



WELCOME!

Dear OAKE National Choir Families,

Here we are, finally together! Congratulations on your child's acceptance into the OAKE National Conference Choirs. As a participant, your child will represent their choir, school, city, and state for our OAKE National Conference. These four days of rehearsals and performance promise to be filled with some of the most exciting musical experiences anywhere. Running concurrently with the choir is a professional development conference for music educators and practitioners.

For the safety and security of all young people involved, your child must be chaperoned at all times while not in a scheduled rehearsal.

Within this document you'll find schedules, maps, information on conference sessions that may be of interest to choir families, traveler tips, and more. We hope you enjoy your stay!

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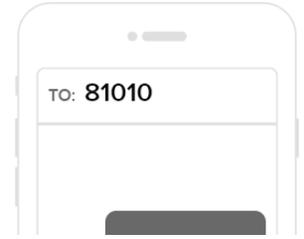
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CHOIR TEXT ALERT SYSTEM

The safety of all students is very important to OAKE. We strongly suggest that you sign up for our choir text alert system. Remind.com is the primary way OAKE communicates with choir families at the conference. We use this system for important group announcements including schedule or location changes and in the unlikely event that an emergency occurs. Remind is a one-way text messaging system. Other contacts will not see your phone number, nor will you see theirs. Simply click the link below!



*If unsure which to join, check your acceptance email or ask your music teacher.
If you have singers in multiple choirs, join each group!*

Children's Choir	www.remind.com/join/oake23chld	or send a text to phone #81010 with the message @oake23chld
Youth Treble Choir	www.remind.com/join/oake23yth	or send a text to phone #81010 with the message @oake23yth
Concert Treble Choir	www.remind.com/join/oake23treb	or send a text to phone #81010 with the message @oake23treb
Chamber Choir	www.remind.com/join/oake23chbr	or send a text to phone #81010 with the message @oake23chbr

"Oh no, I've been removed?!"

If a Remind group reaches the maximum number of participants we'll automatically move you to another receiving alerts for your same choir. You'll receive a message that you're removed from one group and added to another.

WEDNESDAY CHOIR "CHECK IN" / REGISTRATION

Drop in between 2-4 pm to meet choir coordinators and pick up your materials. Each singer receives:

- A printed Welcome Packet (schedules, maps, and information)
- Singer's conference shirt and water bottle
- Additional shirts reserved through the online form

Concert Treble Choir and Chamber Choir: the conductor and/or choir committee members will hear small groups perform their learned parts. This experience is to allow the committee members as well as the conductor to orient themselves with the ensemble. This experience is about the joy of singing together.

FRIDAY MORNING: INTRO SESSION ESPECIALLY FOR FAMILIES:

We're hosting a special Friday morning session just for choir families and school administrators! Get to know other families and learn about the Kodaly approach to music education. Join us to learn more about the philosophy that unites teachers at this conference and contributes to your singer's education! Includes a question and answer time and opportunity to mingle with other families.

RECORDINGS

Exciting News! High quality concert recordings will be shared with *all* singers, families, and teachers of national choir members - *at no additional cost!* OAKE would like these memories to be available to all participants and has prioritized this effort in line with our mission and Commitment to Equity. In April more information will be shared by email and posted on www.oake.org. Find *previous* OAKE National Choir Concerts at ChoirsLive.com.

REHEARSAL AND CONCERT ATTIRE

Rehearsal Attire:

For all choirs, dress during rehearsals is casual.

Concert Attire:

Children's Choir and Youth Treble Choir

- Long-sleeved, white dress shirt/blouse with a collar (worn tucked in)
- Black dress pants or skirt (try to have the length of skirt be in the middle of the knee cap)
- Black tights or hose, if wearing a skirt
- Black socks and black belt, if wearing pants
- Black dress shoes

Concert Treble Choir and Chamber Choir (select the option most appropriate for you):

- Concert dress (modest floor length black dress) with neutral hose and black dress shoes. No necklaces.
- OR black dress pants (tight fitting pants/leggings and jeans are not acceptable), nice black top, neutral color hose, and black dress shoes.
- OR black suit or sport coat with black dress pants, white long-sleeved dress shirt with a collar (worn tucked in), a long dark tie (no bowties), black socks, and black dress shoes.

