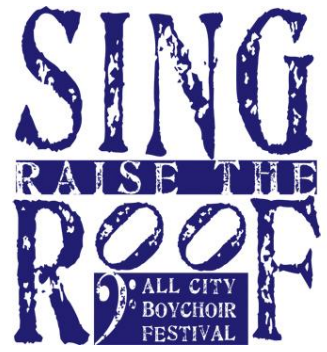


February, 2023



**Dear Sing Raise the Roof Participant and Parents:**

We are THRILLED that you will be joining us in the 19<sup>th</sup> *Sing Raise the Roof -Be the Change!*, March 4, 2023! It has been three years since we were able to host this event and we are looking forward to bringing it back to the community in a NEW and EXCITING way!

Our original and traditional format of a four-day festival is shifting to a **ONE DAY ONLY Boychoir event complete with rehearsals, workshops, and an afternoon concert.**

Please note the commitment and time changes from the original registration form will now be **MARCH 4, 2023 from 9 am-4 pm; Concert at 4:00 pm.** Because we have a smaller number of singers participating in the festival itself, we thought this SUPER ENERGIZED day would be the best experience for all. Same great experience, just condensed into one day!

Here is what remains the same with this updated format:

- Registered students still sing with their assigned choirs and voice parts
- Treble choir singers will be under the direction of CSCC Artistic Director: Larisa Dreger
- Men's choir will be under the direction of the featured clinician and composer: Kevin T. Padworski
- All participants receive their festival t-shirt, access to electronic photo gallery of the day, and lunch and a pre-concert snack

Here is what changes with the updated format:

- The time commitment is reduced from a 4-day festival commitment to the Saturday only
- All music is learned, prepared, and performed on site the day of the event
- Additional workshops will be incorporated into the day by experts in movement/dance, drama, and percussion, and of course, the voice!

**Festival Rehearsal and Concert Details:**

- The **LOCATION FOR THE DAY** is still in the works since we made this change to one day. We will let you know next week where we will be.

- **FESTIVAL REHEARSAL TIMES:**

**March 4-- ALL GUYS: 9:00-4:00 (Saturday-workshops/rehearsal/lunch provided)**

*Parents – rehearsals are closed. Once you register your singer, you are free to go. Arrive at least 15 minutes early on Saturday, March 4, so that we can check you in and give you a nametag and your t-shirt.*

**\*\*Note-** please bring a water bottle filled with water and labelled with your name to the rehearsal. We will be providing lunch which includes pizza, sides, and a drink. If you have allergies to this kind of food, please bring your own lunch. It is expected that all others will eat the lunch provided—we are planning based on the number of boys we have.\*\*

- **CONCERT** will be held on Saturday, March 4, 4:00 p.m.
- **CONCERT SEATING**-Doors will open for audience seating at 3:30 pm.
- **Singers may be picked up following the performance at 5:15 pm.**

**\*Concert Attire** – you will be given a *Sing Raise the Roof* t-shirt at on Saturday. Please wear jeans and comfortable, close-toed shoes and socks.

**\*Pictures-** Each family will be given a link to pictures of the day and the formal picture.

**\* Concert Tickets-** GOOD NEWS! All are invited to attend the concert at no extra charge! The concert will feature both choirs *Sing Raise the Roof*, and the Summit Ensemble of the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale.

**CERTIFICATES** – Before and after the concert, a certificate of participation will be in the lobby for your singer. Be sure to pick yours up before leaving.

**MUSIC MARKETPLACE**-Lots of fun music stuff will be for sale in the Lobby of Wasson Auditorium. Ties, socks, and more! Plan to buy something fun for your singer before or after the concert.

## BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Singing in an ensemble demands a high level of self-discipline and teamwork. In order for us to achieve musical excellence and a strong sense of teamwork in a short period of time, we do ask for all participants to follow the guidelines listed below:

- Singers are expected to show respect for adult leaders and fellow singers
- Singers need to be focused and ready to work in all rehearsal and concert situations
- Singers will be expected to be on their best behavior at all times
- Singers need to bring their music, a pencil, and a water bottle to all rehearsals
- Singers need to be on time to all rehearsals and activities
- Singers may not wear hats inside the building
- Singers must stay with the group - if a singer needs to leave the group for any reason, he must check with a Chorale staff member first

*Any singer who is not participating in a positive manner and/or is disruptive to the group will be asked to leave.*

*Thank you in advance for helping us to make this event a positive and safe experience for all of the participants.*

We look forward to seeing you soon! Let us know if you have any questions. Call 633-3562 or email [csc@kidssing.org](mailto:csc@kidssing.org)