



Voice of Chicago is Uniting Voices Chicago's premier mixed-voice ensemble, maintaining an extensive performance schedule that includes touring and collaborations with Chicago's finest cultural institutions. Most participants advance from Uniting Voices Chicago's Neighborhood Choir and Dimension programs, and auditions are very competitive. Experienced singers who will be in high school for the 2023-24 school year (age 14 and up) may audition for Voice of Chicago, audition instructions are detailed below:

Step 1: Pre-Screening Audition – to be completed by Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

Fill out this [brief audition form](#) and submit a performance video using the instructions below:

- **PREPARE FOR THE AUDITION:**
 - Practice what you will sing before recording. Sheet music for Jubilate Deo & a track for Revelation 19 can be found by [clicking here](#).
 - Present yourself in the best manner possible. This is the first time we'll see & hear you, so think business casual or awards ceremony attire; neat jeans and sneakers are ok. Hair should be styled neatly as you like but make sure it doesn't cover your face. Modest jewelry and makeup that don't distract from the performance are allowed.
 - Make sure that you have a quiet, well-lit place to record.
 - Record a small segment to make sure that the audio and video are both working properly.
- **RECORD A PERFORMANCE VIDEO FOLLOWING THESE STEPS:**
 - Step 1: Start your video recording by speaking your name and age loudly and clearly. For example: "Hello, my name is Arya Stark and I am 14 years old."
 - Step 2: Sing Jubilate Deo a cappella in the Key of C Major. Your starting pitch is C5 (one octave above middle C). **Sing it THREE times.**
 - Step 3: Sing a one-minute song of your choice with accompaniment.
 - In order to help judge your intonation and pitch accuracy, you **MUST** sing to some type of accompaniment (piano, guitar, a karaoke track, etc). Accompanying yourself is acceptable & karaoke tracks are available online free of charge. **NO** a cappella singing.
 - Make sure to pick a song that is comfortable in your vocal range and that inspires you to sing with LOTS of expression!
 - Step 4: Sing the beginning of Revelation 19 **with step-touch** to the track [provided here](#).
 - You will start step-touching/singing at :17 and you will finish at :51.
 - Step 5: Watch your video before you submit it! You want to make sure that all three parts of the audition are recorded correctly.
- **SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO**

- If possible, rename your video file like the example: John Snow_VOC Audition.wav or Arya Stark_VOC Audition.mp4.
- Upload your video to our audition folder by [clicking here](#) or by copying and pasting this link <https://driveuploader.com/upload/xtaQv6AeQI/>
- Email Ms. Jackie at Jjohnson@unitingvoiceschicago.org to let us know that you have uploaded a video or to inform us of any technical issues that you may be experiencing.

Note: Uniting Voices Chicago staff will send an email on June 2 by end of the day to confirm receipt of all video auditions. If you submitted an audition but do not receive a confirmation on June 2, please reach out to Jackie Johnson at jjohnson@unitingvoiceschicago.org.

Step 2: Callback Auditions

Auditioning singers will be notified by the end of the day on Friday, June 2 if they will be invited to continue the audition process with a callback audition at Chicago Cultural Center, where Voice of Chicago rehearsals regularly take place. There will be a callback prep session via Zoom on **Saturday, June 3 from 9-9:45am**. Singers are strongly encouraged to attend this session. The session will also be recorded.

Callback auditions will be scheduled for a 30-minute time block on one of 3 dates:

- Monday, June 5 between 4:30-8:30pm
- Wednesday, June 7 between 4:30PM-8:30PM
- Saturday, June 10 between 9:30am - 1:30pm

The final list of accepted singers for Voice of Chicago will be announced by Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

Register for the 2023-2024 Season

Online registration for the 2023-2024 season will open on April 19, 2023! Families can register for their current Neighborhood Choir location/Dimension or wait until the final Voice of Chicago list is announced to register for the 2023-2024 season. Registrations completed by July 31, 2023 will lock in a 10% discount! Visit www.unitingvoiceschicago.org/register to see the current discounted tuition; regular tuition rates go into effect on August 1, 2023.