CONCERTS & TICKETS

The Florida Theatre

128 East Forsyth Street, Suite 300
Jacksonville, FL. 32202

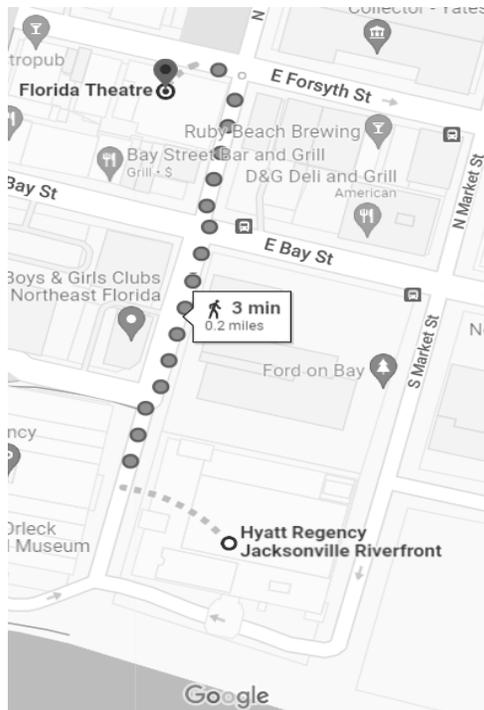
Saturday March 18, 2023

Concert #1 at 6:00 PM (5:00 doors open)
Concert #2 at 7:45 PM (7:20 doors open)

Ensembles

Children's & Concert Treble Choirs
Youth Treble & Chamber Choirs

No need for Concert Tickets this year!
There's plenty of seating at the concert venue and all are welcome to attend.



WALKING TO THE CONCERT VENUE

The Florida Theatre is close enough to see from our hotel! Exit out the West side of the Hyatt by the gift shop. Turn right (north) and walk two blocks. You'll turn left on Forsyth and use the Main Entrance into the Florida Theatre.

SEATING ACCOMMODATIONS

For any patrons needing accessible seating for a wheelchair, please contact Justin MacCulley (justin@floridatheatre.com) before Wednesday, March 15. Please know accessibility seating is limited and on a first come first serve basis. Accommodation for a wheelchair will mean a physical seat will not be there and the patron will have to stay in the wheelchair for the performance. There is additional space for wheelchair seating at the back of the hall.

CLOSING PROCEDURES

Students will be released to parents at the end of the National Conference Choirs Concert. During the concert, an announcement will be made regarding where to meet your singers. When the time comes we will ask that only one parent go to the area to pick up the singer. The National Choir managers will facilitate and manage this process. Once you have your child, their duties at the conference are over and you are free to leave as you please.

2023 OAKE NATIONAL CONFERENCE CHOIR SCHEDULE*

*once on-site, changes will be announced via Remind text group

FREE TIME

All participating students must be chaperoned by a parent, grandparent, relative over the age of 21, teacher or other designated chaperone at all times while not in a scheduled rehearsal. You and your family will have some free time to explore the host city. Be sure to visit the Hotel and Travel page on the OAKE website (<http://www.oake.org/conferences/hotel-and-travel/>) for more ideas.

