



# CAMP HANDBOOK 2018

**SHOWCHOIR CAMP** – June 4 – 8 & **MUSIC CAMP** June 11 – 15

**CANE ISLAND**

2100 Cane Island PKWY, Katy, TX

# ABOUT OUR CAMPS

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The Katy Youth Choir summer camps are designed to allow children and youth aged 5 – 18 the opportunity to “Inspire the Artist Within” through choral singing. Our goal is to expose our campers to different genres of music and teach them the unique ways to perform in a choral setting. We are offering 2 camps with 3 age categories in each camp.

## SHOWCHOIR CAMP – June 4 – 8, 2018

### Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm, Friday 9 am – 3 pm with Free Grand Finale Concert at 7:30 pm

### Location:

Cane Island, 2100 Cane Island Parkway, Katy, TX

### Camp Overview:

Campers will spend the best week of their summer singing and dancing under the direction of KYC’s talented directors and choreographers. They will learn choral music singing, dynamic showchoir performance techniques, enjoy outdoor activities such as fishing, swimming, camp games and more. The highlight of the Showchoir camp will be the Free Grand Finale Concert that will include all campers on the Friday evening at 7:30 pm at Cane Island’s beautiful outdoor facility. Parents, family members, friends and neighbors are invited to join us in this special concert to celebrate the incredible talent of our campers. Campers will also have the opportunity to audition to perform as soloists in our pre-show program at our Grand Finale concert.

### Camping Levels:

KYC MINI SHOWCHOIR (*Ages 5 – 7*)

KYC Jr. SHOWCHOIR (*Ages 8 - 11*)

KYC Sr. SHOWCHOIR (*Ages 12 - 18*)

## MUSIC CAMP – JUNE 11 – 15, 2018

### Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm, Friday 9 am – 3 pm with Free Grand Finale Concert at 7:30 pm

### Location:

Cane Island, 2100 Cane Island Parkway, Katy, TX

### Camp Overview:

Campers will spend the best week of their summer learning choral singing and increasing their choral technique under the direction of KYC’s talented directors. They will learn sightreading using solfege, choral blending, vocal placement and performance techniques. Sr. Choir Campers will get a head start on learning the Texas All-State music and have a leg up on the competition for All State choir auditions. Jr. Campers will enjoy outdoor activities such as fishing, swimming, camp games and more. The highlight of the Music Camp will be the Free Grand Finale Concert that will include all campers on the Friday evening at 7:30 pm at Cane Island’s beautiful outdoor facility. Parents, family members, friends and neighbors are invited to join us in this special concert to celebrate the incredible talent of our campers. Campers will also have the opportunity to audition to perform as soloists in our pre-show program at our Grand Finale concert.

## Camping Levels:

KYC MINI CHOIR (Ages 5 – 7)

KYC Jr. CHOIR (Ages 8 - 13)

KYC Sr. CHOIR (Ages 14 - 18)

# FEES

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## COST:

\$350/camper

## DISCOUNTS:

*Only 1 discount given per camper. Discount cannot be combined with any other offer.*

10% Discount given for:

- Residents of Cane Island
- Siblings attending the same camp
- Campers attending more than one camp
- Katy Youth Choir current choristers
- Choristers registered in KYC Fall 2018 Semester
- Full payment at time of registration

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 31, 2018

## PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Option 1: Full camp fee payment at time of registration (may receive 10% discount on registration fee)

Option 2: Split Payment

- First half of camp fee due at time of registration through online payment
- Second half of camp fee due on first day of camp at check-in through written check only

*Credit cards are accepted at the time of registration through our online payment system. Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover and PayPal are all accepted.*

*Second payment can only be received via check on first day of camp. Checks are to be made out to the Katy Youth Choir.*

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Your camp fee includes all rehearsals, crafts and activities at the camp. It also includes a KYC Summer Camp t-shirt (to wear at Grand Finale concert) and waterbottle. Meals and snacks are NOT included and will need to be provided by campers.

# REFUND POLICY

\$75 of the camp fee is non-refundable.

