

Northern California
Children's Chorus

Season Kick-off Meeting

September 21, 2024





Welcome!

Thank you for joining us. Here's what we're covering in today's meeting:

- **Choir Overview**
- **Reminders & Upcoming Events**
- **Volunteering**
- **Board Opportunities**
- **Fundraising**
- **Big Announcement!**

Hello!

MEET THE PRESENTERS



Judy Britts

Artistic Director &
Conductor



**Madisen
Thompson**

Operations Assistant



Bethany Ely

Interim Board President



Danyelle Woodley


Choir Parent





About NCCC

Northern California Children's Chorus (NCCC) is a coeducational choir for singers in grades 2-12 serving singers in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento counties. Our mission is to nurture the human spirit of all children through a choral music program that provides excellent training in vocal technique and musicianship skills, teaches repertoire from diverse cultural and historical periods, and provides a variety of performance opportunities in local, national and international venues.



Training Levels

Primo Voce

Our training level for youngest singers is focused on introducing children to the amazing world of choral music.



Sarah Van Hoy
Primo Voce Director

Ms. Van Hoy has many years of experience teaching elementary general music and choir in the Western Placer Unified School District.

Intermezzo

Our intermediate level is focused on training youth to sing beautifully, incorporates a music theory focus, and singing in two parts.

Bring a friend to choir!

Do you have a friend who loves to sing and wants to try out choir for a day? Invite them to join us for a rehearsal this September. **Choir is even more fun with a friend!**

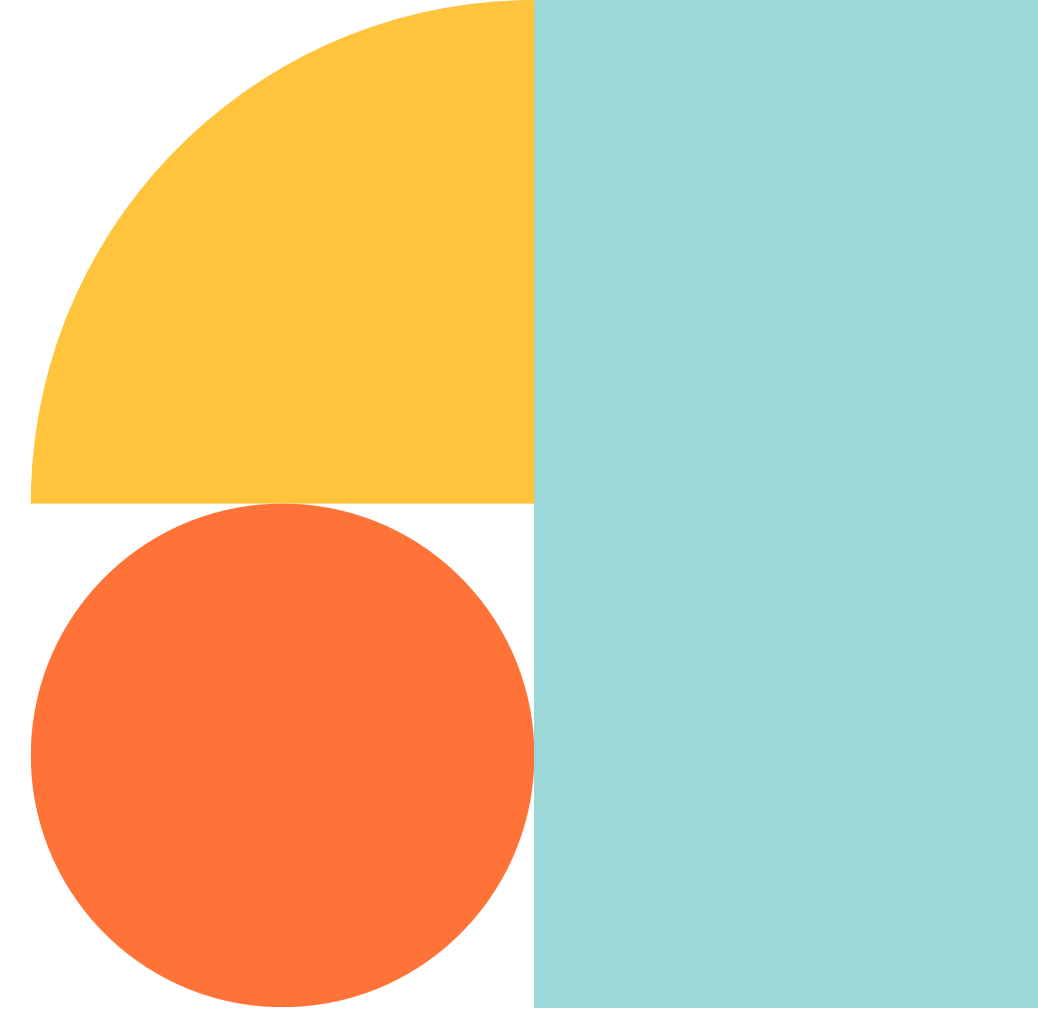
Friends welcome all September!