W E D N E S D A Y	Children's Choir	Youth Treble Choir	Concert Treble Choir	Chamber Choir
	ST. JOHNS	CLEARWATER	DAYTONA	ORLANDO
	REGISTRATION <i>2:00 - 4:00 pm</i>	REGISTRATION <i>2:00 - 4:00 pm</i>	REGISTRATION <i>2:00 - 4:00 pm</i>	REGISTRATION <i>2:00 - 4:00 pm</i>
	Dinner On Your Own <i>4:00 - 5:45 pm</i>			
	Choir Welcome & Orientation Event * <i>* All students and parents are required to attend</i> Meet the OAKE Choir Conductors, Accompanists and Choir Coordinators. <i>5:45 - 6:15 pm Grand Ballroom</i>			
	Rehearsal <i>6:30 - 8:00 pm</i>	Rehearsal <i>6:30 - 8:15 pm</i>	Rehearsal <i>6:30 - 8:45 pm</i>	Rehearsal <i>6:30 - 8:30 pm</i>

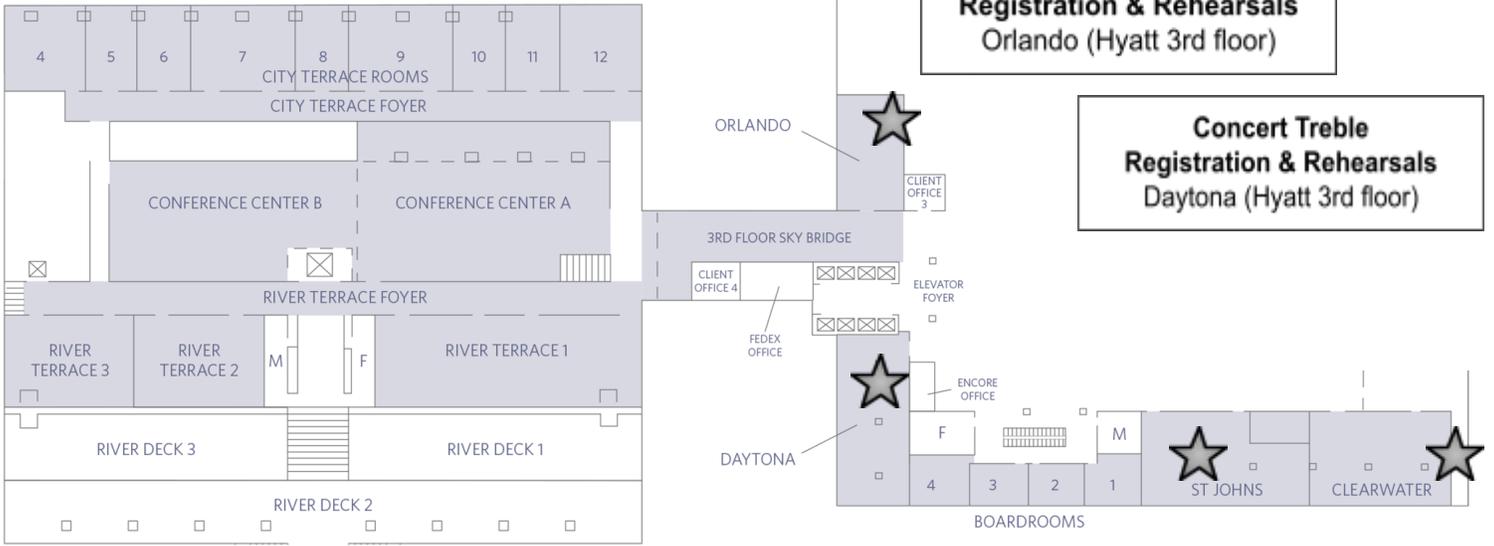
T H U R S D A Y	Children's Choir	Youth Treble Choir	Concert Treble Choir	Chamber Choir
	ST. JOHNS	CLEARWATER	DAYTONA	ORLANDO
	Rehearsal <i>8:30 - 11:30 am</i>	Rehearsal <i>8:45 - 11:45 am</i>		
	Lunch Break <i>11:30 - 12:30 pm</i>	Lunch Break <i>11:45 - 12:45 pm</i>	Rehearsal <i>9:00 - 12:00 pm</i>	Rehearsal <i>9:00 - 12:00 pm</i>
	Rehearsal <i>12:30 - 3:00 pm</i>	Rehearsal <i>12:45 - 3:30 pm</i>	Lunch Break <i>12:00 - 1:00 pm</i>	Lunch Break <i>12:00 - 1:00 pm</i>
			Rehearsal <i>1:00 - 3:45 pm</i>	Rehearsal <i>1:00 - 3:45 pm</i>
	Opening Concert - Jacksonville Children's Chorus <i>8:15 - 8:45 pm Grand Ballroom 4/5 (optional)</i> Community Dancing <i>9:00 - 10:00 pm Grand 2/3 (optional)</i>			

