



Mosaic Youth Chorus Information Sheet

What is Mosaic Youth Chorus?

Mosaic Youth Chorus is a non-audition chorus for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth and their straight allies and friends, ages 14 to 20. Mosaic Youth Chorus is a program of Rocky Mountain Arts Association and is a member of GALA Choruses. Mosaic is more than just a chorus. We provide a safe-space environment for our members with an emphasis on positive peer and adult role models, health and wellness, leadership opportunities and community outreach volunteer activities.

What is Rocky Mountain Arts Association?

Rocky Mountain Arts Association is the parent organization of Mosaic Youth Chorus, and also the Denver Gay Men's Chorus, Denver Women's Chorus, Out Loud: The Colorado Springs Men's Chorus, and Gravity Defied Theatre. Rocky Mountain Arts Association (or RMAA for short) is a non-profit organization and was formed in 1982. Kevin Whatley is board chair and Will Adams is executive director

What is GALA Choruses?

GALA Choruses, Inc. is the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses. There are over 130 member choruses from across North America and around the world. Mosaic Youth Chorus is a member of GALA Choruses, and is the sixth GLBT/allied youth chorus to form and join GALA. Information about GALA can be found at www.galachoruses.org.

Who are the responsible parties for Mosaic Youth Chorus?

Will Adams is the lead of Mosaic Youth Chorus. Cory is president of the chorus. Kendall Bridges is Artistic Director of the Chorus, and Wendy Nestrud is accompanist. Mosaic's "Chorus Council", or leadership team, consists of community members and singers.

What is contact information for Mosaic Youth Chorus?

Business Office	303-325-3959
Website	www.rmarts.org
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Facebook	mosaicyouthchorus
Will's Phone Number	303-548-6487

What do I do if I am going to miss a rehearsal?

We care about you and want to make sure you are OK. If you know you are going to miss a rehearsal please call us at one of the numbers above. If you know in advance, you can send Kendall and Cory or Will an email.

Where are rehearsals held and what do I need to know about the church?

Mosaic Youth Chorus rehearses at Christ Church at 690 Colorado Boulevard in Denver. The church is an "Open and Affirming" church, which means they welcome everyone, including GLBT people. Their website is www.christchurchdenver.org. Ben Riggs is music director at the church and is also executive artistic director of RMAA.

Rehearsal Time and Etiquette

- Each Thursday begins with a healthy dinner at 5:30 at the church. This is a free dinner, and there will always be a vegetarian option as long as needed. Please plan on dining with your fellow members, or even if you just need a healthy meal and can't stay for rehearsal. We recognize that having rehearsals in the evening is difficult for many youth to schedule around.
- Rehearsals are held from 6:15 to 8:00 on Thursdays. An adult member of the leadership team will always be at the church at 5:00 if you need to arrive a little early. We would like to start rehearsals right on time.
- Mosaic Youth Chorus is a guest of the church. Let's pick up after ourselves, not enter any unauthorized areas and be respectful of the church's property.

What are the other GLBT/Allied youth choruses in North America?

There are eight other GLBT/Allied youth choruses in North America that are members of GALA Choruses:

- GLAM Youth Choir in San Francisco (Gay, Lesbian and Allied Musicians)
<http://s173948357.onlinehome.us/who.html> (soon to be www.glamyouthchoir.org)
- GLASS Youth Choir in Vancouver, British Columbia (Gay, Lesbian and Supportive Singers)
www.glassyouthchoir.ca
- Diverse Harmony in Seattle
www.diverseharmony.org
- Youth Pride Chorus in New York, NY
www.nycgmc.org/ypcconcerts.asp
- Dreams of Hope in Pittsburgh
www.dreamsofhope.org
- Dallas PUMP in Dallas, TX
www.dallaspump.org
- Sing Out! Youth Chorus in Charlotte, NC
www.singout.gmccharlotte.org
- New chorus now forming in Kansas City, MO

Smoking

Mosaic Youth Chorus is a smoke-free environment. No smoking is allowed at any Mosaic sponsored events, including rehearsals, concerts and group outings.

What if I have a friend that is thinking about joining Mosaic?

Bring them to a rehearsal! All are welcome at any time. If we are close to a performance when your friend joins, Kendall may decide that they need to sit out the performance.

What if my parent(s) or guardian(s) want to sit in on a rehearsal?

Bring them! They are more than welcome at any time.

What is the Mission of Mosaic Youth Chorus and Rocky Mountain Arts Association?

Our mission is Building Community Through Music.

What is the Purpose of Mosaic Youth Chorus?

The members of Mosaic Youth Chorus join together for two key purposes: our common interest in music, and to form a community based on our common experiences. Mosaic is made up of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and straight members. We seek to participate in and contribute to the entire community by providing educational, cultural and social enrichment for our audiences, supporters and ourselves.

Who is managing Mosaic Youth Chorus?

The Mosaic Youth Chorus - Chorus Council manages the day-to-day operations of the Chorus. The Chorus Council is led by Cory Barrett and includes Will Adams, Kendall Bridges, Wendy Nestrud and three youth members. The Board of Directors and Executive Director of Rocky Mountain Arts Association are responsible for overall governance and finances of Mosaic Youth Chorus, and is the corporation under-which Mosaic Youth Chorus operates.

Have Mosaic Youth Chorus Staff and Volunteers gone through background screening?

All Rocky Mountain Arts Association staff working on the Mosaic Youth Chorus program (i.e. Artistic Director, Accompanist) have gone through extensive national background checks, including sex offender screening. All members of the Mosaic Youth Chorus Steering Committee (those adults on hand at each rehearsal) have gone through a Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI) state criminal background check. Any regular adult volunteers, including parents, will be asked to take the CBI check as well. Occasional visitors to Mosaic Youth Chorus are never left unaccompanied.