Reminders

Our Handbook is found on the website. Thank you for reviewing it and complying with guidelines.

- Text or email (916-220-0970 or info@norcalchildrenschorus.org) if your singer is going to be absent
- Once a calendar item has been announced, check your family calendar and let us know about conflicts ASAP
- We only have one rehearsal per week! Try to schedule appointments (dentist, ortho, doctor, etc.) around rehearsals
- Rehearsals start on time, plan to arrive early if possible
- Carpool sign-ups are available at the front table for families interested in carpooling.



Holiday Concert

Invite your family and friends to join us for this NCCC Holiday Tradition!

Saturday, December 14th at 1:30pm

St. Joseph Mareello Catholic Church in Granite Bay

Call time:

9:30am Bel Canto and Bella Voce

11:15am Intermezzo and Primo Voce (in concert dress)

Everyone brings a sack lunch/snack and water (nothing that spills easily)

Tickets available on our website \$20, children 12 and under free

Volunteer Opportunity:

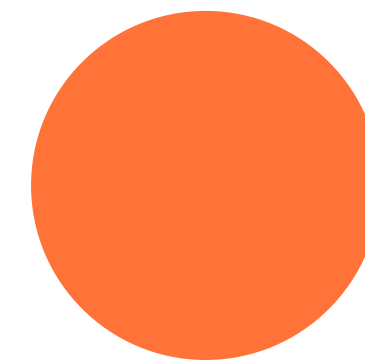
We need 2 parents for each choir to stay for the entire time the singers are there.



