



Matthew is the founding artistic director and conducts the Mastersingers City of Palms Youth Choir. He holds a Music Education degree from Westminster Choir College and has conducted youth choirs in New Jersey and Florida for twenty-one years. Matt is also the assistant director of the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers and the conductor of their Chamber Singers. His youth choirs have performed many masterworks, operas, and operettas, and have appeared in concert at the Florida Music Educator's Association Conference and Carnegie Hall.





JANET CARTER Collaborative Accompanist

Janet has been the accompanist of the Mastersingers since the group's inception. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a master's degree from Northern Illinois University. She has been president of the local chapter of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association and served two terms on the board of the Florida Elementary Music Education Association. Janet has accompanied many all-county choirs and was twice the accompanist for the Florida All-State Elementary Choir.

Tuition Information

Tuition for the season is \$300.00. This covers all music and performance fees. There are a limited number of scholarships for which you may apply.

Please visit our website to sign up for an audition time and to download audition forms. Completed forms should be brought to the audition. Auditions run about five minutes.







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The Mastersingers City of Palms Youth Choir is an educational outreach program of the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers. The goal of this program is to enrich the lives of young singers from diverse backgrounds through the study and performance of choral music.

Participants Will:

- be taught to sing using healthy vocal technique and posture.
- learn to read and understand music.
- be provided an opportunity to rehearse and perform age-appropriate music of diverse styles, cultures and languages.
- be inspired to attain the highest level in both music and artistry.

The Mastersingers City of Palms Youth Choir was founded in 2016. During its inaugural season, the choir performed in ten concerts and events across Southwest Florida. In December, they appeared with the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra in their annual Deck The Halls concert at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. They also performed the world-premiere of Jason Bahr's Symphony No. 2 with the Mastersingers and the Mastersingers

Festival Orchestra. Their regular concert repertoire included both sacred and secular works which spanned the 9th century through the 21st century. They have also performed in many different venues across Lee County including several churches and Hammond Stadium.

The 2017-2018 season will include performances with the Gulf Coast Symphony in their annual Deck The Halls program in December as well as a Leonard Bernstein tribute concert in March. They will sing in the inaugural Readings and Carols with the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers and other choirs.

Our Choirs

The middle school choir consists of eager singers in grades 4-8. This choir's focus is on grounding singers in healthy singing technique within a safe and fun learning environment, which engages them in social and community service through the gift of music. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00.

The high school choir is an auditioned group for motivated singers in grades 9-12. The choir



rehearses from 7:15-8:30 each week and draws young singers from Southwest Florida representing a variety of Southwest Florida high schools. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings.

How Can I Join CPYC?

Singers in grades 4 through 12 are placed in a choir based on their ability and experience. A simple vocal audition (no preparation required) will determine the best fit for your singer. Beginners are welcome!

Audition dates are August 12 and August 19 from 12:00 to 5:00 and may be scheduled by visiting http://tinyurl.com/CPYCauditions. Auditions at any other time of the year may be scheduled with the director by email at cityofpalmsyouthchoir@gmail.com.









