

Choral Arts Link, Inc.

The MET Singers, *All Things Choral*

A program of Choral Arts Link, Inc



Registration Packet 2013-2014

Return COMPLETED Packet to Confirm Singer's Registration

Registration Fee: Grades 2 – 3, \$35 | Grades 4 – 12, \$40

MET Singers Season: August 2013 - May 2014

Registration Period: August 19th – September 23rd 2013

Registration Fee due on singer's first rehearsal.

All forms completed before or no later than September 23, 2013

All payments (registration + attire fees) completed on or before September 23, 2013

Attire items are ordered in bulk to keep your cost as low as possible.

See complete Attire Description in Parent/Singer Handbook.

Registration Fee is non refundable.

Attire fees are non refundable once purchase is made/order placed.

Sponsorship Options: Personal Fundraising and Registration Relief

Every effort is made to make program services affordable for families across multiple economic ranges.

Sponsorships are available. See Sponsorship Option page within this document and in Parent/Singer Handbook.

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<i>To confirm Singer Registration:</i>	
<i>Complete and Return ALL Forms</i>	
<i>Registration Fee: Due First rehearsal</i>	

MET Season 2013-2014



Contact Form

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Season

EACH SINGER MUST HAVE THIS COMPLETED FORM ON FILE

COMPLETE AND RETURN registration documentation to Team Members at Tracking Form Review & Payment Station (#5)

Contact Information

Please print clearly

Anchor _____ or Satellite _____

Singers Name: _____

Age: _____ Birth Year: _____

Parent / Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #'s (home) _____ (cell #1) _____

(work) _____ (cell #2) _____

Email: (H) _____ (W) _____

Note: Please indicate which email we should use to send information: ☐ Personal ☐ Work ☐ Both are OK

School Information

Please Print

Current School: _____ Grade: _____

School District: _____ || Public ____ Private ____ Home School ____

Additional Activities

Please list additional after school activities in which your child participates

_____, _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____,

Emergency Contact Person(s) (Outside of Household)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Social Media

Twitter: ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, @ _____

Facebook: ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, listed as _____



Parent/Participant Decorum Contract

The MET Singers Honor Choir, a program of Choral Arts Link, Inc.
Serving Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools and Surrounding Counties
Open to Public, Private and Home School Students

MET Singers is a Performing Arts Education and Youth Development Program

Arts Access Partners: Music Makes Us of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools;
Departments of Music -Tennessee State University, Lipscomb University, Fisk University
And The Nashville Symphony

Complete this form and return it. This form must be on file for your child's participation in any event sponsored by The MET Singers Honor Choir, a Choral Arts Link, Inc. program.

This program is recognized by the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools' Board of Education and is in compliance with its standards of conduct. Guidelines, as set by the Board of Education for safety of students, teachers and staff apply during all rehearsals, retreats, and/or MET sponsored events.

By signing and returning this form,
I give permission for my child:

_____ **(print singer's name)**

to participate in all sponsored events of The MET Singers Honor Choir.

In addition, I _____

(print parent's/guardian's name)

due hereby understand my responsibility as the parent/guardian of the above signed singer(s) as well as agree to the following:

1. I am responsible for transporting my child to and from rehearsal, retreats, performances (unless otherwise prearranged) to all MET Singers Honor Choir events.
2. I acknowledge that the teachers involved in the project are donating their time and expertise to enhance The MET Singers Honor Choir's performance artistry, musical education and instruction. I, in turn, will make every effort to deliver and pick-up my child in a timely manner for all MET functions.
3. I will discuss with my child that it is an honor to participate in this choral program and that he/she represents their family, school, community and city. This is a responsibility that students and teachers will take very seriously. Decorum and cooperation from all participants (singers and adults) should be exemplary at all times.

Please sign and date:

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date



Decorum Guidelines

Guidelines for the safety of students, as set by the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) Board of Education, Artistic Associates, volunteers and directors apply during all activities scheduled during the season.

Each student is responsible for cooperating with staff members, volunteers, special guests and fellow participants for the best experiences for everyone.

Each staff member (artistic associates, director assistants) and volunteers are responsible for the safe keeping of each student and will follow the guidelines set by Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools.

If at any time a student's participation is uncooperative, and through conferencing with the Staff and the student's parents/guardians, a resolution cannot be determined, said student may be asked to withdraw from the remainder of any or all scheduled activities (effective immediately).

