Celebrate 25 Seasons of Song!

Grand Cities Children's Choir | 2026–2027 Anniversary Season

Welcome, GCCC singers and families! Cue the music, warm up those voices, and get ready for a year worth celebrating. This season marks the Grand Cities Children's Choir's 25th season of music, friendship, growth, and community. Our anniversary theme, **Silver Thread**, reminds us of the many voices, families, friendships, and memories woven together through GCCC over the years. Whether your singer is returning to the risers or stepping into rehearsal for the very first time, we are delighted to welcome you to this milestone anniversary season.

Season Kickoff: September 10

- **REHEARSALS BEGIN!**

Our anniversary season begins with our first rehearsal on Thursday, September 10, at Red River High School. Look for our black and yellow flag!

Poco Voce: 5:30–6:30 p.m. – Choir Room
Canto Voce: 5:30–6:30 p.m. – Band Room
Accordo Voce: 6:45–8:00 p.m. – Band Room
Primo Voce: 6:45–8:45 p.m. – Choir Room

- **SINGER REGISTRATION, TUITION & UNIFORM PAYMENTS**

All singers must complete season registration, tuition payment, and any required uniform payment tasks as part of the Season Kickoff process.

Registration will run from 5:00–7:30 p.m. in the Red River Commons area.

Parents/guardians must attend either before, during, or after their singer's rehearsal time. Volunteers will be available at each station to help guide families through the process. Our three stations include:

- **Station #1 – Check-In** – Families will verify that all contact information on file is current and correct.
- **Station #2 – Uniforms** – Uniform attire is required for all GCCC performances. New orders will be placed through GCCC and distributed before our fall dress rehearsal.
    - **For Poco, Canto, and Accordo**, this includes:
        - A colored polo shirt pertaining to their ensemble ($18)
        - A black skirt borrowed from GCCC or black dress pants provided by the family. If borrowing a skirt, measurements will be taken during an upcoming rehearsal.
        - Black tights or socks and black shoes provided by the singer.
    - **Primo** requires both formal attire and informal attire.
        - There will be **no formal uniform samples** for Primo singers to try on at registration night. Singers will be measured for these pieces during rehearsal on Thursday, September 17. Sample sizes of the wind shirts will be available.
        - Formal attire:
            - Treble singers – Green top ($28) & black pants ($26)

        - Tenor & bass – White tux shirt ($19), tux vest ($25), & tux pants ($26)
        - Long black socks and closed-toe shoes provided by the singer.
    - Informal attire:
        - Wind shirt ($50)
- **Station #3 – Tuition & Fees** – Tuition is paid once for the year and depends on the ensemble in which the singer is enrolled. **Tuition and uniform fees are due on registration night**. Payments may be made by cash, check, or credit card. For questions about payment, our tuition volunteer will connect you with Mr. Nelson, our finance manager.
    - **Tuition Costs for 2026-2027**
        - Poco Voce - $200.00
        - Canto Voce - $200.00
        - Accordo Voce - $250.00
        - Primo Voce - $300.00

What to Expect This Season

- Weekly emails from the choir director with rehearsal reminders, important updates, and helpful information for families.
- Weekly rehearsals are filled with singing, skill-building, teamwork, and fun.
- Opportunities for singers to grow in confidence, musicianship, and stage presence.
- Time to build friendships and be part of a supportive choir community.
- Preparation for performances that celebrate each singer's hard work and progress.
- Special moments throughout the year as we honor 25 seasons of GCCC music and memories.

Why Rehearsal Attendance Matters

Every rehearsal helps bring the music to life. Week by week, singers build vocal skills, confidence, musicianship, teamwork, and ensemble responsibility. Because choir is a true team activity, every voice matters. Consistent attendance helps singers feel prepared, keeps the full choir moving forward together, and allows directors to create the strongest possible performance experience for everyone. Information about our attendance policy can be found in the GCCC Handbook.

Stay Connected

Parents and families are encouraged to visit the GCCC webpage at Grand Cities Children's Choir – Inspiring Excellence for general choir information and to review our handbook.

If questions, comments, or concerns come up throughout the season, families are always welcome to reach out to their choir director or contact us at grandcitiescc@gmail.com. You may also stop by the information table during rehearsal to connect with our Artistic Director, Maggie, or Operations Director, Sara. We are happy to help and want every family to feel informed, supported, and connected.

Butter Braid Fundraiser

GCCC holds one fundraiser each season to help support choir programming, singer opportunities, and the continued growth of our choir community. We appreciate the ways our families choose to take part, and keeping fundraising to one seasonal opportunity helps make participation clear, manageable, and meaningful for everyone.

- **Sept. 17** – Butter Braid sales begin; forms will be sent home with singers at the end of rehearsal.
- **Oct. 1** – Butter Braid sales close; all forms and money will be collected at rehearsal.
- **Oct. 29** – Butter Braid pickup. Singers are responsible for picking up the products they sold, as we will not have space to hold orders.

GCCC sponsors a voluntary, singer-expense-paid trip every third year for Primo singers in grades 7–9, with the next trip expected to take place during the 2029 calendar year. Singers who may be interested in participating are encouraged to take part in this fundraiser to help offset future travel costs.

Volunteer Opportunities

GCCC does not require volunteer hours; however, we welcome and appreciate volunteers who help make our programs and events successful. Throughout the season, volunteers play an essential role in supporting activities such as the Butter Braid fundraiser, concert preparations, special events, and other choir initiatives. When opportunities arise, we will reach out to families with details and SignUpGenius links. We encourage you to consider lending a hand whenever you are able. Your support helps create a positive and memorable experience for all of our singers!

Social Media & Photos

In addition to our webpage, GCCC shares updates, reminders, and highlights with families and the community through our social media platforms. We are thoughtful about how singer images are used and do not identify students by name in photos or videos. During check-in, families will be asked to complete a Singer Media Release form if they choose **not** to authorize the use of their singer's image. Please note that singers may still appear in group photos used on our website, social media platforms, or promotional materials for program-related publicity and advertising purposes.

Facebook: Grand Cities Children's Choir | Facebook

Instagram: Grand Cities Children's Choir (@grandcitiescc)

Individual singer pictures will be taken during our fall dress rehearsal on November 12. Group choir photos will be taken before the concert on Saturday, November 14. Additional details will be shared closer to those dates.

GCCC Merchandise

GCCC merchandise is available this season for singers, families, and supporters who would like to show their choir pride. You can find the link to our store on our GCCC webpage here: Member Resources – Grand Cities Children's Choir

Looking Ahead

We cannot wait to hear our singers' voices fill the rehearsal rooms again. Thank you for being part of this sparkling 25th season. We look forward to celebrating together through music, learning, laughter, and community.

With gratitude and song,

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