

The Pensacola Children's Chorus (PCC) announces plans to move forward with its 2020-2021 mainstage season. Rehearsals will resume in-person and on schedule at PCC's facilities in early September.

"At all times, especially now, the safety and well-being of our singers, families, staff, and supporters is of the utmost importance," says Alex Gartner, Artistic & Executive Director. "We will move forward with our Mainstage Performance Series, which includes Christmas on the Coast in December, as well as an added outdoor concert in October. We will continue to face the challenges created by the coronavirus pandemic, and in all of our activities we will strive to offer the dynamic and beloved performance experiences that our singers and community have come to know and love."

Singers will have several membership options from which to choose, and parents are encouraged to select the plan that best suits their family. Students who feel comfortable singing in-person can join in early September or early October. Those who join in September will begin preparations for a special performance, *PCC in the Plaza*, to be held outdoors October 4, 2020.

For those who prefer to learn from home, PCC is proud to offer eSing, an online version of our choral program. Online performances will be hosted on PCC's social media accounts every 4-6 weeks, and each will feature a different project. Projects include the world premiere of a newly commissioned piece of music, a recording project with other children's choirs from across the state of Florida, and virtual choir pieces to be featured in PCC's holiday performance, *Christmas on the Coast*.

eSing will launch in early September. Participants may elect to join eSing for the month of September before transitioning to in-person activities in early October, or they may continue online participation through the month of December. Virtual programming for 2021 will be announced at a later date.

"Our online and in-person programs have been carefully crafted with the needs and desires of our singers, parents, and community in mind," says Gartner. "Despite all of the challenges, we are eager to continue our mission of using music to shape the lives of the young people of Northwest Florida."

Our audience will be treated to a festival fall concert, *PCC in the Plaza*, on October 4, in addition to PCC's mainstage performance series. *Christmas on the Coast*, held on December 11-13, 2020, is a dazzling holiday spectacular that transforms sunny weather into a winter wonderland. *One World, Many Voices*, held on February 21, 2021, celebrates the power of what is accomplished when voices unite in song. Our final performance, *Showtime*, scheduled for May 7-9, 2021, is a Broadway-quality variety show featuring the best music from both stage and screen.

Singers who are interested in participating in the 2020-2021 season of the Pensacola Children's Chorus should visit our website ([www.pensacolasings.org](http://www.pensacolasings.org)) and register for the start date of their choosing (in-person September, in-person October, or virtual). No prior experience or training is required. For more information about the Pensacola Children's Chorus, please visit [www.pensacolasings.org](http://www.pensacolasings.org).