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Join Pensacola Sings For The Summer

The Pensacola Children's Chorus and Pensacola Parks & Recreation Continue Their Partnership Through the Summer

Pensacola, Fla. – June 2025 – The Pensacola Children's Chorus (PCC) and the Pensacola Parks & Recreation Department (P&R) are continuing sessions of Pensacola Sings, a free choral program designed to increase accessibility to music education to children throughout the city. Since its launch in March 2023, Pensacola Sings has engaged over 142 students from 1st through 12th grade, helping them learn and grow through the power of music.

What: *Pensacola Sings*

Summer Session Dates: July 7–August 2, 2025

Where: Fricker, Woodland Heights, Gull Point Resource Centers

Times: Fricker - Monday & Wednesdays, 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Woodland Heights - Tuesdays & Fridays, 1:15–2:15 p.m.

Gull Point - Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Who: Grades 1–12

Pricing: Free

Pensacola Sings strives to provide a musical space where children can develop confidence, teamwork and communication skills, regardless of their financial background. Choir sessions will be held at the Fricker, Woodland Heights and Gull Point Resource Centers. By holding rehearsals where children already meet and eliminating barriers related to affordability and location, the program guarantees the maximum number of young singers can experience the joy of music at no cost to them and their families.

Children need a place to call their own. Impact surveys conducted after last season's sessions show 92% of participants, parents and city staff believe that Pensacola Sings provides a sense of belonging and community for singers. Another 90% reported better problem solving skills, demonstrating that music plays a role in developing critical thinking skills. The act of singing together actively reduces stress, so much so that 80% of participants attest that choir helps them manage their stress and anxiety.

"Music is a powerful tool for connection, self-expression and personal growth," Miguel Aldahondo, Director of Community Programs at PCC, said. "We believe that the children in our

community have much to offer through the arts, especially when given the right opportunities. This partnership provides a more accurate representation of not only our youth's potential but also the commitment of our city."

Building upon the experience gained from past sessions, the partnership will be focusing on key strategies to enhance consistency, communication and participation across resource centers.

These strategies include:

- Streamlining communication by managing registration through PCC's systems
- Expanding transportation solutions for students needing access to performances and events
- Strengthening family commitment by providing orientations, program incentives and performance opportunities
- Enhancing data collection to measure social and emotional growth and academic impact

Singers who have participated in this session of Pensacola Sings will be performing on August 2 alongside other campers from the PCC's Summer Festival camp. The performance will be held at First Baptist Church of Pensacola and will begin at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. Visit PensacolaSings.org/performances for more information.

PCC and P&R are committed to building not only a choir, but also a community. By improving access to music education, both organizations are ensuring children can grow into engaged, thoughtful citizens who contribute positively to Pensacola's future. To register for Pensacola Sings and for more information about Pensacola Sings, visit PensacolaSings.org/choirs or contact Miguel Aldahondo.

About the Pensacola Children's Chorus

The Pensacola Children's Chorus (PCC) is a non-profit, community-based arts education program which uses music and performance to inspire and nurture a new generation of young leaders. Serving 300 young musicians from over 60 schools across Northwest Florida and Southwest Alabama, PCC uses music education to provide opportunities for personal growth, friendship and community service. Formally established 1990 as a program of the Pensacola Symphony, the now-independent organization continues to pursue diversity of talent, repertoire and performance to enhance and enliven the cultural fabric of our community. To fulfill its role as the preeminent regional youth music education program, PCC presents a full season of outreach, educational programs and performances each year for thousands of children, youth and adults.

About Pensacola Parks & Recreation

The mission of the Parks & Recreation Department is to improve and promote the quality of life for all citizens and visitors of Pensacola by protecting the heritage of our parks while providing a wide range of recreational, social and educational opportunities. The City of Pensacola has a total of 93 parks and open spaces, along with resource centers which are maintained by the Parks & Building Maintenance Divisions, programmed by the Recreation Division and utilized by Pensacola residents and City organizations. Through partnerships like Pensacola Sings, Pensacola Parks & Recreation aims to strengthen the city's cultural and educational landscape.

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