Concert Dress

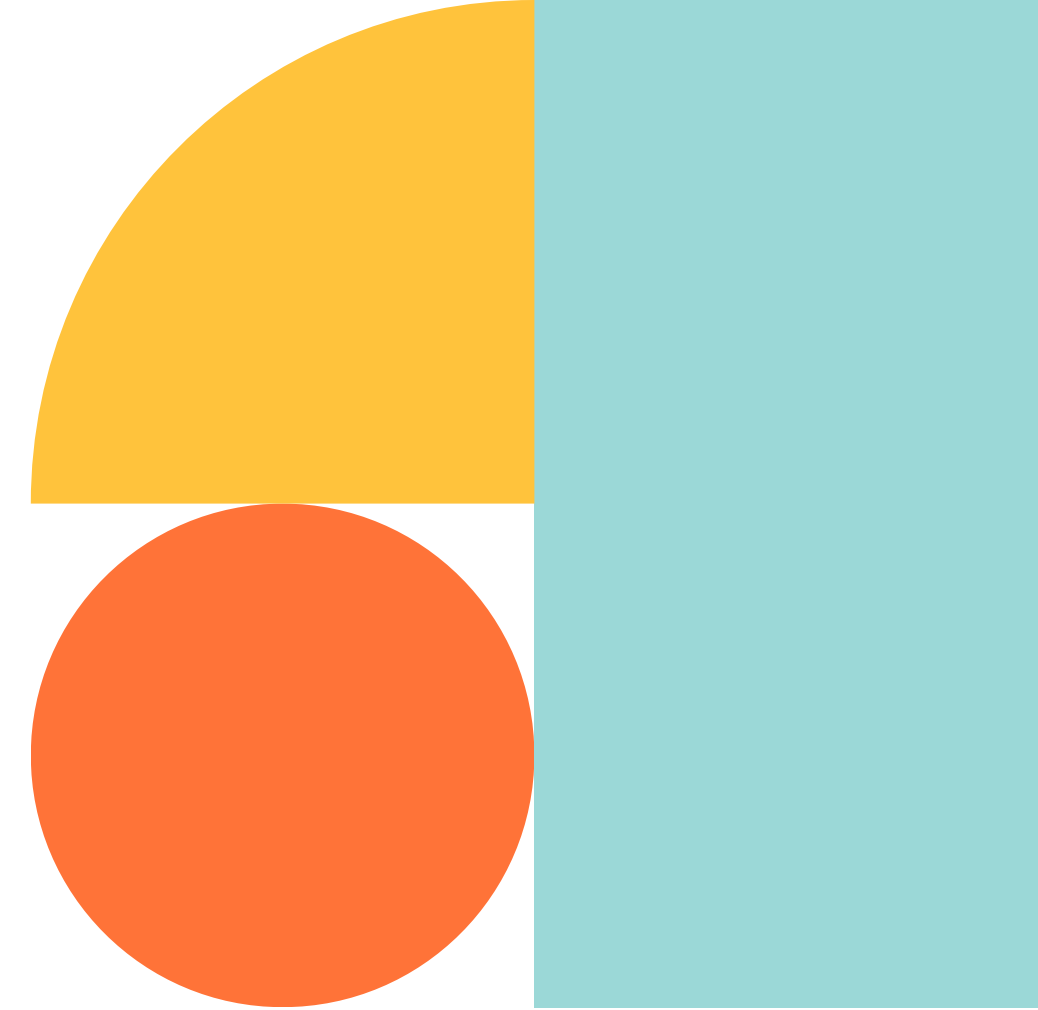
We strive to look our best with a professional appearance:

- Clean and well-groomed hair, pulled away from the face
- No visible jewelry
- Correct uniform pieces
- Wrinkle free uniform
- Comfortable black dress shoes



Wardrobe Fittings

- Singers will be fitted for their concert wardrobe next week!
 - Intermezzo and Bella Voce - Sept 23rd
 - Bel Canto Sept 24th
 - Primo Voce Sept 26th
- Wardrobe Deposits: (Cash or check made payable to NCCC, give to Madisen today or at your singer's rehearsal)
 - Primo Voce and Intermezzo \$100
 - Bel Canto and Bella Voce \$150
- Deposits are refundable if no damage to wardrobe at the end of the year



Touring Levels



Bel Canto

Singers concentrate on applying music reading skills and also perform in the community. They attend an annual retreat and have opportunities to tour locally, nationally, and internationally.

Bella Voce

Our high school women's group performs in NCCC's two concerts each year and has a dedicated concert. They attend an annual retreat and have opportunities to tour locally, nationally, and internationally.



Upcoming Performances:

Oct 12 | CA Firefighter's Association Memorial

Dec 7 & 8 | Folsom Lake Symphony Holiday Concert

Summer 2025 Tours:

New Orleans (Bel Canto)

New York Carnegie Hall
(Bella Voce)

Volunteering

We depend upon our volunteers to operate. Thank you for your time and talents!

- **Website = volunteering homebase.**
- Navigation: Top menu, click members, and then volunteer hours tab
- 10 hours required per season/ 5 hours per semester. All opportunities have flexible hours, 2-10 hrs depending on commitment/availability
- Payout option (\$15 per hour) but volunteering invests in the chorus and in your singers experience.