I have read and I understand the decorum guidelines. I will abide by them for rehearsals, retreats, performances or events sponsored by this organization.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____



Performance Practice & Attendance Guidelines

Complete this form and return it. This form must be on file for your child's participation in any event sponsored by The MET Singers Anchor and Satellite Choir, a Choral Arts Link, Inc. program.

Creating Music is an art. The artist sometimes struggles to discover the best way to relay his/her message to the audience.

MET Singers create Music Art. And sometimes they too struggle to learn and interpret a piece of music as the composer and conductor might wish.

And so MET Singers Anchor have rehearsal, every Monday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at West End IB World Middle School. MET Singers Anchor also sponsors retreats for its singers, at least one each semester, including one earmarked for a special guest artist who works directly with singers and whose presence contributes to the rehearsal process.

MET Singers Satellite have rehearsal, every Saturday morning from 9:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m. MET Singers Satellite will also have combined holiday and weekday rehearsals with MET Singers Anchor.

For the MLK concert and the Legacy concert, special retreats are necessary. The two Saturdays before the MLK Concert in January and the mid-week dress rehearsal are **must attends for ALL ensembles** because it is the only time that we, as a group, can have access to the choir loft and stage in Schermerhorn Symphony to practice our selections in this very special space.

The conclusion to be drawn is: **REHEARSALS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!**

Attendance Policy includes the following: Commitment Counts!

1. **If the singer is going to miss rehearsal, and you know about this in advance,** please inform Mrs. Campbell-Holman, Ms. Blocker, Mrs. Mueller, Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Jones of the absence as far in advance as possible. Contact any of the above artistic staff in person, or via e-mail or telephone (see contact information in Parent/Singer Handbook).
2. **If the singer is going to miss a Monday or Saturday rehearsal because of illness or other reason,** please inform one of the teachers via telephone or e-mail as soon as possible.
3. **If a singer misses the rehearsal that immediately precedes the concert, HE OR SHE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PERFORM.** Dress rehearsals are very important not just for the music, but to practice lining up, walking on and off stage, becoming familiar with the order of the pieces, and especially building stamina and familiarity with an event that for MET Singers is the culmination of many months of practice.

Timely Arrival Counts!

4. ****Being on time to all rehearsals, retreats and events is expected.** If a student will be tardy to rehearsal (15 minutes or more, please contact Mrs. Campbelle-Holman, Ms. Blocker, Mrs. Mueller, Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Jones with valid reason ****If a student in MET Singers Anchor has three or more consecutive tardy days preceding a concert or other major event, he or she may not be able to perform.**

Students in MET Singers Satellite must commit to all Saturday rehearsals and are not allowed to be absent from any rehearsals.

MET Singers is about commitment to the choral music, but it is more than that.

It is a promise made by each singer to learn the music, some of which may be in an unfamiliar style and a challenge for young performers to grasp.

It is a promise to support fellow singers in this process through mentoring and physical presence allowing for questions and concerns to be voiced.

It is a promise to learn the discipline and the decorum necessary to carry on the Legacy of MET Singers that has been established for the last sixteen years.

ARE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILLING TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?

We hope you and your family will say **YES** and join us on Monday nights and Saturday retreats.

I have read and I understand the decorum guidelines. I will abide by them for rehearsals, retreats, performances or events sponsored by this organization.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____



Liability Release

We, the undersigned parents and/or legal guardians of _____,

(print singer's name)

hereby agree that _____ will participate in the 2013-14

(print singer's name)

Season events for **MET Singers Honor Choir**.

We give permission for our child to ride in buses, or vehicles driven by qualified adult drivers. We realize that in the event our child is injured during a rehearsal, retreat or performance which involves **MET Singers Honor Choir** and therefore, in order that our child may participate, agree as follows: We agree that neither MET Singers Honor Choir, Choral Arts Link, Inc., (MET/CAL), Board of Directors, nor any contributor of the event, their members, employees, agents, sponsors, officers, directors, or officials will be held responsible for any injuries that our child might incur in conjunction with the above described events and/or during transport to or from MET events.

We release and forever discharge MET/CAL and any contributor of the event, their members, employees, agents, sponsors, officers, directors, or officials from any injury that our child might incur, including death, and from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, and causes of action whatever kind and nature which might occur. As further consideration for allowing our child to participate in this event, we further agree to indemnify and hold harmless MET/CAL, and any contributor of the event, their members, employees, agents, sponsors, officers, directors, or officials from any claims or actions and costs, brought by us or any other party on our behalf on account of any claims, damages, actions, and causes of action of whatever kind and nature arising out of the aforesaid event.

