



National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade®

PRESENTED BY EVENTS DC

MASS YOUTH CHOIR PROCEDURES & REQUIREMENTS

Please note: We are going electronic where ever we can. Music file and sheet music PDF will be available for you to download as opposed to sending copies via postal mail. All music link and sheet music PDF info will be sent to the choir director only.

Please make sure you read all the info below as some of it has changed.

1. Each registered cast member is required to submit a completed registration form/agreement of release and a \$29.00 program fee per performer. The \$29.00 program fee per performer will include a National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade® long sleeve or short sleeve T-shirt which will be used as the costume for the production. We will determine which shirt closer to the Parade date. **Groups should submit one check for the group along with individual registration forms/agreements of release. The check is made payable to "National Cherry Blossom Festival."**
2. All cast members must attend a special rehearsal on **Friday, April 13, 2018** in the Washington DC area at a location TBD. The rehearsal will begin at 2:00PM and end at 3:30PM. During the rehearsals, we will stage and perfect the youth choir production and rehearse the music with a prerecorded track. We will also rehearse the Parade finale production as well, if applicable. **ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED AND MANDATORY!**
3. All cast members/full or partial choirs are responsible for their own transportation to and from rehearsals and the Parade.
4. Tentatively, your **report time on Parade Day (April 14, 2018)** will be at 8:00AM for a rehearsal in the telecast performance area, which will be located on Constitution Avenue between 7th and 9th Streets, NW. This year the Parade will be televised in the Washington, DC metro market (channel TBD) and nationally syndicated within weeks after!
5. ***The Parade and performances will take place RAIN or SHINE! The youth choir cast will perform ONLY on the steps of the National Archives building in the telecast area. The cast WILL NOT walk down the Parade route and perform in the reviewing stand area like they have in past years. Youth choir cast will remain on the steps of the Archives for the entire Parade from 9:45AM until Noon. The cast members will sit on the steps when they are not performing and watch the Parade as it passes through the telecast area. We will provide a bottle of water to each cast member. Should the weather be inclement, we will also provide one clear rain poncho to each performer.
6. All individual cast member parents who have performers under the age of 18 must sign an Agreement of Release located on the back of the individual registration form.
7. All cast members are required to wear BLACK PANTS, BLACK SOCKS, BLACK SHOES, and your Parade shirt. Shirts will be distributed at the April 13th rehearsal.
8. All cast members will be required to memorize all music and simple choreography.
9. Reserved parking will be available for buses only on Parade day. Individual cars must park on their own for the Parade day and rehearsal on Friday.

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10. Once your individual registration forms and agreement of releases have arrived in our office, the choral director will be sent the information as to how to access the music link and sheet music link via the National Cherry Blossom Festival website. The sheet music and Mp3 will be available to download after Feb 14th or so. The choir director can then forward on the information to the individual participants, if desired. **Deadline for individual registration forms and agreement of releases is February 28, 2018! No refunds after February 28th.**

Cast members are expected to conduct themselves in a professional, safe, and courteous manner during all rehearsals and performances.

11. Checks that are returned from the bank for insufficient funds will be returned to you and charged a \$35.00 process and handling fee.

The Parade will take place from 10:00AM until Noon. The choir will be finished at 12:15PM on Parade day. As a reminder, the youth choir cast will only perform on the steps of the National Archives in the telecast area. They WILL NOT walk down the route as they have done in the past.

99% of communication for this event will be handed via email. It is suggested you add awalp6@aol.com to your email address book and make sure it is not blocked because of spam filters. Our office will communicate with the choir director mainly and then they can disseminate the information to individual performers, if desired.

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QUESTIONS:

Email us at awalp6@aol.com or call us at 610-431-1121