

# 2010 YOUTH CHOIR

## Individual Application

National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade®

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ (Please circle one) MALE FEMALE

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your desired size below:

Sweat Shirt Size (**Adult sizes**) S M L XL XXL (Please circle one)

**Please submit your completed application to your director along with an individual check of \$25.00 made payable to your choir organization (or to whatever account your director specifies). He or she will then send all completed applications to our office, along with one check containing all the fees for the completed applications.**

**The group check should be made payable to "NCBF" and sent to:**

Youth Choir  
C/o Under the Sun Productions, Inc.  
882 South Matlack Street, Suite 202  
West Chester, PA 19382

**Checks returned for insufficient funds will be assessed a \$35.00 processing fee**



# NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE®

## AGREEMENT OF RELEASE

National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade®  
1250 H Street, NW  
Suite 1000  
Washington, DC 20005

The undersigned will appear in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade® being given by the National Cherry Blossom Festival® on Saturday, April 10, 2010. The parade is being given as a public service.

I assume any and all risks associated with participating in the events and particular activities that I agree to undertake, including but not limited to negligent or reckless acts by other participants and volunteers, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I also agree to abide by the rules of the events as set forth by designated officials and supervisors.

Knowing these facts, and in consideration for being permitted to participate in the parade, I hereby, for myself, and on behalf of the members of my organization and my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive release and discharge the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade®, The National Cherry Blossom Festival®, The District of Columbia, The National Park Service, JM Best Entertainment Inc., Under the Sun Productions Inc., ABC 7 WJLA, NewsChannel 8, any and all parade sponsors, and each of them, their officials, agents, designated event supervisory personnel or anyone acting for or on their behalf, from any and all losses, costs (including without limitation, litigation costs, and attorney fees), claims, damages, suits, actions, demands, liability, and expenses in connection with loss of life, personal injury and/or property damage of any kind whatsoever, in law or in equity, arising out of or in the course of my participation in the event.

The undersigned does hereby release his/her voice, biography, audio/visual clips and likeness(es) solely in connection with the promotion, advertising for this year and subsequent festivals, and archival use of the Parade (including print, radio, television, and Internet advertising and promotions, including promotional materials). The undersigned hereby grants the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade® the right to broadcast, and /or to authorize others to broadcast, via radio, television, cable television, Internet, or otherwise. Clips provided that any such broadcast will be solely for purposes of promoting the Festival and/or Parade. Undersigned acknowledges and agrees that prior to, during or after the Parade, producers may, but will not be obligated to, disseminate information and various materials concerning the Event via the Internet, various online services or through other means or media.

The undersigned hereby accepts sole responsibility for the conduct and operation in the parade. The undersigned agrees that he/she/it will not involve or conduct itself in any manner that would negatively impact the good reputation of the parade. The undersigned agrees to be legally bound hereby.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Parental signature required, if under 18 years of age)



# Youth Choir

## Procedures and Requirements National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade Saturday, April 10, 2010

### APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Each performer is required to submit an individual application with a \$25.00 program fee.
2. The program fee covers costs associated with participation for each performer, including:
  - A CD of the performance music
  - An official National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade sweatshirt which will serve as costume for the performance. Sweatshirts will be distributed at the mandatory rehearsal on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
3. Any performer who is under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign the Agreement of Release form located on the back of the individual application. The individual application and Agreement of Release will be sent out after we received an Application of Interest from your group
4. Schools and groups should submit all individual performer applications together with ONE check for the entire amount. Please make checks payable to "**National Cherry Blossom Festival.**"
5. Returned checks will be charged an additional \$35.00 handling fee.
6. **Deadline for application is February 15, 2010.** Completed applications with associated program fee (\$25.00 per performer) must be received by that time. No late applications will be accepted.
7. After your application has been received, a music CD will be mailed to the choral director for distribution as close to March 1st as possible. Sweatshirts will be distributed at the mandatory rehearsal on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### PERFORMANCE DETAILS

1. The parade and performance will occur **RAIN OR SHINE, Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>.**
2. All cast members **MUST** attend **two (2) mandatory rehearsals** in order to be part of the performance. During the rehearsals, we will stage and perfect the production and rehearse the music with a prerecorded track.
  - 2:00-3:30pm on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, in Washington, DC. Exact location TBD.
  - Approximately 7:30am on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in the parade telecast area, which is on Constitution Avenue between 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Streets.
  - **Attendance at BOTH rehearsals is MANDATORY. Any performer missing either rehearsal will be excluded from the performance and the parade.**
3. Schools, groups, and individual cast members are responsible for their own transportation to and from both rehearsals and the parade. On parade day, reserved parking will be available for BUSES only, with arrangements made in advance. All vans and private vehicles must make their own parking arrangements. Our suggestions are:
  - Take Metro – DC's subway system: [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)  
The closest stop is Archives/Navy Mem'l/Penn Quarter (yellow/green lines).  
The next closest stops are Smithsonian or Federal Triangle (orange/blue lines).

- Park in the City Center Lot – 9<sup>th</sup> Street, between New York Ave and H Street. 9<sup>th</sup> St. is one-way Southbound, turn right on 9<sup>th</sup> from New York. \$10/day, 6 block/15 min walk.
  - Park in the Ronald Reagan Building Garage – 14<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance only (between Constitution & Pennsylvania Ave). Vehicles are screened upon entrance. \$10/day, 6 block/15 min walk.
4. All performers must memorize all music before arriving at rehearsal on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Simple choreography will be introduced at rehearsal, performers are expected to memorize it as well.
  5. Performers are expected to conduct themselves in a professional, safe and courteous manner during all rehearsals and performances.
  6. Performers MUST wear:
    - Black pants
    - Black socks and black shoes
    - The official parade sweatshirt that will be distributed at rehearsal on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
  7. The parade steps off at 10:00am. The telecast concludes at 12:00pm, and the final performers will cross the parade end-point at approximately 12:30pm.
  8. The parade will be telecast locally on ABC 7 and NewsChannel 8, from 10:00am-12:00pm.

**Please remember:**

**Groups submit ONE check for the entire group along with individual applications for every performer. Performers younger than 18 years must submit an Agreement of Release signed by a parent or guardian.**

**Checks made payable to**  
**“National Cherry Blossom Festival”**

Questions? Email us at [awalp6@aol.com](mailto:awalp6@aol.com) or call us at 610-431-1121