan (CDN)
- Karla Mundy (CDN)
- Dawn Pemberton (CDN)
- Dinah Helgeson (US)
- Les Nerling (US)
- Morna Edmundson (CDN)
- Ida Kellarova (Czech)
- Essi Wuorela (Finland)
- Saron Myndhardt (CDN)
- Dr. Adam Con (CDN)
- Sandra Meister (CDN)
- Jim Sparks (CDN)
- Erick Lichte (CDN)
- Dr. Marc Hafso (US)
- Sherry Blevins (USA)

Upcoming in Jan 2021:

**Dr. Angela Kaspar (USA), virtual session**





# The Selection Process

# Selection Process & Criteria



- Genuine interest or passion – sound reasons for applying
- Commitment to participate for the full school year
  
- Complete the on-line registration form for the Ignite Your Passion program
- Submission of most recent report card (submit online)
  
- Show evidence (report card) of satisfactory to excellent work habits
- Submit an online audition (record “Oh Canada” with no accompaniment)
  
- Show evidence (report card) or answers within the completed registration form:
  - Ability to work well in current classroom at school
  - Ability to maintain good to excellent progress in school
  - Demonstrated good character: being responsible & respectful
  - Ability to work well with others
  - Ability to follow the rules of a special program, as well as the mandatory health safety protocols



**Thank You for Your Time**

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