



July 2019

As *Voices In Harmony* starts our 33rd year, we begin a new chapter: VIH is a program of **Encore! Music Academy**. We are excited for this new relationship! While most of the changes will be in administrating budget and fund raising, you will notice some real benefits from this move, including rehearsal location, how you register and donate.

This season is *One Voice*, a theme that carries through all eighteen concerts and events offered by EMA. Here is an overview of the three concerts that are presented by VIH:

November 3, 2019 – *One Voice: For Peace*

The main work on this program is *A Sermon from the Mountain*, by one of America's foremost choral composers, Alice Parker. Composed shortly after Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, Parker uses the musical styles of spirituals, gospel music, blues and American folk music to personalize the message "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." There are *significant solo opportunities for all voices* in this work that is accompanied by strings, guitar, drums and organ.

December 15, 2019 – *One Voice: Sing-Along Messiah*

Soar to new heights with Handel's great masterwork. We invite the community to sing along on majestic choruses accompanied by orchestra and featuring four excellent professional soloists. This is our **22nd year** presenting this community holiday tradition!

April 4, 2020 – *One Voice: Around The World*

The two unique concerts on this day showcase the four Encore Youth Choirs and VIH, showing that choral singing is a life-long, life-enriching activity. VIH combines with two EYC choirs to present the choral masterwork, Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria*, accompanied by full orchestra. There will be several pieces combining all five choirs, and each choir will be featured in their own selections of music from around the world.

Though there are openings for all voice parts, *we are particularly in need of basses and tenors*.

PLEASE NOTE: Rehearsals are now at First Congregational Church, 461 Pierson Street in Crystal Lake, beginning Monday, August 19, 2019, 7:30 – 9:30 PM. Distribution of music will begin at 7:15 PM.

Registration fees for August through April are \$120. Two or more in the same family will receive a 25% discount off the total. Payment should be made out to "**Encore Music Academy**". Please fill out the registration form and return it with your check to the address on the form by **August 15**. VIH & EMA do not want the fee to prevent anyone from participating, so if special arrangements need to be made, please contact us at the phone number or email below.

For your convenience, **REGISTER ONLINE!** Go to <https://www.encoremusicacademy.org>, click on "Register, Pay Tuition" and then click the VIH logo at the bottom of the page.

Registrations are accepted up to and including the first rehearsal. Signing up by August 15 will ensure that we have enough music on hand for all singers! Folders will be prepared for all who preregister.

We hope to see you on Monday August 19! If you have any questions, please call us.

Sincerely,

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REGISTRATION FORM

For Office Use Only: QB Date _____ FMP _____

First Name:

Last Name:

Primary Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail address is confidential and is the main form of communication for all EMA programs.

Most frequently checked email address:

How did you hear about EMA?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Email from EMA | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Search | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> School Tou |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blast/Marketing Harvest | <input type="checkbox"/> EMA Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer | <input type="checkbox"/> MCMC | <input type="checkbox"/> Park District Ad | <input type="checkbox"/> School Wet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring a Friend Promotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Groupon | <input type="checkbox"/> MCYO | <input type="checkbox"/> School Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling |

Please complete for students 18 and under

Birthday:

Grade as of 9/1/2019:

School as of 9/1/2019:

Parent #1 Information

Parent #2 Information

Name:

Name:

Cell Phone:

Cell Phone:

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Class Description/Choir Name/Private Lesson Teacher	Day	Time	Tuition
Total Due:			

_____ **initial** I hereby authorize the staff or parent volunteers of Encore Music Academy to obtain medical treatment in the event of an emergency. I release Encore Music Academy, their employees, and volunteers from any claim of liability in connection therewith.

_____ **initial** I grant permission to be included in Encore Music Academy promotional materials which may include pictures and/or recordings on website, social media and in newspapers.

_____ **initial** I have read and understand the EMA policies (located on the back of this form) regarding payment plans, fees and cancellation/withdrawals.

Signature _____
(Parent if student is under 18)

Date _____

Please mail this form with payment to:
EMA, 800 McHenry Ave, Suite G, Crystal Lake, IL 60014, Phone 815.356.SING (7464)
Fax 815.425.1302 or register online: encoremusicacademy.org

REGISTRATION POLICIES

Tuition and Registration

Tuition may be paid by cash, check, or credit card. Individuals may register and pay

- Online with a credit card
- By mail—send registration form and payment to:
EMA, 800 McHenry Avenue, Suite G, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

- For Chamber Music and Classes, payment-in-full is due at time of registration.
- For Encore Youth Choir,
 - Plan A - pay tuition and student's retreat fee in full at time of registration.
 - Plan B - pay a non-refundable tuition deposit and student's retreat fee at the time of registration and then pay the remaining balance in two payments due 9/1 and 11/1
 - Plan C – pay a non-refundable tuition deposit and student's retreat fee at the time of registration and then do automatic payments by credit card for the remaining balance over 5 months on the 1st of each month, July-November.
- For McHenry County Youth Orchestra,
 - Plan A - pay tuition in full at time of registration.
 - Plan B - pay tuition in two payments due 7/1 and 8/15
- For Private Instruction, tuition will be divided into two payments per semester.
 - Half of the semester tuition is due one week before the beginning of the term
 - Remaining fall session balance due 10/15
 - Spring session first half tuition is due 1/15
 - Remaining spring session's balance due on 3/15
 - Payment-in-full is requested one week prior to the start date for the Summer Term
 - Payment not received by the second lesson of the term, a \$10 late fee will be applied
- For Voices in Harmony
 - Plan A - pay annual tuition in full (Summer, Fall/Spring).
 - Plan B – pay Summer tuition
 - Plan C – pay Fall/Spring tuition
 - Payment-in-full is requested one week prior to the beginning of the term
 - Payment not received by the second rehearsal of the term, a \$10 late fee will be applied

Individuals are responsible for paying their tuition on time. Statements will be emailed to delinquent accounts; a \$10 fee will be assessed per month of outstanding balance. Individual participation in classes, choirs or private lessons may be forfeited at any time without refund for non-payment.

A \$25 fee will be assessed for any returned check.

Tuition Support

Need-based financial aid is available to individuals meeting certain financial criteria. EMA believes that music should be an important part of everyone's life regardless of ethnicity, financial means, age, or ability. For more information on EMA's tuition support program, please contact EMA's Executive Director at 815.356.7464.

Make-Up and Cancellations

EMA reserves the right to cancel a session due to low enrollment. If EMA has had to cancel a class/lesson, a make-up class/lesson may be offered. Make-up classes/lessons will not be offered due to individual absence. Classes/lessons missed due to an individual absence are non-refundable. There are no make-ups or refunds for missed choir or orchestra rehearsals.

Withdrawals and Refund Policy

Individuals wishing to withdraw must notify EMA in writing to the Executive Director. The withdrawal request is effective on the date received by the Executive Director and cannot be made retroactive. Withdrawal requests before the start of a term will be granted a full refund, except for choir deposits and retreat fees. Refunds after the first class or rehearsal will be pro-rated and will not be granted after the second class or third rehearsal.