

Hayes School of Music 

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

# APPALACHIAN YOUTH CHORALE

AGES 7-14

Young performers will explore storytelling through music, while developing healthy singing techniques and music reading skills that can transfer to all genres of music.

**DATES:**

January 27 - May 4, 2020

**TIME:**

Monday Evenings, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**MEETING PLACE:**

Appalachian State University, Broyhill Music Center

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Appalachian  
STATE UNIVERSITY

[music.appstate.edu/about/community-music-school](https://music.appstate.edu/about/community-music-school)

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# APPALACHIAN YOUTH CHORALE POLICIES

## MISSION

The mission of the Appalachian Youth Chorale is to provide opportunities for the children of Boone and surrounding communities to participate in quality choral music education through the introduction of a wide variety of music to help promote learning and understanding of the universal language of music.

## APPROVAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

By submitting your payment and registration form you are agreeing to abide by the policies of the Community Music School (CMS) and individual studio policies. The Community Music School reserves the right to change any curricular offering, policy, procedure or fee. Please take a moment to read the following policies regarding study at the CMS. These policies exist to create a user-friendly and misunderstanding-free environment for students, parents and teachers.

## OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

CMS office staff strives to make your administrative needs as easy as possible. Students are welcome to call or email to ask questions, make payments, and register for classes.

CMS year begins on August 15, 2019. CMS Office will be closed during December 15, 2019 -January 15, 2020. Classes will resume on January 16, 2020.

Office Phone Number: (828) 262 – 3029

Monday - Friday: TBD

Email: [asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu](mailto:asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu)

Website: [music.appstate.edu/cms](http://music.appstate.edu/cms)

Address: 134 Doctor Drive, Boone, NC, 28607

Students under the age of 18 should not be left unsupervised within the School of Music building, the Community Music School Building, or outside grounds for any reason at any time. CMS, CMS Faculty/Staff, App State and the Hayes School of Music will NOT assume responsibility for your child should an accident occur while they are unattended.

## REGISTRATION

- In order to register for AYC, you will be required to set up a login ID for the Conference & Camps registration system. Please remember to use the same login anytime you want to add lessons and/or classes throughout the 2019-2020 year.
- For Spring 2020, the Appalachian Youth Chorale cost is **\$185**.

## HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS:

**Full payment is due by February 10th, 2020.**

- Secure Website (MasterCard and Visa ONLY)
  - [appstate.irisregistration.com/Form/19CMS](http://appstate.irisregistration.com/Form/19CMS) (Registration link for Private Lessons)
  - <https://appstate.irisregistration.com/Form/20CMSGroupSpring> (Registration link for Group/Ensemble)
- Mail
  - Complete registration online PRIOR to mailing your payment.
  - Make checks payable to Appalachian State University and mail to:  
Appalachian State University  
Conference & Camp Service  
ASU Box 32042  
Boone, NC, 28608  
Attn: Community Music School

### **\*\*Please note\*\***

*Payments are NOT made directly to the faculty members at any time. All payments must be processed through Conference and Camp Services. Please direct any billing questions to Carrie Henderson at [hendersoncf@appstate.edu](mailto:hendersoncf@appstate.edu).*

Payment arrangements must be approved by the CMS Director (Dr. Nicole Sonbert; [sonbertn@appstate.edu](mailto:sonbertn@appstate.edu)) prior to beginning any lessons.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

Tuition Assistance is available on a limited basis. All participants are required to make a 50% deposit to complete registration, whether or not tuition assistance is requested for the remaining 50%. If this is not feasible, please email Dr. Nicole Sonbert ([sonbertn@appstate.edu](mailto:sonbertn@appstate.edu)) to schedule specific arrangements. If you are awarded tuition assistance, an email will be sent to you with the final amount due and further instructions.

## WITHDRAWAL

A notice of withdrawal must be submitted to the CMS Director, Dr. Nicole Sonbert ([sonbertn@appstate.edu](mailto:sonbertn@appstate.edu)). Notifying the teacher is not sufficient. Students must submit a notice of withdrawal via email in order to have a refund issued. Please contact Dr. Nicole Sonbert if you've not received a response within 48 hours. It will be the student's/parent's responsibility to make sure the withdrawal notice has been received. No refund will be issued if a student stops attending classes.

## REFUNDS

If a request for a refund is made before classes begin, a full refund **minus a \$30 processing fee** will be granted. Otherwise, the amount refunded will be prorated in addition to the processing fee charged. **There will be no refunds for the Appalachian Youth Chorale after February 10th, 2020.** Please note that refunds will be made via the method payment was originally received and that this can take up to several weeks.

