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From Cantus to Third Angle: Opportunities Await Young Singers in ORS Youth Choir

PORTLAND, Ore. — Oregon Repertory Singers (ORS) Youth Choir, under the leadership of Artistic Director Aubrey Patterson, is proud to announce the 2025–2026 season, offering extraordinary opportunities for singers across the region. This season includes collaborations with world-class ensembles, nationally acclaimed composers, and exciting new commissions—all designed to inspire the next generation of choral leaders.

The ORS Youth Choir is committed to providing mountaintop musical experiences that strengthen choral skills, foster lifelong friendships, and nurture a deep love for singing. Whether students join for a single special session, a few weeks, or the full year, they will experience music-making at the highest level while advancing the ORS mission to *Sing • Engage • Belong*.

Special Sessions & Outreach Events

This year's **special sessions and outreach events are open to all middle and high school singers in the community**—whether or not they are enrolled in the Youth Choir—and are also designed to enrich the work of area music educators.

- **ChoirFestNW** (November 13, 2025) – For middle and high school developing choir members
- **Rising Voices** (November 18/19, 2025) – For middle school choirs
- **Cantus** (December 4, 2025) – For tenors and basses, grades 8–12
- **EchoChamber** (January 30, 2026) – For high school chamber choirs
- **Portland Baroque Orchestra (PBO)** (March 11, 2026) – For soprano & alto singers, grades 8–12

All ORS Youth Choir singers participate in these sessions at no additional cost as part of their season enrollment.

Exclusive Opportunities for Full-Year Singers

In addition to these community events, full-year Youth Choir members will enjoy exclusive opportunities, including:

- A clinic with internationally renowned composer and conductor **Rollo Dilworth**
- A masterclass with **Grammy-winning vocal ensemble Chanticleer**
- A world premiere collaboration with **Third Angle New Music**, presenting *Wildfire*
- Plus retreats, performances, and tours!

Enrollment & Locations

ORS Youth Choir welcomes students from across the Portland–Vancouver area, offering three convenient rehearsal locations beginning September 2025:

- **West (Beaverton, OR):** Mondays at Cedar Hills United Church of Christ – begins Sept. 8; for Kindergarten - 9th grade
- **North (Vancouver, WA):** Tuesdays at theARTScentered (Vancouver, WA) – begins Sept. 9; for Kindergarten - 9th grade
- **Central (Sellwood):** Wednesdays at Moreland Presbyterian Church – begins Sept. 10; for Kindergarten - 12th grade (and now post-high school singers are welcome!)

Enrollment Now Open

Enrollment for the 2025–2026 season is open through September 30. Interested singers are welcome to [“drop in” for a free rehearsal](#) through the month of September. Full details and registration can be found at www.orsingers.org/youth-choir.

About Oregon Repertory Singers Youth Choir

The ORS Youth Choir provides choral training for students in grades Kindergarten–12, offering mountaintop musical experiences, meaningful music literacy, and lifelong connection taught by certified music educators. Through collaborations with guest artists, composers, and professional ensembles, the program prepares young singers to become confident musicians and lifelong advocates for the arts. ORS Youth Choir serves over 200 singers from 104 schools and 49 zip codes. The program offers services in three locations in the Portland Metro & SW Washington area. “ORS Youth Choir is more than a choir to me, it is a community of people who come together for one simple, beautiful purpose: to make music.”