



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- *How will YNS communicate with us?*

Most communication will come via weekly emails, with an occasional flyer sent home. Please make sure we have a current email address on file. If at any time you don't receive a weekly email, please contact the office immediately.

- *What if my child has to miss a rehearsal?*

We ask that you notify YNS in writing (note or email) 2 weeks prior to a known conflict such as a school performance. In the case of illness, please email his or her director, **using the address provided in this folder.**

- *Where can I find a calendar of activities?*

A calendar will be distributed at the beginning of each semester. It will also be posted on our website, www.ynschoirs.org. Please note that it is subject to change and that any changes will be communicated through the weekly email.

- *I've misplaced a form I need to turn. How can I get a replacement?*

All forms are posted in the Member's Section of our website, www.ynschoirs.org. **That section is a secure site and you will need the following username, yns, and password, singgrowthrive to access it (username and password are the same for everyone).**

- *What is the best way to contact my child's director?*

Please use the email address provided in this folder or you can email the office at info@ynschoirs.org, and it will be forwarded to him or her.

- *What if my child does not attend school on rehearsal day because of Parent-Teacher Conferences or teacher work/institute days – will YNS rehearsals be held?*

Yes, YNS rehearsals are held on those days.

- *What about inclement weather on rehearsal day?*

In the event that inclement weather would make it dangerous for families and singers to venture out, rehearsals will be cancelled. A message will be placed on our office voice mail, (630) 369-9679, and one will be posted on our website, www.ynschoirs.org, by 2:00 p.m.

- *Where do I drop my singer off?*

For Primo and Aria, we ask that parents escort their singer into the Community Concert Center and also pick them up. Parking is available adjacent to Central Park. Please do not park in the U.S. Bank during business hours.

Drop off and pick up for all other choirs is at the discretion of the parents. Safety is a priority for our singers and we have parent volunteers who monitor each choir's dismissal.

- *How do I fulfill my family's \$200 fund raising commitment? When is it due?*

YNS holds a variety of fund raisers during the choral year and each earns a specific credit. You have the majority of the year to earn credits, with the commitment due paid in full by April 6, 2018. Some families prefer to write a check for that amount and that is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

- *Where is the YNS office?*

Our office is located in the Jefferson Hill Building, only a few short steps away from the Community Concert Center, just east of the U.S. Bank drive-up facility. We are located second floor of the building. When stopping by, please use the main entrance on Jefferson Avenue. Our address is 43 E. Jefferson Avenue, Suite 200. Visitors are always welcome!



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YNS Loves Our Parent Volunteers!

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YNS offers volunteer opportunities for parents throughout the year! Have an interest or talent? We have a way for you to get involved and get to know parents in a fun and social atmosphere.

Would you like to

Experience what goes on behind the scenes at one of our concerts?

Then consider ...

Being a chaperone for your child's choir at the Holiday or Spring Concerts.

Would you like to ...

Ensure that our singers look their finest for our concerts?

Then consider ...

Helping with the **Uniform Exchange** or **Uniform Try-on** or **Inspection Days**.

Would you like ...

Get to know other parents in a creative and fun atmosphere?

Then consider ...

Joining the group that makes **YNS Ornaments** for the singers.

Would you like to ...

Help ensure our singers have what they need to start the second semester?

Then consider ...

Preparing **music folders** for the singers.

Would you like to ...

Use your organizational skills?

Then consider ...

Helping with fall **Butter Braid** fund raiser, **Script Cards** or **Holiday and Spring Plant Sales**.

Would you like to

Be an ambassador of YNS?

Then consider ...

Serving as an **usher** to welcome patrons to our Concerts and workshops

Would you like to ...

See the latest talent coming into YNS?

Then consider ...

Assisting with **spring auditions**.

Would you like to ...

Pioneer new and exciting fund raising events?

Then consider ...

Sharing ideas of events that have been successful!

As these volunteer opportunities arise, they will be listed in your child's choir Weekly Email Update and sign-up will be online through Sign-Up Genius.

For more information, please call or email the office, (630) 369-9679 or ecook@ynschoirs.org, crenello@ynschoirs.org or ltinker@ynschoirs.org. We hope you will join on our YNS volunteer team!!



