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Helping boys find their voice

Thank you for your interest in auditioning to become a member of the Minnesota Boychoir. Founded in 1962, the Minnesota Boychoir, the original boychoir in the Twin Cities area, has enchanted audiences around the world. Boys begin the choir program as young as age seven and can sing through their years in high school. Potential members audition for the choir each year. Once accepted, boys are placed in one of two choirs: *Cantar* or *Cantabile*. All choirs perform choral literature from classical to contemporary. Our season begins each year in September and ends in June. The choir performs major public concerts in December, January, May and June, and a school concert series in a number of schools in the metro area each fall and spring. The remainder of the choir schedule includes performances at local churches, social gatherings, corporate and business meetings, fundraisers, hospitals, sporting events and retirement homes.

There are many benefits for boys who sing in the Minnesota Boychoir. In addition to vocal training and music education, boys gain concert experience and an appreciation of the fine arts. They develop longer attention spans, enhanced listening skills and the ability to focus at a greater level. They learn self-discipline and perseverance, responsibility and commitment, and form a positive self-image. While many of the Boychoir experiences have an immediate return, the boys are also building skills for a lifetime. Our success in these areas is indicated, in part, by the fact that in a typical year over 90% of the choirboys who did not graduate from the choir return to sing again the following year.

We invite you to visit a rehearsal or attend a concert, as these are among the best ways to get a feel for the choir experience. The next scheduled open rehearsals for *Cantabile* and *Cantar* are Tuesday, March 20 (7:00-9:00pm) and Thursday, March 22 (6:00-8:00pm). Prospective members are also invited to sit in on the *Cantar* Bring-a-Friend rehearsal on Thursday, April 26 (6:00-8:00pm). Our annual spring concert is Saturday, June 2 (7:30pm) at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis.

2012-13 auditions for new members will be held on July 17, 19 and August 21-23. No prior singing experience is necessary. The audition consists of an interview, test of the boy's range, tonal memory and pitch matching. Each audition lasts about 20 minutes. Please call 651-292-3219 if you have any questions, if you would like to learn about upcoming concerts and performances, arrange a rehearsal visit or request an audition time.

Thank you for considering the Minnesota Boychoir experience for your son!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Johnson".

Mark Johnson
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