



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 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 28, 2024.**

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(s) 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](mailto: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 May 30 by end of the day to confirm receipt of all video auditions. If you submitted an audition but do not receive a confirmation on May 30, please reach out to Ms. Jackie at [jjohnson@unitingvoiceschicago.org](mailto:jjohnson@unitingvoiceschicago.org).**

## **Step 2: Callback Auditions**

Auditioning singers will be notified by the end of the day on Friday, May 31 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 1 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 three dates:

- Wednesday, June 5 between 4:30-8:30pm
- Thursday, June 6 between 4:30PM-8:30pm
- Saturday, June 8 between 1:30-6:30pm

**The final list of accepted singers for Voice of Chicago will be announced by Tuesday, June 18, 2024.**

## **Register for the 2024-2025 Season**

Online registration for the 2024-2025 season will open the week of April 15, 2024! Families can register for their current Neighborhood Choir/Dimension or wait until the final Voice of Chicago list is announced to register for the 2024-2025 season. Registrations completed by June 30, 2024 will lock in a 10% discount! Visit [www.unitingvoiceschicago.org/register](http://www.unitingvoiceschicago.org/register) to see the current discounted tuition; regular tuition rates go into effect on July 1, 2024.

## **About Voice of Chicago Rehearsals**

Voice of Chicago rehearses twice a week (Tuesdays and Saturdays) and incorporates musicianship throughout the month. Note: Rehearsal times may occasionally be extended and are subject to change. Wednesday rehearsals may be added, as needed.

## **Rehearsal Schedule**

### **Tuesday**

All Call: 5-7pm

### **Saturday**

All Call: 10am-12pm

Encore: 1-2:30pm (as needed)

Groove: 2:30-4pm (as needed)

\*Rehearsals may be added on Wednesday as needed

## **LOCATION**

Chicago Cultural Center

78 E. Washington Street, 5th floor

Chicago, IL 60602 [map](#)