Young Naperville Singers
2017-2018 Fall Calendar

August

Mon.-Thur. 8/28-31 All rehearsals start (see back for times and location)

September

Friday 9/04 No **Dolce** rehearsal - Labor Day
Fri.-Sat. 9/08 & 09 **Canto Vivo, Cantabile & Bella Voce** Fall Retreat, Camp Duncan
9/09 **Ragazzi** Day Retreat, Camp Duncan
Wednesday 9/13 Uniform try-on/uniform exchange for **Primo**
4:10-4:45 p.m. - singers whose last names begin with A-M
5:45-6:15 p.m. - singers whose last names begin with N-Z
Thursday 9/14 Uniform try-on/uniform exchange for **Aria** and **Brillante**
4:00-4:30 p.m. - singers whose last names begin with A-M
5:45-6:30 p.m. - singers whose last names begin with N-Z
Monday 9/18 Butter Braid All Choir Fund Raiser begins
Dolce Singers rehearsal extended to 6:30 p.m. - Fun and Games Night
Tuesday 9/19 **Brio** "Fun Night"; rehearsal extended until 6:00 p.m.
Wed. & Thu. 9/20 & 21 "Fun Night" - **Primo, Aria and Brillante** - rehearsal lengthened 15 minutes those days

October

Monday 10/02 **Dolce** "Bring A Friend Night", rehearsal extended until 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 10/05 Butter Braid fund raiser ends
Sunday 10/08 **Bella Voce** Memorial Performance, St. Patrick's Residence, afternoon time TBA
Monday 10/09 No rehearsal for **Dolce**, Columbus Day
Saturday 10/14 **Bella Voce** Performance - GIA Conference, time TBA
Butter Braid Pick-up, Community Concert Center, 9-11:30 a.m.
Monday 10/16 **Dolce** "Bring Your Parent to Rehearsal Night" rehearsal
Tues. - Thurs. 10/17-19 "Bring Your Parents to Rehearsal" **Prio, Aria, Brillante, Brio, Ragazzi and Canto Vivo ONLY**
Saturday 10/21 **16th Annual Boys Power Sing, Ragazzi and Canto Vivo**, Neuqua Valley H.S., Morning Time TBA
Monday 10/30 **Dolce** Costume and Game Night, rehearsal extended to 6:15 p.m.

November

Saturday 11/18 **Aria** Performance, DuPage Children's Museum, arrive at 9:45 a.m.; perform at 10:00 a.m.
singers are invited to stay and explore the museum after their performance
Monday 11/20 **Bella Voce** Performance, Kids Matter Youth Services Award Ceremony. Naperville Municipal Center, arrive 4:45 p.m.; perform 5:30 p.m., done by 6:00 p.m.
Dolce "Share Something Night", rehearsal extended to 6:30 p.m.
Wed.-Thurs. 11/22-23 No **Primo, Aria or Brillante** rehearsals - Thanksgiving Break

December

Friday 12/01 **Brio and Ragazzi** Showcase Performance, Monarch Landing, Naperville; arrive at 6:30 p.m..
perform at 7:00 p.m.; done by 8:00 p.m.

Saturday	12/02	Cantabile, Bella Voce and Canto Vivo Showcase Performance, Christkindlmarket/Naper Settlement Chapel Cantabile - arrive at 6:00 p.m.; perform at 6:20 p.m. Canto Vivo - arrive at 6:30 p.m.; perform at 6:50 p.m. Bella Voce - arrive at 6:45 p.m.; perform at 7:15 p.m. Dolce Breakfast with Santa, Oswego YMCA, morning times TBA
Sunday	12/03	Brillante Showcase Performance, Brookdale Living, arrive 2:00 p.m.; perform at 2:30 p.m.
Monday	12/04	Dolce rehearsal extended to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	12/06	Primo Showcase Performance, Martin Avenue Apartments, arrive at 4:45 p.m.; perform at 5:00 p.m. (this takes the place of the normal weekly rehearsal)
Saturday	12/09	All Choir Mandatory Rehearsal, YNS Holiday Concert , Neuqua Valley High School, Naperville, morning times TBA
Sunday	12/10	"Yuletide Cheer" Holiday Concert , Neuqua Valley High School, Naperville
Monday	12/11	Dolce Evaluations
Tues.-Thurs.	12/12-15	Primo, Aria, Brillante, Brio, Ragazzi, Cantabile, Canto Vivo mid-year evaluations/last rehearsals of the fall semester

