

# The Music Clubhouse

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## Kaleidoscope Girls Chorus

a powerful musical experience helping adolescent girls  
thrive through singing, service and sisterhood  
for Grades 6-9

*The registration form may be found at the end of this brochure.*

### PHILOSOPHY

The Kaleidoscope Girls Chorus (KGC) was formed to provide a place for girls to develop their musical creativity in a setting that positively acknowledges where they are developmentally. It supports quality relationships with other girls, giving all of them an opportunity to share their musical gifts in service to the community.

Turn a kaleidoscope in the light, and you will find a beauty that is ever evolving, even surprising. Though the shapes can be symmetrical, they change with each turn. In many ways it mirrors the junior high period of girls' adolescence. Like a kaleidoscope, these girls' lives are turned and shaped by emotions and culture, by parents and friends, as they begin to build their individual identities. KGC recognizes how important this process is, and supports the girls as they mature.

### MUSIC REPERTOIRE

Girls will develop a strong foundation in harmony by singing rounds, canons, catches, part songs and other fun vocal activities. Attention will be given to sight-singing, aural awareness, music history and music theory as well as performance skills. Pieces will include a variety of ethnic music in different genres.

When possible, the chorus will use the various talents of its members, musical and otherwise, to enhance the KGC experience. While the rehearsals will provide quality choral instruction, there will also be time for fun and fostering friendships.

### Program Details

- Students enroll for a 15-week semester.
- Rehearsals are on Mondays, August 22-December 8, except there is no rehearsal on Labor Day, September 5.
- Rehearsals are held 6-7:15 p.m. at the Music Clubhouse, 2201 W. 25th Street, Suite M (behind Office Depot).
- Tuition for the semester is \$160 plus a \$35 non-refundable materials fee.
- Fees include a Kaleidoscope Girls Chorus T-shirt.
- Each semester the Chorus performs in two community service venues agreed upon by members.
- Chorus members decide together the dress requirements for performances.
- The Music Clubhouse occasionally previews books, websites and other supportive materials for parenting adolescent girls. Casual parenting discussion groups may be offered depending on interest.

## STAFF

### **Megan Helm, Director Kaleidoscope Girls Chorus**

Megan Helm, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, has studied musical theater at Carnegie Mellon University with an emphasis in voice performance, early music at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and music education with a choral emphasis at the University of Kansas. There she had the pleasure of working with Dr. Simon Carrington. Ms. Helm formerly taught at the Lawrence Catholic School Corpus Christi Campus and conducted choirs at Westside Presbyterian Church and St. John the Evangelist, both in Lawrence. She is a member of the American Choral Directors Association and has sung professionally in opera oratorio and musical theater. She is a Licensed Kindermusik Educator and lives in Lawrence with her husband and three sons.

### **Janet Hart Johnson, Director The Music Clubhouse**

Janet Hart Johnson received her Master of Music in piano performance and pedagogy from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. She has an undergraduate degree in piano performance. Ms. Johnson is a Licensed Kindermusik Educator, is active in a number of professional music organizations and is a clinician for the Frances Clark Piano Library. She served on the faculty of Oklahoma Baptist University for six years, teaching private and class piano and piano pedagogy. In 1995 she founded what became The Music Clubhouse, now enrolling over 150 students in Kindermusik, private piano and Piano Detectives, a beginning piano experience.

Please complete the registration form below on the following page.

# Kaleidoscope Girls Chorus Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

School Grade in Fall 2005 \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Though previous music study is not required, it is helpful for us to know your child's previous music study or participation in musical offerings. Please check all that apply:

Student participates in choir at school or church.  
Number of years \_\_\_\_\_  
Specify if part of an auditioned group: \_\_\_\_\_

Student participates in band or orchestra at school.  
Number of years \_\_\_\_\_  
Please note instrument played: \_\_\_\_\_

Student takes or has taken private music lessons.

Study area	Years studied	Currently studying?
_____	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Please select a payment option and T-shirt size below. The \$35 nonrefundable materials fee must accompany this registration. Tuition may be paid in full at the first rehearsal or in four monthly installments. Please check a preference:

We will pay the full tuition amount at the first rehearsal.

We will pay four installments of \$40 each, due on the following dates: August 22 (first rehearsal), September 10, October 10 and November 10.

Please circle a T-shirt size (adult sizes): S M L XL

Please mail this registration form with the materials fee to:

The Music Clubhouse  
2201 West 25th Street, Suite M  
Lawrence, Kansas 66047