



Motivating & Educating Your Talent

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Registration Packet for the 2017-2018 MET Singers Season

Return **COMPLETED** Packet & Fees to Confirm Each Singer's Registration

Registration Fee

**Registration Fee due on singer's first rehearsal.*

Grades 2 – 12 \$40 August – January

Grades 2 – 12, \$15 per month February- April

All fees are non refundable.

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

Registration Period: August 1 – September 28, 2017

Fall registration forms & fees **MUST** be received no later than **September 28, 2017**.

Spring fees **MUST** be received no later than the **FIRST Monday of each month**
(February 5, March 5 and April 2)

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

See complete Attire Description in Parent/Singer Handbook. Handbooks will be distributed after registration.

MET Singers and Community Academy of Music and Arts (CAMA) of Tennessee State University (TSU) are partnering for the 2017-18 season. MET Singer rehearsals will occur in the Performing Arts Center at TSU

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.

Basic Operation Grant funding provided by



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CONTACT FORM

*****EACH SINGER MUST HAVE THIS COMPLETED FORM ON FILE***
PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN REGISTRATION DOCUMENTATION TO THE REGISTRATION
TEAM AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST REHEARSAL**

Contact Information

Please print clearly

Singers Name: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Date 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 ___ Charter ___

Social Media

This information is requested so you can view and share posts concerning performance pictures of your child's participation.

Twitter Yes No If yes, @ _____

Facebook Yes No If yes, listed as _____

Additional Activities

Please list additional after school activities in which your child participates

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

Emergency Contact Person(s) (Outside of Household)

This information is mandatory in case of an emergency so a person of Your Choice can be contacted for the health and safety of your child. This section MUST be completed.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Parent/Participant Decorum Contract

The MET Singers, a program of Choral Arts Link, Inc.
Serving Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools and Surrounding Counties
Open to Public, Private, Charter and Home School Students for 20 Years
MET Singers is a Performing Arts Education and Youth Development Program

Arts Access Partners: The Visual and Performing Arts Department of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools; TSU Department of Music, Lipscomb University, Fisk University, the National Museum of African American Music, Intersection and The Nashville Symphony. Choral Arts Link and Community Academy of Music and Arts of Tennessee State University have established a partnership to form MET Singers at TSU.

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, 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.

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 and performances (unless otherwise prearranged) to all MET Singers events.
2. I acknowledge that the teachers involved in the project are donating their time and expertise to enhance The MET Singers' 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 MET Singers, 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 have rehearsal, every Monday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Choral Arts Link 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.

For the MLK concert & Upon These Shoulders concerts, additional special retreats are necessary. The Saturday before the MLK Concert and the Saturday prior to the Fisk event 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 Fisk Chapel, as well as the choir loft and stage in Schermerhorn Symphony to practice our selections.

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 and Mrs. Mueller 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 location. The final rehearsals are 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. Campbell-Holman, Ms. Blocker and Mrs. Mueller with valid reason ****If a student in MET Singers has three or more consecutive tardy days preceding a concert or other major event, he or she may not be able to perform.**
5. Mentoring is an important role and responsibility for seasoned singers. Once a singer has performed in one program, they are a seasoned singer. All age groups of singers are mentors in MET Singers. A peer mentor, as well as a music faculty, Decorum in rehearsals, performances and assist newer singers. Seasoned singers are expected to provide this additional support to encourage each member's transition to MET Singers tradition of high standards in mastering rehearsal skills and performance artistry.

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

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

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

It is an affirmation to learn the discipline and the decorum necessary to carry on the Legacy of MET Singers at TSU 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
(print singer's name)
in the 2017-18 Season events for **MET Singers**.

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** and therefore, in order that our child may participate, agree as follows: We agree that neither MET Singers, 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, Choral Arts Link, Inc. and/or Tennessee State University 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/Choral Arts Link, Inc./TSU, 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, Choral Arts Link, Inc. and/or Tennessee State University 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 /Choral Arts Link, Inc./TSU 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). Thank you for providing this information. Grants assist in keeping registration fees as affordable as possible.

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

A. People of Color: **Mark an X**

Black or African American (not Hispanic) Caucasian
 American Indian or Alaska Native American Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 Hispanic or Latino If not listed, please add _____

B. National Origin **Please PRINT**

Five 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, a MET alumni parent & 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) 2017-2018 qualifications. Every family that qualifies receives a notification from the federal government. Each school district also has these notifications on file; it is called "Direct Certification Notification Letter."

Proof must be in a singer's registration file on or before Monday, September 28, 2017.

Required 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 28, 2017.

Alternate Documentation:

If your official letter of eligibility is not available, a letter on school letterhead, signed by the principal may be submitted. This letter must state your child's name and that your family is APPROVED to receive free meal benefits at school.