



Welcome to the *Salado Conservatory of Music* Choir - SPRING 2024

Thank you for being part of the Salado Conservatory of Music Choir Program. This is the third year of this program, and we are excited about our potential for musical growth. There are probably many reasons why you might be reading this letter. Maybe your child just loves to sing and wants more opportunities. Maybe you want your child to increase music reading and harmonizing skills; to have more opportunities to perform; to connect with other young people who love singing as much as they do. Maybe you are one of the members who has been with us from the very start! The reasons could be endless. Whatever your reason, we are glad you are here and will do everything we can to help you achieve your singing goals!

Because we are at the beginning of building this choral program, we will be figuring things out together. Please keep an open mind, invite friends, and communicate freely about the things that are working well and the things that are not.

Your tuition includes a Salado Conservatory of Music (SCOM) t-shirt that we will get to you soon. This will be our performance uniform along with black pants, black jeans, or black skirt (and black shoes). We are planning to have an end of semester **choir concert on April 29, 2024**. We also hope to perform at other community opportunities throughout the fall. We will give plenty of notice when those things get planned.

There are two choirs at present. **The first 2 rehearsals, Jan. 22 and Jan 29**, are free to come see what it's like. But only registered students will be part of the choir starting Feb. 5. All rehearsals will be in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church Salado (210 S Main St, Salado, TX 76571). Park by the playground and come in through the gate to the fellowship hall. There will be times that our choirs meet together and times that we separate.

- **Andante Choir** (1st-5th grade) - meets Mondays from 4:45-5:45pm
- **Allegro Choir** (6th-12th grade) - meets Mondays from 5:15-6:15pm

Please plan to bring a water bottle to all rehearsals. Students will be given a music folder that will stay with the director. You will be given a link to a google drive that has the sheet music and music tracks that each student can use to practice at home. Please let me know which email and/or cell that you want to receive information/practice tracks. We use the "BAND app" to communicate. You will get more information about this when you register.

Because the choir only meets once a week, it is vital that you make the rehearsals a priority in the family schedule. Only two missed rehearsals will be allowed each semester. If a third rehearsal is missed, the student may be too far behind to perform with the group at the concert. Please communicate with the director about absences. We can have the student "zoom in" if they are sick at home, so they can still get the instruction.

If you ever have any concerns or questions, please email Krista Eshbaugh at keshbaugh@saladoconservatory.com or text her at 254-760-6903,

Looking forward to great music-making!