



The Girls Prep Experience

Girls Prep is a vocal training program for Vocalpoint! Seattle, designed specifically for highly motivated middle-school-age girls in 7th or 8th grade, with strong music talent and aptitude. Girls Prep is a rigorous, two-year program that focuses on sight-singing, ear training, rhythm skills, ensemble and lead singing, and performance technique. Successful graduates of Girls Prep move into Vocalpoint! Seattle, an ensemble of high-school-age students with an emphasis on performance of popular music. Girls Prep and Vocalpoint! Seattle are part of the Northwest Choirs, with over 40-years of excellence in music education and vocal performance.



Vocalpoint! Seattle Girls Prep!

Auditions Coming Up

Auditions for the next Girls Prep class will be held in *June 2018*. Auditions are conducted in two phases.

The first is an individual audition with the music director of the Northwest Boychoir & Vocalpoint! Seattle. This is casual and private (although parents are encouraged to sit in.) Each girl is asked to prepare a solo piece for the audition.

The solo should be an art song, a Broadway show tune, or a selection from classic rock 'n' roll repertoire. Those auditioning should bring sheet music for the accompanist.

A small group of girls will be invited to participate in a mandatory call back audition the week after, which is the second phase of the audition process. Call backs are designed as a group experience and consist of a series of music drills conducted in a rehearsal setting to establish a more thorough understanding of each individual's musical aptitude, as well as to determine group participation skills.

Not only does talent play a factor in selection, but so does each girl's ability to interact as a member of a group. New members will be selected following the call back auditions.

In Rehearsal

A small group of girls is admitted to each Girls Prep class, ensuring highly focused learning. Weekly rehearsals are held year-round at the University Heights Center and are team-taught by members of the Northwest Boychoir & Vocalpoint! Seattle staff, and are led by music director Joseph Crnko. Over the course of the two-year program, members will learn basic music theory, sight-reading skills, technical aspects of voice production, and the practical aspects of live performance. In addition to becoming highly skilled musicians, members develop a strong sense of commitment, discipline and teamwork. They represent many public and private schools, thus providing a broad-based experience during critical middle-school years and members have developed strong bonds and friendships with one another that carry over into the high school years and participation in Vocalpoint! Seattle.

In Concert and Performance

An important part of the Girls Prep experience is the development of each vocalist as a performer. Girls Prep stages informal concerts for families and friends twice a year, to showcase each member in both lead and ensemble work. In addition, the members of Girls Prep come together with the Northwest Boychoir and Vocalpoint! Seattle in December for the annual presentation of *A Festival of Lessons & Carols*. This 9-concert series is presented throughout the Puget Sound region. Known nationally for its premier music education program, more than 200 children and

Auditions are by appointment only. Interested candidates should call Vocalpoint! Seattle at 206.524.3234 to make an appointment.

young adults are enrolled in the acclaimed Northwest Boychoir and Vocalpoint! Seattle. Members—boys 6 to 18, and girls 12 to 18—come from all corners of the Puget Sound region and represent more than 100 diverse public and private elementary, middle and high schools. Students engage in a successful training program that produces skilled musicians and singers with a passion for the musical arts, and the unique ability to perform great choral literature and contemporary works at the highest professional levels. In its 40-year history, the Northwest Boychoir & Northwest Boychoir & Vocalpoint! Seattle have trained thousands of young singers and performers.

About Vocalpoint! Seattle

Known for its tight harmonies, vocal prowess, and vibrant stage presence, Vocalpoint! Seattle is a distinguished group of young adults who bring together the best in ensemble vocal performance. With a unique focus on contemporary music, this group draws highly talented high-school age young men and women. Members enter as successful graduates of the Northwest Boychoir and Girls Prep class and are often invited to sing with the Seattle Symphony and in commercial recording sessions.

About Tuition, Financial Aid and Fundraising

Our annual tuition is charged monthly as a convenience for members. New Girls Prep members start at an introductory rate of \$193 monthly for the first 4 months and then at the current Vocalpoint! Seattle rate thereafter. There is a one-time registration fee of \$50 and an annual uniform fee of \$35.

Through our Lee Raines Memorial Financial Aid Fund, financial assistance is available for families who need help with tuition or other program expenses. At the



“Great training, great music, great friends. Our daughter will draw on this experience for the rest of her life.”

– Vocalpoint! Seattle parent

time of registration, please indicate your interest in information about financial assistance. Financial assistance is available for families who need help with tuition. No family is turned away for financial reasons.

Member families are asked to participate in the Northwest Choirs annual fundraising event and activities,

“I was so incredibly thrilled to work with ...Vocalpoint in my recent concerts with the Seattle Symphony. When I first met and heard them, I was blown away by the fact that these guys were still in High School! They have a musicality, sense of pitch, and professionalism the belies their years. I’ll happily work with them again...anytime and anywhere.”

Steven Reineke, Music Director,
The New York Pops

which help to fund the organization's education program. These include our Annual Fund Drive and *Black Tie & Blue Jeans* Gala. The Northwest Choirs is a nonprofit organization with no religious affiliation.

Our Location

Girls Prep rehearsals are conducted at the home of the Northwest Boychoir and Vocalpoint! Seattle in the historic University Heights Center at 5031 University Way NE in the heart of the University District. Our location offers easy freeway access and a central location for families in the greater Seattle area. Driving directions are available at our website at www.vocalpointseattle.org.

Contact us today!

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