



Stetson University Young Singers

Season Overview - August 2026 - May 2027

Calendar of Events - *Music of the Americas*

FALL 2026 Semester (*rehearsals every Monday or Thursday unless listed*)

September

Mon 9/14 - Week of First Rehearsals

Mon 9/21 - Regular Rehearsals (VCPS no school)

Sun 9/27 - SYS Retreat 2-5 pm (All SYS)

Mon 9/28 - Regular Rehearsals

October

Fri & Sat 10/2-3 - Stetson Choral Festival (YS - HS students, invitation)

Mon 10/12 - Regular Rehearsals (VCPS no school)

Thur-Sat 10/22-24 - FLACDA Honor Choir (AC & YS - students, audition)

November

Mon 11/23 - 27 - No Rehearsals (Thanksgiving Break)

Mon 11/30 - Regular Rehearsals

December

Thurs 12/3 - Regular Rehearsals

Sat 12/5 - Dress Rehearsal, 9-12 pm, Lee Chapel (All SYS)

Sun 12/6 - Winter Concert, Call Time, 4:00 pm Performance, 5:30pm, Lee Chapel

Winter Break

SPRING 2027 Semester

January

Mon 1/25 - Week of First Rehearsals

Fri 1/29 - Stetson University Tenor/Bass Festival (YS by invitation)

February

Sun 2/TBA - Spring Retreat 3-5 pm

Mon 2/15 - Regular Rehearsals (VCPS no school)

March

Opera Collaboration TBA

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

April

Sat 4/24 - Dress Rehearsal, 9-12 pm, Lee Chapel (all SYS members)

Week of 4/26 - Final Regular Rehearsals

May

Sun 5/2 Final Rehearsal, Lee Chapel 3:30 - 5 pm

Sunday, 5/2, Spring Concert, Call Time, 4:00 pm Performance, 5:30pm, Lee Chapel

Monday, May 10th Senior Celebration, TBA

Attendance is expected for weekly rehearsals.

Choirs will meet every Monday or Thursday unless otherwise noted above.

Fall & Spring Concerts & Retreats are the only events where attendance is expected.

Attendance policy and exceptions will be reviewed at the parent meeting.



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Future Dates

June 2027 - International Travel

- Summer Camp, July 12-16, 2027
- First Rehearsal of the 2027-2028 - September 13th, 2027

Young Singers Program: Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

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

*Bassline and Treble Choirs will meet Monday evenings during the overlap time. Details about these 2 ensembles will be shared before the season starts.

Tuition Information:

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

Discovery Choir (DC)

Typically Grades 3rd - 5th, Ages 8 - 11

Tuition - \$200 for the year

Apprentice Choir (AC)

Typically 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, 2026
- Full tuition should be paid by Oct 19th.
- Payments can be completed in one or multiple installments.
- Multiple student discount - 10%
- Contact Sara Scarpelli for more information - 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: dance, sports, etc. The main goal is to communicate with each other so the singers and the choir thrives!



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Choir Structure and Ensemble Information

There is an intentional overlap in the ages and grades with the 3 different choirs.

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.

Most singers will sing in a choir for 2 years before moving to the next level of choir depending on skill, maturity and commitment.

- Register in the **Discovery Choir** if you are new to us and fall between the ages of 8 and 11 (typically 3rd - 5th grade).
- Register in the **Apprentice Choir** if you are new to us and fall between the ages of 11 and 14 (typically 6th - 8th grade).
- Register in the **Young Singers Choir** if you are new to us and fall between the ages 14 and 18 (typically 9th - 12th grade). Then look for an email from Melinda Fradley asking for a voice placement interview time.

For more help with placement, clarification on scheduling multiple singers from the same family 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, if they are comfortable doing so and we'll talk about the SYS family and why SYS is a wonderful place for all to sing.

Contact Melinda Fradley at mfradley@stetson.edu to set up a time or ask questions.

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.

Welcome

The Directors of the Stetson Young Singers program and Stetson University School of Music extended a warm welcome to the members of the 2026-2027 choirs. We look forward to working with you and sharing our love of music with our singers and their families. We sincerely hope that you find your years in choir to be a rewarding, fulfilling experience.