**Evanston Children’s Choir  Winter/Spring 2020**

**Concert Choir**
This is our top ensemble. Singers must audition for this performance-oriented Choir, displaying a solid sense of pitch and good focus. In addition to that, we are looking for singers who take particular pride in performing at a high level—who view singing not only as a fun activity but also as a vehicle for personal achievement and growth. A wide variety of musical styles and genres are explored in this enriching program. This is a true mixed-age group, accepting qualified singers grades 3 through high school (boys with unchanged voices), with limited special internship opportunities for exceptional high school students. In addition to our self-produced events, the Concert Choir takes on the ECC’s highest-profile performances such as official City of Evanston events, major private events, or collaborations with other arts organizations like the Evanston Symphony and the North Shore Choral Society, as well as occasional outreach performances. Concert Choir rehearses twice a week. A typical number of performances is 5-6 per semester.

**Days/Times:** Tuesdays 4:15-5:45 and Thursdays 4:15-5:15 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, Rm. 107
**1st Winter/Spring Semester Rehearsal:** Tuesday, January 7th, 2020
**Members:** Grades 3 through high school, by audition
**Instructor:** ECC Artistic Director Gary Geiger
**Tuition:** $430 per semester (financial assistance and sibling discounts available)

**Youth Chorale Pops**
This season’s edition of our Youth Chorale is focusing on pop and contemporary-style music. This is a mixed-age, mixed-level group for grades 1-8. No audition is required—**sign up and sing!** Youth Chorale is our group for young beginners, as well as for kids who are a little older but are not ready for—or may choose not to participate in—the Concert Choir. Material is adapted to suit the group as a whole, and individual members take on roles within the group appropriate for their ability levels. Older singers in Youth Chorale serve as section leaders and mentors for their younger counterparts. The focus of this group is on developing good vocal skills and habits, and experiencing the joy of singing. The Youth Chorale performs at our Holiday Concert in December, at our March Fundraiser, and at our Spring Concert in May. Other performances may be added as opportunities may arise.

**Day/Time:** Mondays, 4:15-5:15 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, Rm. 107
**1st Winter/Spring Semester Rehearsal:** Monday, January 6th, 2020
**Members:** Grades 1-8, no audition required
**Instructor:** ECC Associate Director Dr. Sarah Bartolome
**Tuition:** $220 per semester (financial assistance and sibling discounts available)

**Family Choir**
Family Choir is literally for everyone! This is our version of a community choir, in which adults and kids of all ages and levels can have fun discovering the joy of all types of music by singing together in one group. This is our most open, casual group. Family members can sign up and sing together, but adults or kids may also sign up individually. There is no formal age limit, and all ability levels are accepted. Older kids for whom Concert Choir isn’t the right fit may find Family Choir to be an appealing option. Boys with changed voices can also join this group. As with our Youth Chorale, Family Choir songs are adapted to suit the group as a whole, and individual members take on roles within the group appropriate for their ability levels. And the director is happy to consider requests regarding which songs you’ll sing! There is no audition for this group, although the director may ask a new member to hum a few bars of something to get an idea of his/her voice type and range. Literally anyone who can follow along can join! There are special rates for pairs of family members (e.g. a parent-child combo or couples), and for unlimited access for an entire family. Our Friday evening rehearsals are late enough that you can get home from work, grab a quick dinner and come sing with us, but early enough to accommodate younger singers (and it’s not a school night!).

**Day/Time:** Friday evenings, 6:30-7:45 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, Rm. 107
**1st Winter/Spring Semester Rehearsal:** Friday, January 10th, 2020
**Members:** All ages, all ability levels, no audition required
**Instructor:** ECC Associate Director Bryan Johnson
**Tuition:** $260 per semester for one member, $435 for two, $495 for “Unlimited Family Membership” (financial assistance available)

**Story Choir! Winter Session features Disney’s Frozen II (Spring Session TBD)**
Everyone loves a good story, and it’s even better when you can sing along with it! Each session will feature songs and narration from one story, either from a popular movie or other classic tale. This new offering of ours is geared towards grades 1-5, and no audition is required. Sessions are shorter than our typical semesters, running 8 weeks each. It’s like a mini-musical without tech week!

**Day/Time:** Fridays, 4:15-5:15 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, Rm. 107
**1st Winter Session Rehearsal:** Friday, January 10th, 2020
**1st Spring Session Rehearsal:** Friday, March 13th, 2020
**Members:** Grades 1-5, no audition required
**Instructor:** ECC Artistic Director Gary Geiger
**Tuition:** $165 per 8-week session (financial assistance and sibling discounts available)