

MEET THE DIRECTORS

Brent C. Talbot is artistic director of the *Gettysburg Children's Choir* and *Chamber Chorale*. He is an associate professor and the coordinator of music education at the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College where he teaches various courses in music education and supervises student teaching and research. Prior to joining the conservatory, he served on the faculty at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Talbot has taught middle and high school music in Rochester, NY and was the former Coordinator of Music at Poly Prep Country Day School in Brooklyn, New York. He holds degrees in music education from Indiana University (B.M.E.) and the Eastman School of Music (M.A. & Ph.D. in music education with a diploma in ethnomusicology). Additionally, he is certified in all three levels of Orff-Schulwerk. An active choral clinician, Dr. Talbot has conducted numerous county and district honor choirs as well as directed groups at the Interlochen Center for the Arts and the Chautauqua Institute. For more information go to Dr. Talbot's website www.brentctalbot.com.

Jamie Bowman is managing director and pianist for the *Gettysburg Children's Choir*. She is director of choral activities for students in grades 6-12 in the Gettysburg Area School District. Her choirs have performed for Hersheypark Music in the Parks, Walt Disney World Performing Arts and Disney's Candlelight Processional and her students regularly participate in PMEA district, region, and all-state choral festivals. An active pianist, she has accompanied for PMEA festival choirs, private voice and instrumental recitals, local choirs, and high school musicals. She is the Director of Music for the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church where she accompanies the Adult Choir and leads the Adult Bell Choir and Youth Choirs. Mrs. Bowman holds a B.M. and M.M. in Music Education from West Chester University and a Masters in Choral Conducting from Messiah College.

SUPPORT

The Gettysburg Children's Choir, receives in-kind support from the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College for rehearsal space and music storage. They are also supported in part by many individual donors. The Gettysburg Children's Choir is a 501 (c) (3) organization and donations are tax deductible. Checks may be made payable to Gettysburg Children's Choir.

The Gettysburg Children's Choir does not discriminate based upon race, gender, sexuality, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, and/or ability. If you are in need of accommodations, please contact Brent Talbot.

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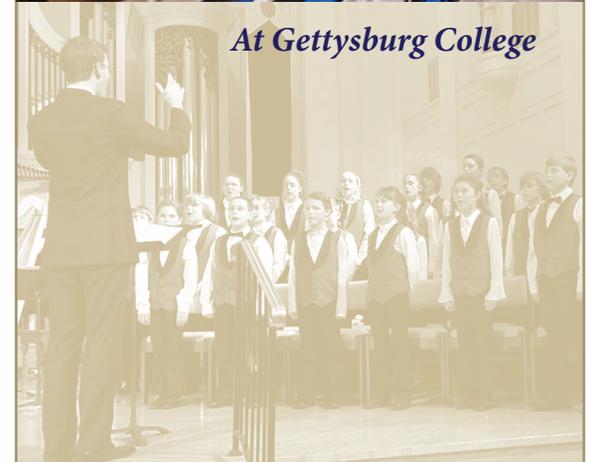
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At Gettysburg College



AUDITION FORM

Gettysburg Children's Choir
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717-337-6485

Please print clearly.
Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Grade Completed: _____

School: _____

Singing experience: _____

Other music experience: _____

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Gettysburg Children's Choir is to provide a children's choral program of the highest quality to accomplish the following artistic and educational goals:

- To achieve a level of artistic excellence necessary to perform challenging repertoire in a variety of settings;
- To ensure that all choir members gain knowledge of music reading, concepts and terminology and understand healthy vocal technique;
- To provide access to the choir for children from all cultural and economic backgrounds;
- To serve as a model for diverse and quality choral literature and vocal training in the field of children's choral music.

MEMBERSHIP

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR is open to students in grades three through eight and the CHAMBER CHORALE is open to students in grades nine through twelve by audition. Students will be expected to attend all rehearsals and performances and to learn music through regular practice outside of rehearsals. Students pay an annual participation fee. Children's Choir members purchase a uniform polo shirt; uniform vests and bowties are provided as part of formal concert attire. Families provide shirts, slacks, and shoes. A payment plan and scholarships are available.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Performances are held annually in December and in the spring, with additional dates as scheduled. Performances are held at the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary Chapel and other regional locations. State, Regional, and National Honor Choir opportunities are available by invitation from the Director.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- CHILDREN'S CHOIR:
Mondays, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- CHAMBER CHORALE:
Mondays, 7:15-8:45 pm
- August through April in Schmucker Hall, Room 214, Gettysburg College
- Additional rehearsals may be held at concert time.

Rehearsals include vocal warm ups, movement, and music reading instruction in addition to music preparation. Audio recordings are provided for home practice. Students learn about the historical and cultural context of the music they sing and perform diverse selections in multiple languages.

AUDITION INFORMATION

Group and individual auditions will be held in August, January, and May at Gettysburg College. Auditions may also be scheduled at other times. Contact Dr. Talbot at 717-337-6485 or btalbot@gettysburg.edu to schedule an audition appointment. Bring a completed registration form to the audition. It is not necessary to prepare something to sing.