

February 24, 2023

MR KEVIN CHUN
JOHN W HALLAHAN CATHOLIC GIRLS HS
222 N 17TH ST
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103-1202



Dear MR KEVIN CHUN:

**HERE IS THE CHANCE FOR YOUR CHOIR TO SING AND PERFORM
IN THE 104th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
6ABC/DUNKIN DONUTS THANKSGIVING PARADE YOUTH CHOIR!!**

Over the past 20 years, we have created many different productions featuring the voices of High School – Middle School – Elementary School vocalist, and even celebrity singers, but **FOR THE FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW, we are adding a new twist to the 6 ABC/DUNKIN DONUTS Thanksgiving Day Parade Youth Choir!**

This year we are welcoming back an All-Star program that will run aside of our choir program. Participating schools will be able to select up to two “all-star” students to travel to Philadelphia to pre-record the sweetener track. This track is mixed with the live captured audio to round out the quality of audio that is delivered to the television audience. These students will work with our vocal director to record the sweetener track that will be used during the parade performance. Details on this are in the enclosed paperwork. This is very exciting!!!

The Mass Youth Choir production will be for television only where over 12 million television viewers across the nation and Puerto Rico will enjoy this amazing production.

How can you become a part of the production?

Simply complete the enclosed application of interest, indicate the number of potential performers from your school, and return to the following address by August 15, 2023:

Youth Choir
C/O Under the Sun Productions Inc.
423 College Avenue
West Chester, PA 19382

Individual registration forms will be emailed to your office in early September, while additional details are enclosed for your review. Individual registration forms will be sent **ONLY** if you return the Application of Interest to our office, so make sure you send back the Application of Interest to receive the next mailing!

There is no obligation when you submit a completed Application of Interest. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Project Manager, Annie Woods at 610-692-7233 or via email at undersunpr5@gmail.com.

We hope you will join us for this exciting performance!

Sincerely,

Todd Marcocci
Producer



2023 MASS YOUTH CHOIR PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Each potential cast member will be required to submit a completed application with the \$40.00 registration fee, which will be sent in late August. The fee will include the all new 2023 6ABC Thanksgiving Day Parade Sweatshirt, 2023 6ABC Thanksgiving Day patch, audio track, anticipated choreography, choreographer, audio system for rehearsal, logistical and administrative fees, music clearance, and more. A music file link to download the music and sheet music will be sent to the choral director.
2. **All cast members must attend a special staging/camera rehearsal on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The rehearsal will begin at 1:00 PM and end by 2:30 PM.** During the rehearsal, we will stage the production, and rehearse the music with a prerecorded track. For television production quality control purposes, the cast members will sing along with the prerecorded track on parade day; however, live microphones are positioned in certain areas of the Art Museum steps to pick-up the "live" sound. **ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED AND MANDATORY! We will rehearse the Youth Choir Production portion during this time!**
3. All cast members/full choirs are responsible for their own transportation to and from rehearsals and the parade.
4. Tentatively, your report time on Parade Day, Thursday, November 23, 2023 will be around 8:15 AM. **You will be finished after your performance, no later than NOON on parade day.**
5. The rehearsal and performance will take place RAIN, SNOW, or SHINE!
6. All individual cast members will be required to sign an Agreement of Release. This includes all chaperones as well. All individual cast member parents who have performers under the age of 18 must sign an Agreement of Release included with the individual application. Individual applications and agreement of release will be sent once the choral director sends back the Application of Interest.
7. All cast members are required to wear BLACK PANTS, BLACK SOCKS, BLACK SHOES, AND THE PARADE SWEATSHIRT.
8. Cast members will be required to memorize all music.
9. Reserved parking will be available for buses on parade day. Cars will park on their own.
10. Music file link with audio track and sheet music will be sent to the choral director for distribution to participating choir members via a Dropbox link.

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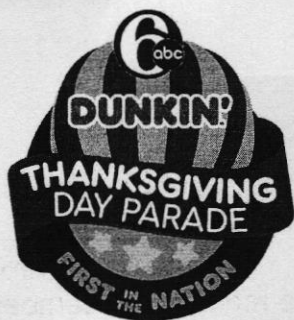
11. If there is choreography, a link with info will be sent to the choral director so that they can teach the simple choreography to participating performers prior to the rehearsal on Wednesday, November 23, 2022
12. Application deadline is October 20, 2022. **No refunds will be offered after October 20, 2022**
13. The parade will be aired "live" on 6ABC in Philadelphia, and transmitted to other markets around the state, country AND Puerto Rico. The parade will also stream on Hulu the month of December. We expect the television audience to number over 12 million.
14. Cast members are expected to conduct themselves in a professional, safe, and courteous manner during all rehearsals and performances.
15. Special hotel rates are available for individuals and groups. There are a limited number of Double/Doubles (quad occupancy) available. This information is not available at this time and will be released once available.
16. Checks that are returned from the bank for insufficient funds will be returned to you and charged a \$50.00 office processing fee and service charge. You will be eliminated from the Youth Choir Production, and will not be placed back into the cast until we receive a new check. The new check would obviously be \$90.00.
17. In order to present a fantastic production number to our at home viewers, we use a tool that we like to call "television magic." That tool is a sweetener track. The sweetener track is mixed with live captured audio to round out the quality of the audio that is delivered to our television audience. Every show from Broadway to cruise ships, to theme parks uses sweetener tracks in some capacity.

This year we will be welcoming back an all-star program that will run aside of our choir program. We ask that each choir director selects 1-2 "all-star" students from their group. These 2 all-star students will then come into our recording session and work directly with our vocal director to record the sweetener track that will be used during the parade performance.
18. Chaperones and/or parents who will accompany the students on parade day must be dressed in a parade sweatshirt for identification purposes. Those shirts can be purchased for \$25.00 each of which you can order when your final applications are sent to our office. We require the following for coverage from your school:

1-5 PERFORMERS	= 2 CHAPERONES (MAX)
6-10 PERFORMERS	= 4 CHAPERONES (MAX)
10 – 15 PERFORMERS	= 6 CHAPERONES (MAX)
15 – 20 PERFORMERS	= 8 CHAPERONES (MAX)
20 – 25 PERFORMERS	= 10 CHAPERONES (MAX)
25 – 30 PERFORMERS	= 12 CHAPERONES (MAX)
30 – 35 PERFORMERS	= 14 CHAPERONES (MAX)

This new procedure is based on making certain that director and chaperone coverage is adequate for your participating students AND the number of chaperones listed above are the only amount of Chaperones who will be permitted in the "BACK STAGE" area on parade day!

**Specific details will be sent to each individual two weeks prior to the parade.
 ???'s - Email us at undersunpr5@gmail.com or call us at 610-692-7233.**



**MASS YOUTH CHOIR
2023 APPLICATION OF INTEREST**

SCHOOL NAME _____

DIRECTOR NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ ALTERNATE EMAIL _____

★ PLEASE INDICATE THE POTENTIAL NUMBER OF PERFORMERS FROM YOUR SCHOOL: _____

★ HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL BRING TO A STUDIO RECORDING SESSION?

(PLEASE CIRCLE) 1 STUDENT 2 STUDENTS

★ There is no obligation when you submit a completed Application of Interest.
It just means you will be sent this next round of paperwork.
IMMEDIATELY RETURN THIS APPLICATION OF INTEREST TO:

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423 COLLEGE AVENUE
WEST CHESTER, PA 19382

OR EMAIL BACK TO UNDERSUNPR5@GMAIL.COM

