

SALINA YOUTH CHOIR

The Salina Symphony Youth Choir offers the opportunity for area youth to participate in a professionally-directed youth choir composed of students who are dedicated to fine music making. Auditions are open to students in grades 4-8.

2024-2025 Salina Symphony Youth Choir Staff

Youth Choir Director: Mrs. Jenna Eshleman
Youth Choir Assistant: Jodi Bachand
Accompanist: Sonja Burmaster

Rehearsals

Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the 5th Street Symphony Rehearsal Hall, 132 S. 5th St., Salina, KS.
Extra dress rehearsals will be added the week of performances—times and dates TBA.

Concerts

Salina Symphony Youth Choir Fall Concert

Sunday, November 24, 7:00 p.m., University United Methodist Church

Salina Symphony Nutcracker “Snow Chorus” (select ensemble)

December 14, 7:00 p.m. – Stiefel Theatre | December 15, 4:00 p.m. – Stiefel Theatre

Salina Symphony Youth Choir Spring Concert w/ Thad Beach

Sunday, April 27, 7:00 p.m., University United Methodist Church

Participation Fee

The participation fee is \$150 per semester. **Payment is due on or before the first rehearsal.** The fee will be collected following the parent meeting or may be brought/mailed to the Symphony Office. Payment plans & fee assistance are available upon request. If you are unable to pay or would like to inquire about financial assistance, please contact Alison at the Symphony Office: 785-823-8309 or operations@salinasymphony.org. Failure to remit payment or make alternate arrangements by the third rehearsal of the semester may result in suspension from SYC until fees are paid.

Contact Information

Salina Symphony Office	Stiefel Theatre (2nd floor), 785-823-8309
Stiefel Theatre Box Office (Concert Tickets)	151. S. Santa Fe Ave., 785-827-1998
Adrienne Allen, Executive Director	execdir@salinasymphony.org or 785-823-8309
Alison Harbaugh, Education Manager	assistant@salinasymphony.org
Henry Littich, Youth Education Director	hlittich@smokyvalley.org
Jenna Eshleman, Youth Choir Conductor	jenna.eshleman@usd305.com

Website

The Youth Choir section of the Salina Symphony website will be updated regularly and is your best source of information regarding concerts, rehearsals, ticket information, etc.: www.salinasymphony.org. Please continually check your email and text messages from the Remind app regarding rehearsal and/or location changes.

Updates & Rehearsal Reminders:

Please sign up to receive text updates & rehearsal reminders by texting the class code to the following number: **81010**. Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Salina Symphony Youth Choir Program Policies

2024-2025

School Policy:

All members of the Salina Symphony Youth Choir program are expected to participate in the music program at their school (General Music, Vocal, or Instrumental). Any member who has a scheduling conflict must present a letter from their school music director and administrator explaining the situation.

Lessons:

Members of the Salina Symphony Youth Choir are encouraged to take private lessons to foster individual growth and musicianship. A list of available instructors is available in the Symphony Office and will be emailed upon request.

Attendance:

- 1) Students are required to attend all rehearsals unless otherwise instructed by the conductor.
- 2) Missing more than two rehearsals may result in dismissal. This decision is left to the conductor's discretion.
- 3) **All rehearsal absences must be communicated to the applicable conductor prior to rehearsal.** Planned absences should be communicated to the applicable conductor at least one week in advance. Contact information for each conductor is listed on the reverse side of this form.
- 4) The participation fee is non-refundable.

Weather Cancellations:

Please check your email and text messages from the Remind app regarding rehearsal and/or location changes.

Rehearsal Etiquette:

The Salina Symphony Youth Choir learns a large amount of music each year. It is essential that every minute be used wisely. Please observe the following:

1. Arrive in plenty of time to pick up new music and handouts and to sign in. Singers should be in their seats promptly at 6:30 p.m.
2. Bring all music, in your music binder, and 2 sharp pencils with erasers to all rehearsals. A bottle of water is also recommended. Note:
 - a) Each member will receive a folder with copies of all music to be rehearsed and performed.
 - b) Each member will be held accountable for any lost or damaged music at replacement cost. Members will be charged a \$30.00 music replacement fee if music/folders are damaged or lost.

Rehearsals are times of learning, study and musical growth. It is a challenge to achieve high standards in such a limited amount of rehearsal time. It is vital to our program to accept only well-behaved students who are ready and willing to work, learn and grow. Students may socialize before and after rehearsals and at break time. Talking at any other time is not allowed.

Concert Attire:

*Concert attire will be evaluated at a rehearsal the week prior to the concert. A student may be asked to change their concert attire at the discretion of the director. Inappropriate attire may lead to dismissal from a concert.

Young men: Black pants with a black long-sleeve dress shirt with collar, black bow tie, black socks and black dress shoes.

Young women: Black skirt or black dress pants with a black blouse (no t-shirts) or all black dress. Black hose and black dress shoes. Please dress on the conservative side. Dresses/tops should not be sleeveless (no spaghetti straps) and skirts/dresses must be at least mid-calf in length. No jewelry.

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