

# Why Sing?

## KIDS WHO SING IN CHOIR...\*

- Become more self confident
- Become more creative and better at problem solving
- Become better group contributors
- Become better listeners
- Earn better grades in school
- Increase ability and performance in math & language arts
- Increase self-worth and self-esteem
- Improve self-discipline and punctuality

76%

of choral singers say their first singing experience was in elementary, middle, or high school †

94%

of teachers believe that singing in a choir can enhance a child's self-confidence

77%

of parents whose children are in a chorus say that since their child joined, they work better in groups and/or are better "team players." ‡

\* Chorus Impact Studies by Chorus America

† Grunwald Associates LLC and Chorus America. (2019). *The Chorus Impact Study: Singing for a Lifetime.*

‡ Chorus America. (2009). *The Chorus Impact Study: How Children, Adults, and Communities Benefit from Choruses*

CCYC is my singer's "team sport" and has really helped cement the love for music that comes naturally to her.

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- JULIE S., CHOIR PARENT



## I'm ready to Sign Up

- New singers are welcomed in August, September, and January!
- No prior singing experience or audition is required to join the Brio or Cadence choirs.
- Auditions or voice checks for upper level choristers are held in a friendly, supportive environment.
- Scholarships & sibling discounts available.
- Visit our website to learn more!



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and does,  
change lives!

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# Our Mission

CCYC is devoted to creating choral excellence, instilling values of self-discipline and commitment, and building lasting friendships while inspiring the artist in each singer through the power of music.

*What I love about choir is that when you sing with your teachers helping you, it's like you're singing and dancing and no one is there. It gives you a lot of peace. Ok, I guess I know what you're going to say next. You're going to say, it's not peace and quiet. But did I say quiet? No. I said only peace. [...] And I also love it when we do the performances because it makes you feel like you are outside standing on a cliff in the bright sun and breeze with a very good view of everything.*

-MAX G., BRIO SINGER

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## What We Offer

Central Coast Youth Chorus offers weekly after-school choral instruction under the care of highly qualified choral directors and concludes every season with concerts celebrating the music learned and rehearsed each semester. In addition to vocal instruction, we provide opportunities for youth singers to join performing groups like OperaSLO and Vocal Arts Ensemble in our local community to foster collaborations and to strengthen the vision for how music can become a life-long passion.

- Weekly rehearsals after school hours
- Musicianship training
- Music theory & history
- Vocal coaching
- Bi-annual in-house performances
- Community collaborations & performances
- National & global touring opportunities

## Our Story

Founded in 1994, the Central Coast Youth Chorus has provided SLO County youth with the opportunity to experience the joy of singing in live choral performances while receiving a high-quality music education. During a time when many public schools have cut music education from their curriculum, CCYC fills in the gap and provides music education for young people in our local community.



## Choir Levels

### BRIO

Open to boys and girls in grades 1-3 who would like to explore and experience singing, music and fun!

### CADENCE

Open to boys and girls in grades 4-6. No prior singing experience or audition is required.

### CADENZA

Open to boys and girls, usually in grades 6-8. Voice check required.

### VIVACE

An auditioned choir for young women in grades 8 and up.

### AVE (ADVANCED VOCAL ENSEMBLE)

An auditioned chamber group made up of Vivace members who are usually ages 15+.\*

### YME (YOUNG MEN'S ENSEMBLE)

Designed for both changed and unchanged voices. Young men in grades 6 and up are encouraged to join.

*\*Recommended ages—some exceptions may occur.*