Looking Ahead to 2018

January

Mon.-Thurs	1/08-11	Rehearsals resume for all choirs
Friday	1/12	Bella Voce Winter Retreat, Community Concert Center, Times TBA

February

Saturday	2/03	6th Annual Diva Day - Sing and Share; Aria, Brillante and Cantabile Girls , Wentz Concert Hall
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May

Saturday	5/05	Mandatory Rehearsal for Spring Concerts
Sunday	5/06	Spring Concerts , Wentz Concert Hall, North Central College, Naperville, Times TBA

Naperville Choirs Rehearsal Schedule

Community Concert Center (CCC), Naperville

Tuesdays:

Brio: 4:30-5:45 p.m. • Ragazzi: 4:45-6:15 p.m.
Cantabile: 6:30-8:00 p.m. Bella Voce: 6:20-8:20 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Primo: 4:45-5:45 p.m.

Thursdays:

Aria: 4:30-5:45 p.m. • Brillante: 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Naperville Woman's Club Building, 14 S. Washington Street, Naperville

Tuesdays:

Canto Vivo: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Oswego Choir Rehearsal Schedule - Allied First Bank

Mondays:

Dolce: 4:45-5:45 p.m.

YNS Fund Raising

To keep tuition and other program costs reasonable, each family has a \$200 fund raising commitment (families with more than one singer in the organization have only one commitment).

There are several ways to participate in this program:

<u>Fund Raising Opportunity</u>	<u>Selling Cost</u>	<u>Family Credit</u>
Butter Braid Pastries (fall)	\$14.00 each	\$5.50 each
1/4 page ad in program	\$150.00 each	\$100.00 each
½ page ad in program	\$250.00 each	\$150.00 each
Full page ad in program	\$350.00 each	\$200.00 each
Scrip Cards *	Varies by Merchant	% Varies by Merchant
Fannie May Candy (spring)	Varies by Item	30% of Sales

If you choose to not participate in the above options, you can still meet your \$200 commitment in three additional ways:

1. Receive a \$50 credit for each singer you referred who joins YNS for the 2017-18 season.
2. Secure a matching gift from your employer that reflects a personal contribution. If the amount exceeds \$200, the remainder will be credited to the organization as a whole.
3. Buy-out the full amount, or any remainder after fund raising, by writing a check. This buy-out is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Families will have until April 6, 2016 to complete their commitment. Families who do not complete it by that time jeopardize their singer's good standing in the choir.

* A Word About Scrip Cards

The Scrip Card (formerly Manna Cards) program is a painless way to earn fund raising credits. YNS offers you the opportunity to purchase gift cards to a variety of different stores, businesses, gas stations, etc. (Starbucks, Jewel, Shell Gas, Chipole, iTunes to name a few). Each merchant donates a percentage back to the organization and 100% of that amount is credited to your fund raising account. Better yet, the gift cards are redeemable for the amount you paid for them - a \$50 Shell gas card will purchase \$50 worth of gas.

Watch the weekly emails for more ordering details.



2017-18 Artistic Staff

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Each YNS director has his or her own YNS email that they check often. If you need to report a planned absence, a last minute illness or if you have a concern, please email your child's director directly.

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Bella Voce: Angie Johnson, Director; Matthew Gemmill, Accompanist

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Canto Vivo: R. Brett Goad, Director; Janet Murray, Accompanist

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YNS Traffic Parent

We ask that each family take a turn once during the choral year serving as a traffic parent for their child's choir (in smaller choirs - Dolce, Brio, Canto Vivo, Aria - parents are asked to serve twice.) This important task ensures the safety of our children as they leave their rehearsal. We use Sign-up Genius so that you can select a date that works with your calendar/schedule and the link for that will be provided in a weekly email update.

When Serving as a Traffic Parent ~

1. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the end of your child's rehearsal.
2. Check-in with the rehearsal assistant.
3. When the children are dismissed, accompany them to the exit and stand on the sidewalk outside the main doors to monitor that singers do not run around in the park or dart in between cars when being picked-up. During the winter months, singers should remain quietly in the building until their ride arrives.
4. Please stay until all singers have been picked up.

Thanks in advance for your help!