

Choir

Grades 9-12*

Course Description:

An opportunity to enjoy a high-quality musical experience in a student choir. The APS choir meets on Tuesday evening beginning Sept. 11th from 7:30 pm-9:00 pm at Grace Baptist Church (GBC) in Santa Clarita. Although primarily a vocal choir experience, development of unique musical skills such as music transcription, composing, and instrumental accompaniment will be explored. Critical listening and observation skills will be improved as we self evaluate through the use of audio and video recordings. To satisfy the requirements for musical arts credit the student must also attend a weekly rehearsal on Saturdays at GBC from 3:15-5:00 pm where APS choir combines with the GBC Living Proof choir.

Performances with Living Proof include monthly Saturday night worship services at 5:30 and 7:00 pm, a Christmas program, and end of the year Tour/ Outreach and a final concert. The APS choir will have additional performances at school events and commencement services at the end of each semester. A full day retreat at the beginning of the year is planned for fellowship and introduction of new music.

APS high school students DO NOT have to audition for the choir or ensemble. Individual evaluations will be made to determine parts the students will sing. The director will also include 1-hour of individual coaching during the year. (this alone is a great value!) Grades will be based on participation, effort and improvement, not talent!

Cost per Semester: \$125

Materials/Admin. fee per semester: \$25 (additional fees will apply for Living Proof choir, tour and special choir events)

Course Text: n/a

Min. number of students: 12

*Mature 8th grade students may participate, by audition only. They can only meet with the APS choir on Tuesdays, so it will be an extra-curricular activity for them, and not for credit.

Instructor Information: Jonathan Heely

Jonathan (Jon) is a 20 year employee of the Walt Disney Company, and currently holds the position of Director of Music Publishing. He grew up in Virginia and comes from a long line of church musicians. He holds a Bachelor of Music (Theory and Composition) from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. It was during these college years that Jon professed a personal faith in the Lord Jesus. He has been an arranger and music copyist for clients in the entertainment industry here in Los Angeles, including working with the Continental Singers for 25 years.

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At Disney he has been the music supervisor/ producer for numerous Disney symphonic concerts. Selecting music, preparing scores and parts and giving creative direction to 4 events at the Hollywood Bowl (2003-2006), and nearly 100 concerts in Japan with the Tokyo Philharmonic called “Disney on Classic” since 2002. Recently he written and developed a concert package called “The Magical Music of Walt Disney” that is performed by orchestras worldwide.

He has recently performed an original musical entitled “My Friend Jesus” with a youth choir at GBC. The show contains all new music and script written and produced by him.. It was the encouragement of his high school choir director that gave him the original incentive to learn music notation, compose and ultimately to follow his heart into a musical profession. Jon says, “I would like to be an encouragement to the students that they would follow their heart and giftedness, wherever the path will lead”

**This is a two semester course that is worth a combined total of 5 units.
A grade will be issued by the instructor at the end of the second semester.**

Choir Registration Form

The cost of this course involves a COURSE Fee, MATERIAL/ADMIN Fee and a Co-Op Fee for each semester. Student must be concurrently enrolled in Chem. Lab.

Check for all three fees must be submitted with this registration form.

Fees may be paid in installments, but **ALL installment payment checks MUST BE INCLUDED with this form and dated as shown below.**

1. Payment of Course Fee: MAKE PAYABLE TO JONATHAN HEELY

1 ck in the amt of \$250 due at time of reg. OR

2 cks in the amt of \$125 (#1 with date of reg & ck #2 dated 1/1/08 OR

**4 cks in the amt of \$62.50 (#1 with date of reg, ck #2 dated 11/1/07
ck #3 dated 1/1/08, ck #4 dated 3/1/08)**

2. Payment of Material/Admin. Fee: MAKE PAYABLE TO CASH

1 ck in the amt of \$50 due at time of reg. OR

2 cks in the amt of \$25 (#1 with date of reg. & ck #2 dated 1/1/08)

3. Payment of Co-op Fees: MAKE PAYABLE TO CASH

1 ck in the amt of \$16 due at time of reg OR

2 cks in the amt of \$8 (#1 with date of reg & ck #2 dated 1/1/08)

Tear off & return with **ALL PAYMENT CHECKS** mentioned above, plus **SASE** to:

Melody Knight

27141 Rexford Pl., Valencia, CA 91354

Questions?

zmelody@pacbell.net

Registration Dates:

6/1-6/15/07 and 8/27-8/30/07

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Parent's Names

Phone No.

Email

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Student's Names

Grade

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