F R I D A Y	Children's Choir	Youth Treble Choir	Concert Treble Choir	Chamber Choir
	ST. JOHNS	CLEARWATER	DAYTONA	ORLANDO
	Choir Families & Administrators Event 9:15 - 10:15 am <i>Grand 1 (second floor)</i> <i>Information about the Kodály philosophy of teaching and what your child is learning</i>			
	Special Exhibit Times for Choir Families 10:15 - 11:15 am 1:00 - 2:00 pm			
	Autograph Social 8:00 - 8:30 am			
	Rehearsal 8:30 - 12:15 pm	Rehearsal 8:45 - 11:45 am	Rehearsal 9:30 - 12:30 pm	Rehearsal 9:30 - 12:30 pm
		Lunch Break 11:45 - 12:45 pm	Lunch Break 12:30 - 1:45 pm	Lunch Break 12:30 - 1:45 pm
	Rehearsal 12:45 - 1:45 pm			
	Autograph Social 1:45 - 2:15 pm	Rehearsal 1:45 - 3:00 pm	Rehearsal 1:45 - 3:00 pm	

S A T U R D A Y	Children's Choir	Youth Treble Choir	Concert Treble Choir	Chamber Choir
	ST. JOHNS	CLEARWATER	DAYTONA	ORLANDO
	Rehearsal 8:30 - 10:00 am	Meet in Rehearsal Room 8:30 am		
		Dress Rehearsal * 9:00 - 10:30 am <i>Florida Theatre</i>	Rehearsal 9:00 - 11:30 am	Rehearsal 9:45 - 12:15 pm
	Dress Rehearsal * 10:35 - 12:00 pm <i>Florida Theatre</i>	Rehearsal 11:00 - 12:30 pm	Lunch Break 11:30 - 12:40 pm	Lunch Break 12:15 - 2:15 pm
	Lunch Break 12:30 - 1:50 pm	Lunch Break 12:30 - 2:00 pm	Meet in Rehearsal Room 12:40 pm	
	Rehearsal (if needed) 1:50 - 3:00 pm	Rehearsal (if needed) 2:00 - 3:15 pm	Dress Rehearsal * 1:10 - 2:40 pm <i>Florida Theatre</i>	Meet in Rehearsal Room 2:15 pm
			Dress Rehearsal * 2:45 - 4:00 pm <i>Florida Theatre</i>	
* Dress Rehearsals for All: Meet at rehearsal room and Choir Coordinators walk students to venue and back				
Dinner on your own / Dress for Concert. Meet in rehearsal room for warmups at designated time below, Choir Coordinators will walk singers to venue and release singers at the venue when the concert ends.				
Warm Ups and Walk to Concert 5:15 pm		Warm Ups and Walk to Concert 5:15 pm		
CONCERT #1 Children's and Concert Treble Choirs 6:00 - 7:10 pm	Warm Ups and Walk to Concert 7:00 pm	CONCERT #1 Children's and Concert Treble Choirs 6:00 - 7:10 pm	Warm Ups and Walk to Concert 7:00 pm	
	CONCERT #2 Youth Treble and Chamber Choirs 7:45 - 9:00 pm		CONCERT #2 Youth Treble and Chamber Choirs 7:45 - 9:00 pm	

LOCATIONS & MAPS

3RD FLOOR - HYATT



**ALL CHOIRS
Dress Rehearsals
& Concerts
Florida Theatre
(off-site, walk)**

2ND FLOOR - HYATT