THIS IS A RELEASE. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

WE HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS PROVISIONS:

Signature of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

Date

Printed Name of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

Date

Signature of Child

Date



Student Media Consent Form

The MET Singers Honor Choir and/or Choral Arts Link, Inc. have my permission to photograph with still, motion picture or both and/or have my/his/her voice reproduced.

I agree to the use of such photographs/video/voice reproductions and internet, including but not limited to (website and/or CAL internet pages/hard copy products) for publicity and promotional purpose by The MET Singers Honor Choir/Choral Arts Link, Inc., and I hereby waive all claims for further compensation for such use or for damages. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or the copy that may be used in connection with the use of such photographs/voice reproductions.

I have read, understood and DO give permission for my child(ren) photos to be used on any publicity and promotion form of advertisement _____ (please initial)

I DO NOT give permission for my child(ren) photos to be used on any publicity and promotion form of advertisement. _____ (please initial)

Please complete and sign below:

Singer Name (Please Print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian of ALL Singers (even if singer is 18 years old)

Date

Phone Number



Parent Media Consent Form

The MET Singers Honor Choir and/or Choral Arts Link, Inc. have my permission to photograph with still, motion picture or both and/or have my/his/her voice reproduced.

I agree to the use of such photographs/video/voice reproductions and internet, including but not limited to (website and/or CAL internet pages/hard copy products) for publicity and promotional purpose by The MET Singers Honor Choir/Choral Arts Link, Inc., and I hereby waive all claims for further compensation for such use or for damages. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or the copy that may be used in connection with the use of such photographs/voice reproductions.

I have read, understood and DO give permission for photos me to be used on any publicity and promotion form of advertisement _____ (please initial)

I DO NOT give permission for photos of me to be used on any publicity and promotion form of advertisement. _____ (please initial)

Please complete and sign below:

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Phone Number



Health Information Form

Requested information is gathered so we may offer the safest environment or response to a singer's needs. It is reviewed in the event MET Artistic Associates or adults Team Leaders need to attend to your child/youth's health during MET events. Food allergy information is requested for events where snacks / meals are provided.

Singer's Name _____, _____
LAST FIRST MI

Medical conditions

Allergic reactions to medications? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list: _____

Severe food or insect allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list: _____

Regularly taken medication(s) including *as needed* prescription medications.

Please list: _____

Condition(s) for which you take these medicines: _____

Other conditions or sensitivities: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Phone Number



Demographic Descriptions

Choral Arts Link works to keep fees affordable so the widest range of students may participate. One revenue stream engaged in this process is grant writing. Different funders ask for varied categories of information describing families we serve. Below are descriptors needed for each singer's family so we may accurately describe our clientele (who CAL programming serves).

Please complete this page and return it to complete your child's registration.

A. People of Color: Mark an X

<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American (not Hispanic)	<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino	If not listed, please add _____

B. National Origin Please PRINT

5 continents are given below; please **add your family's country of origin**
If parents are of different countries, please list both.

Africa	_____	(Example: Ghana, Kenya)
North America	_____	(Example: USA or Canada)
South/Central America	_____	(Example: Brazil)
Europe	_____	(Example: Scotland)
Asia	_____	(Example: Japan)
If not listed, please add _____		

C. Disabilities The ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act defines a person with a disability as someone who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a person who has a history or record of such impairment, or a person who is regarded as having such impairment.)

If your child qualifies in this category, identify their disability _____
(Example: blind, hearing impaired)

Please complete and sign below:

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

Singer Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Phone Number



Registration Relief Documentation Requirements

MET Singers Registration Relief (RR) is an initiative of Lynn Dunn, an MET parent alumni & previous volunteer coordinator. Registration Relief allows families qualified for free or reduced lunch to receive fee and/or attire sponsorships when funds are available (based on designated donations). Proof of a family's status must be on file in CAL's administrative office. Approved documentation is a copy of free/reduced lunch status based on Metro Nashville Public Schools' (MNPS or your local district's) 2012-2013 qualifications.

Proof must be in a singer's registration file on or before Monday,
September 23, 2013

Provide Documentation

MNPS (or local school district's) official Statement of Eligibility received each year by qualified families. Statement of Eligibility copy must be received *on or before* Monday, September 23, 2013

Documentation must be in singer's registration file on or before Monday, September 23, 2013

