

# Allegro Auditions

## **Audition Requirements:**

1. Any young person who loves to sing and is currently in 2nd through 11th grade may audition.
2. A Teacher Recommendation form must be completed, signed and **returned in a sealed envelope**. The form is available on our website: [www.allegrocc.org](http://www.allegrocc.org). Bring the form to your audition or mail it prior to your audition to:  
Lori Egan  
8721 Deer Run Street  
Lenexa, KS 66220
3. Bring a parent to the audition to attend a brief presentation, meet the staff and complete missing registration paperwork. An Allegro staff member will be available to answer questions and provide additional information.

## **What to Expect During the Audition:**

1. The Audition process will take 40 minutes. Please arrive 10-15 minutes before your assigned audition time to check in, complete necessary paperwork and have your photo taken.
2. Singers will:
  - a. Take a theory assessment test (only singers entering 5th – 11<sup>th</sup> grades)
  - b. Sing simple vocal warm-ups and exercises in an ensemble setting.
  - c. Sing My Country 'Tis of Thee (Key of G) and Happy Birthday (Key of E or E-flat) in an ensemble and as a solo.
  - d. Prepare and sing Star Spangled Banner unaccompanied in the key of B or C (only singers entering 5th – 11<sup>th</sup> grades). You do not need to memorize the words.
  - e. Sight read simple melodies ((only singers entering 5th – 11<sup>th</sup> grades)
  - f. Listening and harmony exercises

**Choir Information:** Rehearsals are held Monday evenings at Asbury Methodist Church, 5400 W 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Prairie Village.

Poco 5:00pm-5:55pm  
Vivo 5:15pm-6:30pm  
Moto 6:00pm-7:30pm  
Brio 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Poco Allegro (Grades 2-4):** Poco is a "get-your-feet wet" introductory choir focused on developing proper vocal singing habits through age-appropriate classical voice training. Poco's rehearsal atmosphere is a fun, loving, high-energy one without pressure!

**Expectations:** There are no auditions for this choir. Any child who loves to sing is welcome to join!

**Rehearsal/Performances:** Poco has a pre-concert performance before the Fall and Winter Concerts and will perform with the other choirs for the Spring Concert. Poco participates in 2 community service performances – typically in October and February.

**Vivo Allegro (Grades 4-7):** Vivo is a more advanced choir that builds on beginning choral techniques including beautiful head tone, pure vowels, parts singing, proper breath support, independent singing, and self-confidence. Concepts are taught in a structured, fun and nurturing atmosphere.

**Expectations:** Vivo choir members learn approximately 15 pieces of music during the concert season. The music selections are of the highest quality and may include classical, folk, multicultural, sacred, and foreign language songs. Singers in Vivo must be able to focus for 75 minutes and be able to work well with others! Singers must be able to match pitch. Members are expected to attend weekly rehearsals and all concerts. Singers are expected to spend 30-45 minutes each week on assigned music. Vivo is a great way to help your young singer build further confidence and greater knowledge of choral techniques.

**Additional Reh/Performances:** Two retreats as well as two Sunday afternoon rehearsals are scheduled each year. Additional rehearsals or sectionals may be scheduled as needed for special events. Vivo performs 3 major Concerts, one Kansas City Day Tour, as well as several Community Performances each year.

**Allegro Con Moto (Grades 6 and up):** Allegro Con Moto is an outstanding choir full of Kansas City's finest young singers. Singers experience intense, exhilarating weekly rehearsals focusing on age-appropriate vocal techniques taught through a variety of challenging music. Singers make friends from all over the Kansas City metro.

**Expectations:** Moto choir members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances and participate in tour. Singers will learn approximately 20 pieces of music during the concert season. The music is of the highest caliber and includes classical, multicultural, sacred, folk, and foreign languages selections. Singers in Moto must be able to focus for an extended amount of time and be able to work well with others! Singers must be able to match pitch and be secure with their notes if singing harmony. Singers are expected to spend 60 minutes each week marking their music, practicing, learning notes, and memorizing music outside of rehearsal time.

**Additional Reh/Performances:** Two retreats as well as two Sunday afternoon rehearsals are scheduled each year. Small Group Lessons are held twice each year. Tour Rehearsals will be scheduled each spring. Additional rehearsals or sectionals may be scheduled as needed for special events. Moto performs 3 major Concerts, one Regional Tour, as well as several Community Performances each year. Moto will tour nationally once every 3-4 years.

**Allegro con Brio (Grades 8-12):** Allegro Con Brio is the premier touring choir in the region. **Brio is open to singers with at least one year of experience in Allegro Con Moto.**

**Tuition for 2011-2012 Season:**

Poco	\$440
Vivo	\$485
Moto	\$600
Brio	\$600

**Uniforms:** Approximate cost is \$80+. Orders are placed in August for new uniforms. Opportunity to buy used uniforms is also offered.

- Ladies Uniform: full length dress. Ladies will also need black hose and black dress shoes with a flat heel (Poco, Vivo and Moto) or 1 1/2" character shoes (Brio).
- Gentlemen's Uniform: Banded collar shirt (no bow tie), a black vest and black pants. Gentlemen will also need black socks and black dress shoes.

**Tours:** Cost for Tours vary from year to year depending on tour location. Tour payments will be divided into 2-3 Installments.

**Financial Assistance:** Allegro is open to all interested singers regardless of financial circumstances. Contact Theresa Stewart at [finance@allegrocc.org](mailto:finance@allegrocc.org) with any questions regarding financial assistance.