We can accept refund requests through email correspondence at [kyc@nfaf.org](mailto:kyc@nfaf.org) through the following deadlines:

**April 30, 2018:** 75% of the remaining balance is still refundable after this date

**May 15, 2018:** 50% of the remaining balance is still refundable after this date

**May 31, 2018:** No refunds after this date

Please allow 4 – 6 weeks for the processing of refund requests following the completion of the camp.

# SAFETY & SECURITY

## STUDENT-TO-COUNSELOR RATIO

We maintain an approximate 10:1 student-to-counselor ratio, one that significantly surpasses industry standards. Campers are supervised during all activities, they are required to check-in at regular intervals, and attendance is taken at the beginning of all rehearsals/activities. We make every possible effort to ensure your child's safety.

# STAFF

The Katy Youth Choir Camp staff is comprised of some of the most enthusiastic and passionate professional musicians in the Greater Houston Area. Sr. Choir Directors have over 20 years of choral directing experience and connections with the KatyISD choral programs. Jr. Choir Directors have over 10 years of choral directing and performance experience. Choir assistants are current directors of the Katy Youth Choir and have a passion for uniting choristers through the power of choral singing. Activity Directors and Office staff are hired for their enthusiasm for the choral program. Their creativity and organization will allow for campers to experience all that our summer camps have to offer.

## CAMP DIRECTOR

Megan Comin – Artistic Director, Katy Youth Choir

# REGISTRATION

Camp registration will be online through the Katy Youth Choir website at <http://kyc.nfaf.org>.

Please be sure to complete and email the medical form to us in order to complete your registration. Medical forms can be emailed to [kyc@nfaf.org](mailto:kyc@nfaf.org).

# CAMP CHECK-IN

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Showchoir Camp check-in will take place on Monday, June 4, 2018 and Music Camp on Monday, June 11, 2018 from 8:30 am – 9:00 am at the check-in table located in the breezeway at the Cane Island Community Center. Check-In Table will be clearly marked with KYC signs and blue tablecloths.

**Please make sure you have emailed your medical form to us ahead of time.** If you are paying for the camp fee in split payments, please have 2<sup>nd</sup> check payment ready. Parents of Mini Campers will need to sign their children in and out. Jr. and Sr. Campers can sign themselves in and out.

Check-in can take anywhere from 5 – 20 minutes depending on the traffic volume. Campers who would like to audition for the opportunity to perform in the pre-show of the Grand Finale Concert can do so at check-in on the first day of camp. Details about audition times will be sent home after the first day of camp.

Immediately upon check-in, campers will receive their waterbottles and t-shirts. Please take a minute to make sure that the t-shirt fits your camper as there will be no exchanges after the first morning.

Once campers have checked in, they will be directed to their warm-up room where they will meet their Directors and Activities Coordinators.

We suggest arriving early so that your campers have plenty of time to settle into their warm-up rooms before heading to their first activities.

## CHECK-IN LIST/FORMS

- 1- Read through all of the information in the camp handbook
- 2- Complete and return Choir Camp Agreement Form located on the last page of this handbook with parent and camper signatures
- 3- If using split option for payment, bring check for outstanding balance made out to the [Katy Youth Choir](#)
- 4- Make sure your Medical Release form has been filled out, signed and emailed to [kyc@nfaf.org](mailto:kyc@nfaf.org)
- 5- If your camper plans to audition for the Talent show be prepared to sign up for an audition time at registration

# WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

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- Wear loose fitting, comfortable, weather appropriate clothing
- Wear sneakers
- Hats\* (for outdoor activities)
- Sunglasses\* (for outdoor activities)
- Sunscreen (please apply before arriving)
- Sr. Choir – Pencils with erasers
- Sr. Music Choir – All-State Music (must be pre-ordered for camp or purchased elsewhere)
- Non-Refrigerated Snacks
- Lunch
- KYC Summer Camp Waterbottle (we will have water stations for refills)

*\*these are optional items should you wish your child to have them*

*Your son or daughter will be active from 9 am until 4 pm. A final camp itinerary will be emailed to you on June 1 so you can know when to send your child with a swimming suit or other appropriate outerwear.*

# LAST DAY OF CAMP

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**Camp will end 1 hour early on Friday, June 8 and Friday, June 15 to give us more time to set up for Grand Finale Concerts.**

## GRAND FINALE CONCERTS

The KYC Summer camps culminate with a student performance in the beautiful outdoor facility at Cane Island on the Friday evening of each camp. All campers must participate in the final performance.

