



LYC Family Orientation Meeting Notes: August 4, 2025

How we operate:

- Communication: Email is primary – please be sure we have your correct contact information. Our weekly **LumiNotes** newsletter is sent out on Fridays. We will also utilize our **WhatsApp community**, our website (www.luminayouthchoirs.com), and social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Communication with your choir director & choir coordinators is very important! Contact information for each choir is listed below.
- Financial questions about singer's accounts can be directed to Terri Brown at tbrown@luminayouthchoirs.net or Matt Williams at mwilliams@luminayouthchoirs.net

Singer Absences

- A singer may miss no more than **three** rehearsals within each semester (Fall/Spring), or dismissal from the choir will be considered (**Homework, clubs, sports, etc., are NOT appropriate reasons to miss rehearsal**). 3 Tardies constitute 1 Absence.
- Directors must be notified via email 24 hours in advance in the case of unexpected absence. It is a safety concern if we do not hear from you and your singer fails to show up.
- If a singer is absent for two rehearsals, evaluation of musical readiness will be required to participate in the upcoming concert, which will be determined at the director's discretion.

Home Practice

Home practice is essential to each singer's participation in LYC. The minimum home practice expectation is 15 minutes twice per week for our youngest singers, and daily practice for our upper division choirs, as assigned by the choir Director. Part tests and small group assessments will be given on a regular basis to ensure musical readiness.

AURORA:

Kyla Knauer, Director	kknauer@luminayouthchoirs.net	813-992-5517
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Judy Williams, Director	jwilliams@luminayouthchoirs.net	813-841-4121
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STELE:

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SERATA:

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General Overview of our 2025-2026 Concert Season

- **Season Calendar** – located on our website at <https://www.luminayouthchoirs.com/events>
- **Safety** of our singers is our top priority!
- **Arriving at rehearsal:** Aurora parents must walk singers to the door of their rehearsal space. Singers in all other choirs will report directly to their rehearsal spaces for check-in with Choir Coordinators.
- Stop by the *Welcome Table* in the Lobby of Knox Hall if you have questions or need to drop off paperwork or money.
- **Late Arrivals:** go directly to their rehearsal space and check in with the Choir Coordinator.
- **Dismissal:** Aurora parents must come to the lobby to pick up their singer. After dismissal, no singer will be left unattended. *Please be sure to pick your singer up on time.*
- Various spaces around Knox Hall are available for you to wait for your singer as well as provide a place for you to meet and greet each other.
- There are many places around Hyde Park UMC where you can grab a dinner, coffee, or stretch your legs while you wait.
- **"Backstage" procedures** - only a limited number of pre-arranged chaperones & our choir coordinators are allowed backstage at any event or concert. If you are interested in volunteering, you can sign-up on the LYC Volunteer survey.
- In general, parents and family members are not allowed to attend professionally contracted events. However, if our hosts invite family members to attend, information for how to access tickets will be provided along with other event details.
- **Spring Tour** – Aurora - Orlando
- **Summer Tour** – Steele, Serata, & Amiaza – Denver, Colorado – Sing a Mile High Festival
- Fundraising opportunities to help off-set the cost of each participant's tour will be made available throughout the season. If you would like to help with planning fundraisers, contact Hollie Morris hmorris@luminayouthchoirs.net

How can YOU help build the LYC community?



- **Spread the word!** – share news and info through social media, invite friends and family to concerts and events.
- **Volunteer!** Be part of the Event Planning Team, build Local & Corporate Partnerships, assist with the Music Library, be a Concert Chaperone, help provide transportation, document our season through Photography...what special skill or service can you offer? [LYC Volunteer Sign-up](#)

