



PARENT COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

2011 - 2012

Participation

Los Angeles Children's Chorus (LACC) is very pleased that your chorister is joining us this year. Because of the dedicated work of the choristers who have made up the Chorus over the last 25 years, LACC has earned a reputation in the musical community for the quality of its sound. To sustain and expand that reputation takes a commitment from every chorister. **We ask you to make a commitment to see that your chorister(s) attends all rehearsals and performances and, if possible, participates in all tours arranged by the Chorus.**

By accepting this responsibility, your chorister will have the opportunity to learn and grow to his/her greatest musical potential through all the programs offered by the Chorus. Failure to meet these obligations may result in loss of performance opportunities and/or Chorus membership as determined by the Artistic Director.

Behavior

LACC is an artistic community built on trust and mutual respect. The Chorus believes that self-discipline is more valuable than imposed discipline. It is the responsibility of each member of LACC to follow established rules, not only so that the Chorus can achieve its goals, but also so individual needs can be met and respected. The Chorus expects good conduct and behavior from every member. Upon enrollment, each member assumes responsibility for following the prescribed rules. Additionally, the Chorus expects that you will support your child in this effort and will also support the Chorus by respecting the rules. Members of LACC must take responsibility for their actions at all LACC functions and singing opportunities made available through the Chorus. The behavior of each member impacts the effectiveness of the Chorus as a whole. Any member whose actions demonstrate a failure to meet her/his responsibilities may be asked to leave.

If a Chorus member inadequately handles his/her own responsibilities in these regards, the member will be referred to his/her Director or the Artistic Director, who will consider and decide upon the member's position as a singer in LACC. In this way, the Chorus may make its own determination of what it considers to be in the best interest of the Chorus, or the best interest of the chorister, or it may act for any other reason, solely in the judgment of the Chorus. All final decisions regarding a member's place in the Chorus are made by the Artistic Director.

Infractions that will, in all likelihood, lead to dismissal from the Chorus are:

Possession or use of any illegal substance such as drugs, alcohol, or tobacco at Los Angeles Children's Chorus or Chorus-related functions.

Infractions that may lead to suspension, and if repeated, dismissal from the Chorus, are:

- ◆ Dishonesty
- ◆ Theft
- ◆ Physically or verbally abusive behavior
- ◆ Destruction or abuse of property or rehearsal / performance facility
- ◆ Possession of an object deemed dangerous to self or others
- ◆ Lack of a cooperative, positive attitude toward the standards of the Chorus
- ◆ Disrespect for conductors, musicianship teachers, accompanists, administrators, other singers, chaperones, parent assistants or any other individual involved with a Chorus activity
- ◆ Unexcused absences from rehearsals or performances, bearing in mind that high artistic standards can only be achieved in musical ensembles when there is punctuality and regular attendance

I have read the above COMMITMENT AGREEMENT and the LACC CHORISTER AND PARENT HANDBOOK and agree to support the policies and expectations therein.

Chorister's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____