



WVS PREMIER IGNITE YOUR PASSION PROGRAM

Junior Choir

2023 - 2024 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 IYP Junior Choir Director

WV Schools' Honour Choir 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, Dinah Helgeson, Geoffrey Boers, Graeme Langager, Sherry Blevins and others)

Hey Jung Choi

Pianist for the WVS Ignite Your Passion Junior Choir
and the WV Schools' 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

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

- For Grades 5, 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 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 Choir Meeting Time:
Tuesday nights from 5:30-6:50pm

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



The IYP Junior Choir will sing in concert with the District Honour Choir Program (2 per year). Concerts take place at the beautiful Kay Meek Theatre in West Vancouver.

Looking Ahead to High School After the IYP Junior Choir

When heading to grade 8, Junior Choir students can audition for the following for-credit choir courses using the skills learned in IYP Junior Choir:

Treble Honour Choir-

Tuesdays 3:40-5:10pm

Students in Grades 8-12 who sing in the treble register (Soprano/Alto)

Mixed Honour Choir-

Tuesdays 7:10-8:40pm

Students in Grade 8-12 students who sing in either the bass or treble registers (Soprano/Alto/Tenor/Bass)





Clothing / Equipment

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PROVIDED:

Informal Uniform

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

Formal Uniform:

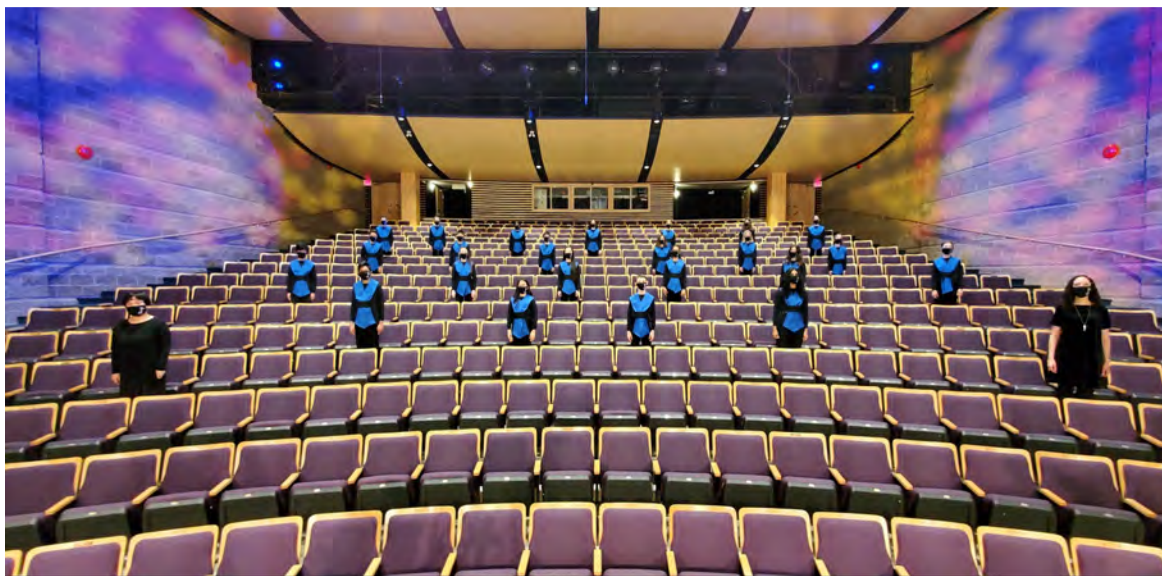
Students are also issued a sash for their formal uniform. These sash is to be returned at the end of the year.

Materials:

Choir Folder and Music

TO BE PROVIDED BY FAMILY:

- Solid black dress shoes (comfortable)
- Solid black dress pants
- Solid black socks or tights
- Long sleeve solid black t-shirt



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

Fees



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

- Local transportation fees (e.g., bus transportation to festivals or concerts)
- Fees for guest clinicians
- Social activities (e.g., year-end party)
- Choir hoodies
- Formal uniform rental
- Leather choir folders

Note: \$100 non-refundable deposit due upon acceptance to secure the spot. This deposit covers the fees for Sept. & Oct. Fees are collected through School Cash Online.



Working with Clinicians...



Since the Honour Choir Program began in 2013, the Honour Choirs have worked with some amazing clinicians (who whenever possible, work with the Junior Choir as well):

- **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)**
- **Sarona Myndhardt (CDN)**
- **Dr. Adam Con (CDN)**
- **Sandra Meister (CDN)**
- **Jim Sparks (CDN)**
- **Erick Lichte (CDN)**
- **Dr. Marc Hafso (US)**
- **Sherry Blevins (US)**
- **Dr. Angela Kaspar (US)**
- **Frances Roberts (CDN)**
- **Janet Warren (CDN)**
- **Dr. Joel Tranquilla (CDN)**



The Selection Process

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- ☐ Genuine interest or passion – you should be keen to sing
- ☐ Commitment to participate for the full school year as part of the “team”
- ☐ Complete the online registration form for the Ignite Your Passion program
- ☐ Submission of most recent report card (submit online) so the teachers has a sense of your child
- ☐ Show evidence (report card) or answers within the completed registration form:

Ability to work well in current classroom at school

Demonstrated good character: being responsible & respectful

Ability to work well with others

Ability to follow the rules of a special program

Note: There is no audition for the choir. We don't want a fear of auditions to be a limiting factor for kids who might otherwise give it a try.



Thank You for Your Time

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