

BAYS POLICIES & PROCEDURES – FALL, 2020

Singers Information and Responsibilities

1. Have BAYS music binder (with all assigned music) and a sharpened pencil at each rehearsal.
2. Have computer/laptop/table set up in a place where you can sit and stand and be seen during rehearsal.
3. Be ready to join the rehearsal 5 minutes prior to start time.
4. Have camera on and microphone muted when joining the rehearsal.
5. Use Chat function or questions during rehearsal.
6. No eating and drinking (other than water) during rehearsal.
7. Give 100% attention and effort during rehearsals and performances.
8. Participate in all rehearsals.
9. Be responsible for learning all music assigned for performance. This will involve study and memorization of words, practicing singing with a rehearsal track, and some choreography rehearsal at home during the week. A minimum of 5 rehearsal sessions each week is recommended.
10. Check the BAYS website member section every Tuesday for assigned music, exercises, and rehearsal tracks.
11. Follow the guidelines for performance attire, hair, jewelry. Appearance is equal in importance to the musical performance. "80% of what an audience hears is what it sees."
12. Be courteous and kind to other singers and the BAYS staff. Be respectful of our performance venues.
13. Record assigned sections of songs and email or text to director for critique once a month (as requested).

Parent Information and Responsibilities

14. Provide internet service and a computer, laptop, or tablet in a quiet place for singers to rehearse.
15. Help children learn to use the technology required for online rehearsals.
16. Help children log into rehearsals at least 5 minutes in advance of start time.
17. Help children develop habit of having Bays music binder and a pencil with them as rehearsal begins.
18. Notify the executive director by email (info@bayareayouthsingers.org) if a child will miss a rehearsal due to illness or conflict with a school activity.
19. Plan ahead to insure that singers are dressed in required performance attire for performances.
20. Attend BAYS performances, invite others to attend, help publicize BAYS performances.
21. Participate in fundraising and development activities of the BAYS organization.
22. Make tuition payments on time.
23. Turn in requested forms in a timely manner (registration, medical and social media releases)
24. Help “spread the word” about BAYS to help recruit new members.
25. Support your child’s adventure into singing, developing a strong work ethic, learning to work together in a choir (it’s a team), and developing self-discipline and confidence.

Singers who do not follow the policies and procedures will not be allowed to perform with the choir and may be dismissed from the BAYS choir program. The development of a strong work ethic, self-discipline and a sense of responsibility to the ensemble is a primary goal of the Bay Area Youth Singers program.