Chorister Arrival Time:

6:30 pm

Pre-Show Start Time:

7 pm

Concert Start Time:

7:30 pm

Ticket Price:

\$0 – Invite your family, friends and neighbors to come enjoy this FREE Grand Finale Concert that will showcase our talented campers.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

**Camp Director, Megan Comin Cell Number:** (832) 940-5717. This phone number is the personal cell phone number for Megan Comin and should only be used in case of an emergency. Please send a text as well as a voicemail with your name, phone number and email and Megan will respond as soon as possible.

## EMERGENCY DEPARTURES

Campers may not leave camp for any reason (unless previously arranged with Camp Director and Office Administrator). If a camper must leave camp early, the parent or legal guardian must sign the camper out.

## ACCESSIBILITY

If a camper requires special accommodations, please contact the camp staff at [kyc@nfaf.org](mailto:kyc@nfaf.org) before registering and we will work to verify that we will be able to adequately meet your expectations.

## GRAND FINALE CONCERT PRE-SHOW

The Grand Finale Concert Pre-Show will be held immediately before the Grand Finale Concert on the last night of camp. This is a highlight event of our camp, where our campers can wow a full house with their diverse talents. From Broadway hits to Irish dancing, the Grand Finale Concert Pre-Show will be sure to not disappoint. If you need an accompanist, we will provide one for you. Be sure to bring whatever music, props, costumes, etc. you need for your performance to camp with you on your audition day. Auditions for the show will be held on the Tuesday and Wednesday of camp and you can sign up at registration. We will make every effort to accommodate as many children in our pre-show as possible. If your camper does not make it into the pre-show, we will see if we can find an alternative way for them to showcase their talent. Just because they do not make it into the pre-show does not mean that they did not audition well. We have limited space and want to create as entertaining of a program as possible.

# KATY YOUTH CHOIR CODE OF CONDUCT

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In order to provide a fun and safe environment, all campers are required to abide by the following rules and expectations while participating in the Katy Youth Choir Summer Camps. During your camper's stay at choir camp, we want them to have the best experience possible. The coordinators have developed the following dress code to assure that no one will feel offended or uncomfortable during his or her stay.

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all individuals attending the camp, including staff, counselors and chaperones.

- Clothing: All clothing shall be neat, clean and acceptable in repair and appearance and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate to choral music events.
- Articles of clothing which display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs sex or are in any other way distracting, are prohibited.
- Excessively baggy or tight clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation is prohibited.
- Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. Tank tops with straps wider than one inch are permitted. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube-tops are prohibited.
- Students are expected and required to follow all directions given by any faculty or staff member.
- We care about your safety and about our facilities. With this in mind, no horseplay, bullying, hazing or participation in dangerous games or activities will be allowed.
- In the unlikely event that there is an incident that represents inappropriate behavior, it should be immediately reported to a KYC staff member.
- Students may not leave camp without authorization from a staff member.
- Students are expected to show consideration for others. Voices, music and other noises should be kept at a reasonable volume.
- The use of alcohol and other controlled substances is not permitted. All medications must be given to the Camp Director upon check-in.
- Weapons of any kind are not allowed. These include, but are not limited to: guns, pocketknives, razor blades, etc.
- Electronic devices are discouraged and the Katy Youth Choir will not be held responsible for any damage sustained to any electronic device.

Please be sure to read this material carefully. Part of the success of the Katy Youth Choir Camps has been the excellent supervision and engaging activities. Campers who break the rules or controlled substance policy will be sent home immediately without a refund.



# CHOIR CAMP AGREEMENT FORM

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By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood all of the Katy Youth Choir Camp Handbook's stated terms and agreements and will comply with all rules, regulations and procedures set forth in the aforementioned document. I understand that any violation of this contract agreement can result in dismissal from the camp with possible assessment of fees and fines at the responsibility of the legal guardian.

Student Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_