## WEATHER EMERGENCY POLICY

If App State closes due to weather or an emergency, CMS lessons and classes will be cancelled. Cancelled lessons and classes will be rescheduled by CMS Faculty. Cancelled lessons may be made up in several ways:

- (1) adding additional time to future rehearsals (i.e. adding 15 min. to the next two lessons)
- (2) scheduling an hour-long rehearsal on a future date, or
- (3) rescheduling the rehearsals for another day and time

Effort will be made to notify students as soon as possible of the cancellation. If you are unsure whether classes have been cancelled, look for announcements on the Appalachian State University Homepage. If ASU-CMS is open and you cannot travel to your rehearsal, please contact the director. ASU-CMS may be open when Watauga County Public Schools are closed; do not assume that rehearsals are automatically cancelled before contacting CMS and the director.

## STUDENT DISCIPLINE

All CMS students are expected to behave with the highest respect to the Hayes School of Music and CMS facilities, CMS faculty, and other CMS participants. CMS faculty and/or Director reserve the right to immediately end any rehearsal due to disciplinary problems of any student. Disciplinary infractions of any kind will be referred first to the parents, and, if continuing, to the CMS Director. No refunds will be given if a student is terminated due to disciplinary reasons.

## REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS

Weekly rehearsals will begin on Monday, January 27th to May 4th, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Appalachian State University, Broyhill Music Center in room 225. Rehearsals begin promptly at 6:00 and singers are expected to **arrive by 5:55 p.m.** and be picked up within 10 minutes after the conclusion of rehearsal.

Singers are required to bring the following items to every rehearsal.

- folder with music (provided and handed out by the 3rd rehearsal)
- sharpened pencil (no pens, markers, or colored pencils)
- water bottle with cap

Folders and music are lent to singers. They must be turned in at the end of each term in suitable condition. **Families will be charged \$25 for damaged music.**

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Singers should be brought for **check-in outside of room 225 by 5:55 p.m.** Please make sure and check-in with Miranda Tedder at the classroom door. Parents will not be allowed in the rehearsal room but are welcome to wait for their singer in the first floor lobby area called “the brickyard” or quietly in the music library which is located next to the rehearsal space. As this is a working music building and classes will be going on in adjacent rooms, talking in the hallways must be limited and quiet as not to disturb other classes or rehearsals.

**Pick up of students after rehearsal will begin starting at 7:25 p.m.** Please meet your singer outside of room 225 and check them out with Miranda Tedder. Singers will NOT be released without a parent/guardian present. Prior notification **MUST** be given via email to [asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu](mailto:asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu) to authorize non parent or guardian pick up. Please make sure the email includes the singer’s full name and contact info for the authorized adult.

## PRACTICING AT HOME

Please remind your child to practice their current AYC music as part of their homework routine. This includes reading through the text, speaking the words in rhythm, and perhaps playing their part on an instrument.

## ABSENCE POLICY

Please call or email [asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu](mailto:asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu) if your child will miss a rehearsal or will be late. Please make sure you put your singers full name in the email and date/reason for the absence. Excessive absences/tardiness may preclude your child from performing in a concert.

## DRESS CODE POLICY FOR CONCERTS

The dress code for the Appalachian Youth Chorale is concert black attire with yellow accents. Students are to comply with CMS concert dress requirements for all performances. Students who are unable to comply must notify the director at least one week prior to the event. Those failing to arrive in concert dress for performance will not be allowed to participate in the recital.

## DRESS REHEARSAL POLICY

Singers must be at the dress rehearsal in order to perform the final concert. Dress rehearsals are for practicing the “flow” of the concert – on/off, program order, standing positions, use of instruments, etc. Please email [asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu](mailto:asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu) if you have additional questions or requests concerning dress rehearsals for the Appalachian Youth Chorale.

## PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

During all performances it is important for all choristers to act responsibly, maturely, and professionally at all times. Please review these basic guidelines with your child before each performance:

- When waiting to go on stage, there should be no talking or noise making of any kind.
- When processing or walking on stage, choristers should walk with purpose. This means looking straight ahead, walking in straight lines and not shuffling feet.
- Once the choir is situated on stage, there should be no fixing hair or scratching at any time. Hands should remain by sides, not clasped at the front or behind the back.
- Choristers should watch the conductor at all times. Eyes should not wander to the audience or to the other part of the concert hall. Remember to always be expressive! Show the audience how much fun singing is!
- Remember that the performance is not over until the choir has left the stage and concert hall completely. Leave the stage in an orderly and purposeful way, as you have rehearsed, without talking or fidgeting.

These guidelines are to be remembered and followed by all choristers, so that the choir will present itself as the talented and professional group it is.

## MEDIA RELEASE

During online registration, participants will agree to the media release policy. CMS uses photography and video to document lessons, classes, sessions and events. These photos may be used in brochures, advertising or public relations activities. Photographs featuring registered students/clients are considered eligible for publication or public use unless a student/participant (or parent/guardian of a student/participant under age 18) submits a Request for Non-Use. Please email Dr. Nicole Sonbert, [sonbertn@appstate.edu](mailto:sonbertn@appstate.edu) if you would like to request a form for Non-Use.