Volunteer Opportunities

One Time Opportunities (2+ hrs)

- Reception chair
- Reception assistant
- Usher
- Item donation (plates, food, drinks, etc)
- Back of House
- Event Set Up
- Clean up
- Retreat Chaperone

Season Commitment, 10 hrs

- Wardrobe Coordinator; Wardrobe Fitting
- Choir Parent
- Music Library Helper
- Board Member
- Fundraiser Chair; Fundraising Assistant
- Videographer
- Social Media Coordinator
- Photographer
- Publicity
- Grant Support
- Hospitality
- Tour Manager



Tracking Hours

This year we're trialing a new app for volunteers, Track It Forward

- Create an account to track and view your volunteer hours
- Most of your notifications will be by email via links
- We will have links with open positions/ events on the volunteer page as well

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Register

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Phone Number

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Message to Organizer

Register & Sign-up

Login

Sign-up without an account

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Board of Directors

Board members serve as trusted advisors and supporters of NCCC's mission. They support the Chorus through administrative assistance, community involvement, fundraising, and more!

- **2024-2025 Board Members**
 - **Interim President/Fundraising** - Bethany Ely
 - **Vice President** - Cory Lantay
 - **Treasurer/Secretary** - Emily Drennan
- **Monthly Meetings**
 - Second Thursday of the month, 6:30-7:30pm at Eskaton on Barton Rd in Granite Bay

Board Opportunities Available!

Contact Mrs. Britts for more information



Fundraising

Tuition only supplies a portion of our operating expenses.
Fundraising is vital, and we appreciate your support!

Ways to Support NCCC

- **Poinsettia Fundraiser** - Late October/Early November 2024
- **Sing-a-thon** - April 2025
- **Big Day of Giving** - May 5, 2025
- **Corporate Sponsorship** (Premier, Platinum & Gold sponsorship levels)
- **Individual Donations** - Cash, corporate matches, appreciated stock, etc.
- **Merchandise Sales**

Note: Additional fundraisers may be held by the individual choirs to raise funds for tours and other choir-specific events



Holiday Fundraiser

Poinsettia Sale

- 6" potted plants in red, white, and jingle bell
- \$14 each (\$7 profit on each plant sold)
- Order forms go home mid-October and due early November
- Plant pick up in early December

Goal: Raise \$3,500

500 plants = 10 plants per singer

Ask co-workers, friends, family, neighbors!

