



# Stetson University Young Singers

## Season Overview - August 2025 - May 2026

### Calendar of Events

#### FALL 2025 Semester

##### September

Mon 9/8 - 1st Rehearsal - Young Singers & Apprentice Choir

Thurs 9/11 - 1st Rehearsal - Discovery Choir

Sun 9/14 - Fall Retreat + Parent Mtg, 2-5 pm (YS & AC)

Thurs 9/18 - DC Rehearsal + Parent Meeting 6-6:30pm

Mon 9/22 - Regular Rehearsals (VCPS no school)

##### October

Mon 10/13 - Regular Rehearsals (VCPS no school)

October 20th - November 20th - Regular Weekly Rehearsals

Fri & Sat 10/3 & 4 - Stetson Choral Clinic (YS by invitation)

Sat 10/25 - FLACDA - (YS & AC by audition)

November Week of the 24th - Thanksgiving Break - No Regular Rehearsals

Tues 11/25 - Performance with Choral Union (AC & YS by invitation)

##### December

Mon 12/1 and Thurs 12/4 - Regular Rehearsal

Sat 12/6 - Dress Rehearsal, 9 am - 12 pm (All Singers) Lee Chapel

Sun 12/7 - Final Rehearsal, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Lee Chapel

**Sunday, December 7 - 6:30 pm, Winter Performance, Lee Chapel**

Winter Break



#### SPRING 2026 Semester

##### January

Mon 1/26 - 1st Spring Rehearsal - Young Singers & Apprentice Choir

Thurs 1/29 - 1st Spring Rehearsal - Discovery Choir

Fri 1/30 - Stetson University Tenor/Bass Festival (YS by invitation)

##### February

TBA - Discovery Choir Retreat

Mon 2/16 - Nashville Travelers Special Rehearsal (time TBA)

Mon 2/16 - Regular Rehearsal (VCPS no school)

##### March

March 12-15, Nashville Travel (YS & AC choir members only)

March 15-20, No Rehearsals (VCPS Spring Break)

March 20-22 Hansel and Gretel! With Stetson Opera Theatre (DC by invitation)

##### April

Fri 4/10 - Adult Rehearsal & Stetson University Choir Concert. (all SYS members)

Sat 4/11 - 40th Anniversary Celebration! 12-4 pm (all SYS members)

Sat 4/25 - Dress Rehearsal, 9-12 pm (all SYS members)

Week of 4/28 - Final Regular Rehearsals

##### May

Sun 5/3 Final Rehearsal, Lee Chapel 4 - 6 pm

**Sunday, May 3rd, Spring Performance, Lee Chapel, 6:30 pm**

\*MUCH more information coming on all these dates as the season begins! Except for Fall & Spring Concerts & Retreats, events are by selection and/or decision of the family.



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### Future Dates

- Summer Camp, July 13-17, 2026
  - First Rehearsal of the 2025-2026 - September 14th, 2026
- Travel TBA - June 2027! *More information will be shared as plans are confirmed.*

### Young Singers Program: Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

- **Discovery Choir (DC) (8-11 years, 3rd-5th grade)**
  - Thursdays 5:15 - 6:15 pm, room 132 - Tinsley
    - Melinda Fradley - conductor
- **Apprentice Choir (AC) (11-14 years, 6th-8th grade)**
  - Mondays 5:45 - 7:00 pm, room 132 - Tinsley
    - Angie Monahan - conductor
- **Young Singers (YS) (12-18 years, 7th-12th grade)**
  - Mondays 5:30 - 7:30 pm, room 352
    - Melinda Fradley - conductor

### Tuition Information:

Tuition amounts are for the full season, September – May\*\*\*

#### Discovery Choir (DC)

Grades 3rd - 5th, Ages 8 - 11

Tuition - \$200 for the year

#### Apprentice Choir (AC)

Grades 6th - 8th\*, Ages 11 - 13

Tuition - \$250 for the year

#### Young Singers (YS)

Grades 7th - 12th, Ages 12 - 18

Tuition - \$300 for the year

### Payment Information

- Register now and pay a deposit by September 5, 2025
- Full tuition should be paid by Dec 1st.
- Payments can be completed in one or multiple installments.
- Multiple student discount - 10%
- Contact Sara Scarpelli for more information - [sscarpelli@stetson.edu](mailto:sscarpelli@stetson.edu)

\*\*\*The tuition payment is for the entire year. Your singers will improve the most if they commit to singing with us on a weekly basis for a full year (if not year after year!). Because of this philosophy, we work to "share" your singer's time with other interests they may want to pursue. The main goal is to communicate with each other so that the singers and the choir thrives!



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### **Choir Restructure Information**

\*There is an intentional overlap in the ages and grades with the Apprentice Choir and Young Singers.

Singers develop at different rates vocally and behaviorally. Also, there are singers that have been a part of the SYS family for multiple years, providing them with vocal skill and training. Singers that are new to us should register in the Apprentice Choir through 8<sup>th</sup> grade age.

For clarification on scheduling singers or assigning multiple singers from the same family to different choirs, please contact me.

Returning singers, as you discuss choir names and assignments, note that ensemble age ranges have changed, while the ensemble names remain the same. Singers might worry about choir placement, but rest assured that changes are because of the growth of the choir, and all ensembles will be given music that challenges that level of singer correctly.

For more help with placement or to meet the director and learn more about the choir, you may request to schedule a voice placement interview. I'll sing with your child, and we'll talk about the SYS family and why SYS is a wonderful place to sing.

Contact Melinda Fradley at [mfradley@stetson.edu](mailto:mfradley@stetson.edu) to set up a time.

### **Mission Statement**

*Stetson Young Singers – helping young people to find their voice, to build their confidence, and to grow their passions through music and service to the community.*

### **Build The Program - Word of Mouth is our best advertising!**

Continue to spread the word! Invite others to join us. Invite potential singers to sit in on a rehearsal with us. Share our flyer at your school or church and with friends.

It is our belief that we are a family of singers. The stronger we are, the better we all sound.

### **Message to New Singers**

We know that some singers start the season without knowing anyone in their ensemble, but we'll do our best to make sure they leave feeling like part of a choir family. It's our hope that your young singer will join us and grow with us, season after season. There are a lot of beautiful benefits to a multiage community-based choir. Every singer is an important part of the ensemble.