## REHEARSAL CALENDAR FOR APPALACHIAN YOUTH CHORALE

January 27

1st Rehearsal – 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 225 Broyhill Music Center

**\*\*no registration required\*\***

February 3                                      2nd Rehearsal – 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 225 Broyhill Music Center

**\*\*no registration required\*\***

February 10                                      Rehearsal – 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 225 Broyhill Music Center

**\*\*REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED\*\***

February 17                                      Rehearsal - 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 225 Broyhill Music Center

February 24                                      Rehearsal – 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 225 Broyhill Music Center

March 2    Rehearsal – 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 225 Broyhill Music Center

March 9     Rehearsal – 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 225 Broyhill Music Center

March 16    Rehearsal – 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 225 Broyhill Music Center

March 23    Rehearsal – 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 225 Broyhill Music Center

March 30    Rehearsal – 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 225 Broyhill Music Center

April 6     Rehearsal – 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 225 Broyhill Music Center

April 13    NO REHEARSAL - EASTER MONDAY

April 20    Rehearsal – 6:00-7:30 PM, Room 225 Broyhill Music Center

### **PERFORMANCE CALENDAR FOR APPALACHIAN YOUTH CHORALE**

**April 3**    Tentative: Performance - Gallery Walk @ the Turchin Center,  
Time: TBD

**April 25**    Performance for Mountaineer Choral Festival- 3:30 PM, Rosen  
Concert Hall

**April 27**    Dress Rehearsal – 6-7:30 PM, Broyhill Music Center Recital Hall,  
813 Rivers Street, Boone, NC 28604

**April 28**    Performance at Appalachian Chorale Concert- 8:00 PM, Rosen  
Concert Hall

**May 2**     Tentative: **FULL DAY** Choral Clinic in Charlotte, NC with a trip to  
Carowinds \*please hold the entire day\* \*Optional\*

**May 4**     Final Sharing – 7:00 PM, Broyhill Music Center Recital Hall,

813 Rivers Street, Boone, NC 28604

*\*\*AYC singers will be called at their regular rehearsal time (6PM) to set up and get ready for the concert\*\**

## MEET THE DIRECTORS AND STAFF



### **ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**

Dr. Meg Stohlmann is an Assistant Professor in the Hayes

School of Music where she conducts the Appalachian Glee Club, teaches and coordinates Class Voice and supervises choral music education practicum students. She recently graduated from the University of Washington with a DMA in choral conducting where



she conducted the University Singers and Men's Glee Club along with teaching private voice to music theater majors. Meg was also a Teaching Artist and Conductor for Seattle Opera's Youth Opera Project and summer programs. Originally from Santa Rosa, California, Meg taught choir and guitar at the middle and high school level in Lexington, KY for six years and conducted the Danville Children's Choir. Her children's choir and high school advanced women's choirs performed at the Kentucky Music Educators State Conference in 2014 and 2015, respectively. Meg's lifelong love of choral music began as a charter member of the Santa Rosa Children's Chorus where she sang for over 10 years and credits with her decision to make music education her career.

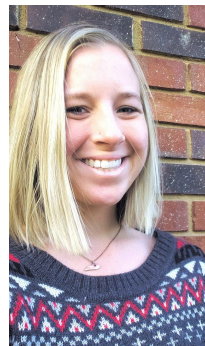


### ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR AND PIANIST

Brandon Winbush is a graduate of Appalachian State University, where he studied piano with Dr. Rodney Reynerson and choral conducting with Dr. Stephen M. Hopkins. A member of both the American Choral Directors' Association and the National

Association for Music Educators, Mr. Winbush is frequently invited to serve as a collaborative pianist for various school and honor choirs around the state of North Carolina. In addition to serving as choral director at Watauga High School, Mr. Winbush runs his own private piano studio and is also the principal organist and choirmaster at St. Elizabeth of the Hill Country Catholic Church in Boone.

Nicole Sonbert is a performer, master clinician, guest presenter, adjudicator, and guest conductor. She is a graduate of East Carolina University, holding degrees in Musical Theatre Performance (BM), Vocal Performance (MM), Music Education (MM), and Vocal Performance (DMA). Nicole was previously on faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has also taught in several other training programs, with many of her students winning first place awards for NATS and concerto competitions. In 2006, she was the recipient of the "My Teacher, My Hero" award, honoring her as a teacher and mentor for young voices. She is currently teaching voice at Appalachian State University and Director of the Community Music School.



### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Miranda Tedder is a Junior at Appalachian State University. She is pursuing a degree in General Music Education and Choral Music Education with a minor in Special Education. She is from North Wilkesboro, North Carolina where she

developed her passion for music in her middle school years. Miranda is an active member of NaFME and is a Soprano in the Chancel Choir at First Presbyterian Church of Boone. She is looking forward to growing and learning with the Community Music School!!



### DIRECTOR COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

## Appalachian Youth Chorale Parent/Singer Agreement Form

The Camper Handbook has been provided to more clearly detail our camp policies and expectations. Our policies and expectations are designed for your protection, well-being, and musical growth. We assure that you will have adequate time for individual practice, recreation, and establishing positive relationships with your fellow campers, instructors, and staff.

As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby agree to the following terms of

membership in the Appalachian Youth Chorale (AYC):

- I agree to pay the term fee by the due date listed in this handbook and the CMS handbook.
- I will escort my child to the rehearsal room on time for each rehearsal, making sure that the Administrative Assistant knows that he/she/theyself is present.
- I will pick up my child in a timely fashion (within 10 minutes of the end of the rehearsal) and make sure that the Administrative Assistant knows that he/she/theyself is leaving.
- If I am unable to bring or pick up my child, the people listed below have my permission to do so in my absence. They understand the safety requirements and will identify themselves to the Administrative Assistant. If they are not listed below, I understand that an email must be sent to [asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu](mailto:asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu) PRIOR to rehearsal to authorize permission.
- I understand that all rehearsals are required and will try not to schedule doctor's appointments or other conflicts within the AYC timetable.
- If my child is ill and unable to attend, I will call or email [asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu](mailto:asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu) before the rehearsal.
- I understand that more than excessive absences/tardiness may result in my child's dismissal with no refund.
- I understand that this is an educational opportunity and that my child will act responsibly. Repeated discipline problems could result in dismissal from the group.
- I understand that for any performance, my child is present at least one hour before it begins and is to stay for the entire performance.
- I understand that I will be responsible for some parts of costumes for performances.
- I give my permission for video/photo/recordings to be made of my child and possibly used for publicity, including but not limited to ASU/CMS/HSoM websites, social media, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.
- I may be asked to serve on one of the committees, which will be announced.

Parents/guardians must acknowledge they have read the AYC Handbook. **Please sign the acknowledgment below and return to the CMS Administrative Team. Your registration will not be complete until fully signed by both parties.**

Should you have additional questions, please contact CMS @ [asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu](mailto:asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu)

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**SINGER NAME:** (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (**Singer Signature**), have read, understand, and will abide by the rules and guidelines as stated in the AYC Handbook. Failure to abide by these policies and guidelines may result in my dismissal from AYC.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (**Parent/Guardian Signature**), have read, understand, and will support both my child and AYC in the administration and compliance to the rules and guidelines as stated in the AYC Handbook. Failure of my child to abide by these policies and guidelines may result in my child's dismissal from AYC. I will notify [asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu](mailto:asucommunitymusic@appstate.edu) if I deny permission to utilize photographs or audio/video recordings of my child for promotional use.

## APPALACHIAN YOUTH CHORALE HEALTH FORM

This form is required of all singers and should be completed by singer and parent or guardian.

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*If not available in an emergency, notify \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Medical/Health Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Policy Holder \_\_\_\_\_

## HEALTH HISTORY

	Yes	No	Dates if applicable
Frequent ear infections	_____	_____	_____
Heart defect/disease	_____	_____	_____
Convulsions	_____	_____	_____
Diabetes	_____	_____	_____
Bleeding/clotting disorders	_____	_____	_____
Asthma	_____	_____	_____

## ALLERGIES

Hay fever	_____	_____	_____
Poison ivy	_____	_____	_____
Insect stings	_____	_____	_____
Penicillin	_____	_____	_____
Other drugs	_____	_____	_____

Operations or serious injuries (include dates):

Chronic or recurring illness (include dates):

## CONTACT INFORMATION

We request students' email addresses so we can send rehearsal notes/updates directly to each singer and parent/guardian.

Singer Information

Singer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Singer Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Singer Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in school: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Location of School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Voice Teacher (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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We occasionally have requests for the complete roster so that families can arrange carpools. If you would like your contact info released for this purpose, check the box at the bottom of this page. If left blank, we will not give out your contact info.

Yes! Include my contact information on the roster for carpooling purposes.

# ADULTS APPROVED TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD (AYC)

Singer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

List of adults, aside from parents/guardians on Contact Information page, permitted to pick up your child at the conclusion of rehearsal:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## PARTICIPANT SELF CHECK IN/CHECK OUT

My child has my permission to sign him/her/themself in and out at the beginning and at the end of AYC rehearsals and all other AYC events. I understand that AYC staff will not be responsible for my child once they sign out and separate themselves from AYC staff.

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Today's Date

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Singer's Name (printed)

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Guardian's Signature

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Guardian's Name (printed)