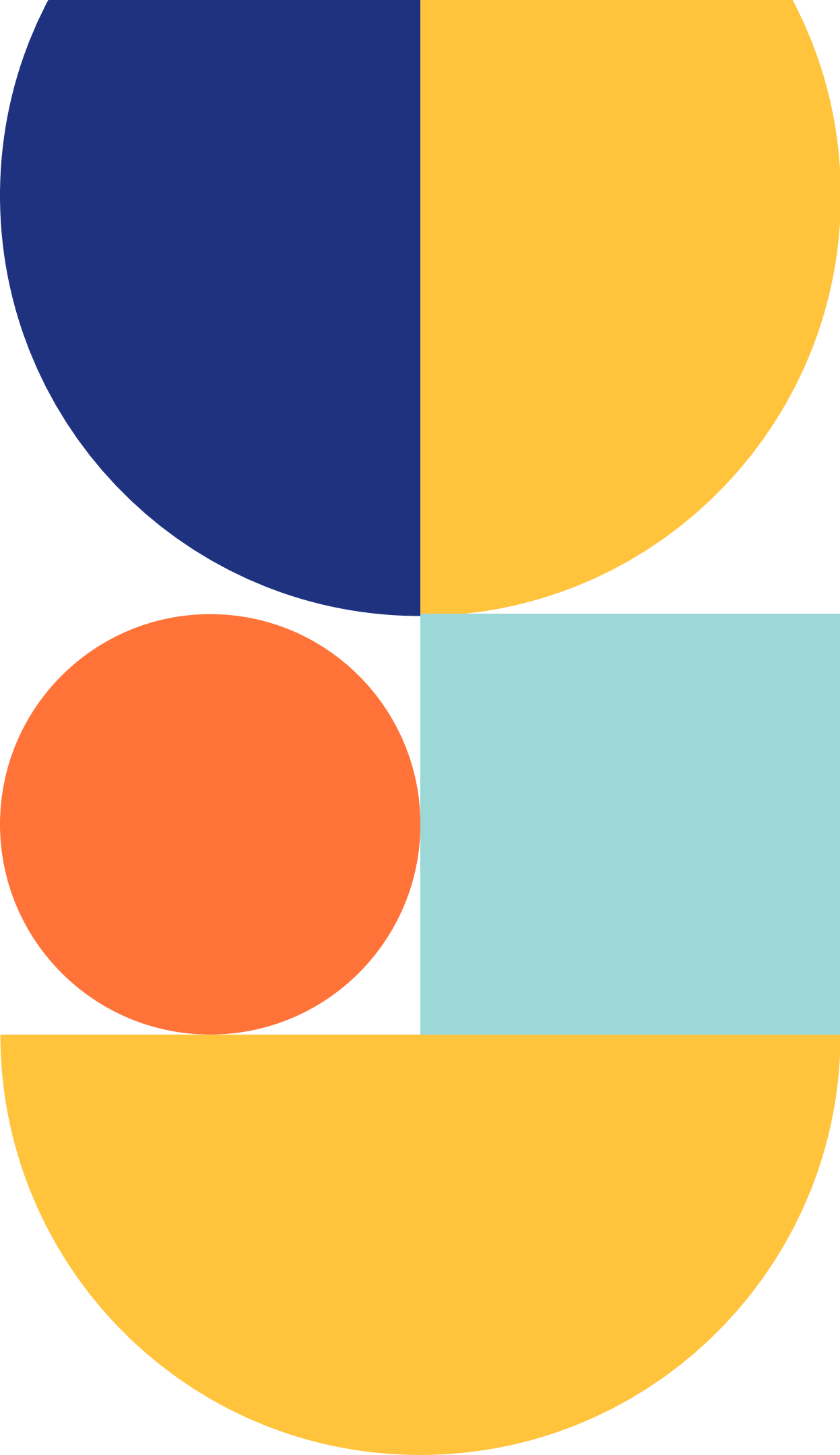


Corporate Sponsorships

- Three levels of sponsorship: Premier, Platinum, Gold
- Advertisements in Holiday and Spring concert programs
- Sponsor recognition
 - Announcements
 - Signage
 - NCCC website
- Tickets to Holiday and Spring concerts
- And more!

For more information:

Contact: Bethany.Ely@norcalchildrenschorus.org



Promotion

Join us on Social Media: Facebook, Instagram & YouTube

Follow, Like, Share, Comment--help us build a strong presence on social media

Leave us a positive Google review

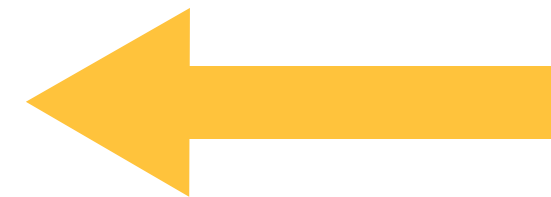
Share your perspective and help us recruit likeminded choir families

and now without further ado...



**We have a
new name!**

Northern
California
Youth
Chorus



...and a new look!





What's next

We hope you love our new brand image as much as we do!
Thank you for your patience as we make the transition:

- You can continue to use any items with NCCC on them for the remainder of the 2024-25 Season
- **The website will be changing to www.ncycsings.org**
(the old website address will still work)
- Social media handles and email addresses will be changing - check your spam filters!
- NCYC merch is in the works!
- Questions? Contact Judy or Madisen
- **Singers, pick up a FREE water bottle sticker on your way out! (One per singer please)**

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Thank You!

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