

PSO

PORTLAND SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

PSO Children's Chorus

2026-2027

Season Information & Rehearsal / Performance Schedule

What is the PSO Children's Chorus?

The PSO Children's Chorus, composed of treble voices, gives young singers ages 9-16 the opportunity to enhance and showcase their choral and vocal skills as they perform in professional musical settings. Whether it be in longstanding traditions such as *Magic of Christmas*, select Classical/POPS!/Discovery concerts throughout the year, or performances in the greater community, the PSO Children's Chorus has various opportunities to join alongside professional orchestral musicians, professional choirs, internationally renowned vocal soloists, and work under the baton of PSO conductor and Music Director, Eckart Preu, as they perform at the historic Merrill Auditorium in Portland, Maine, with the full Portland Symphony Orchestra. For any questions about the PSO Children's Chorus, email: childrenschorus@portlandsymphony.org

What singing opportunities can I audition for in the 2026-27 season?

The PSO Children's Chorus will be featured on two different concert series in the 2026-27 season, including our first Classical Concert in September, *Resurgam: American Folktales & Hymns*, and our longstanding holiday tradition in December, *Magic of Christmas*. A full schedule of rehearsals & performances for each concert is included in the following pages, and audition instructions/materials will be provided via email after you complete the audition registration form. Auditions for the 2026-27 season will be held on **Saturday, August 15** in Portland, Maine, and audition registration closes on **Monday, July 20** at 12:00pm.

We hope you'll consider joining the PSO Children's Chorus!

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Resurgam: American Folktales & Hymns

Rehearsal & Performance Schedule

CHILDREN'S CHORUS-ONLY REHEARSALS

Woodfords Congregational Church, Portland, ME

- **Tuesday, September 8, 2026: 6:00pm-8:00pm**
- **Tuesday, September 22, 2026: 6:00pm-8:00pm**

COMBINED CHORUS & ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS

Merrill Auditorium, Portland, ME

- **Thursday, September 24, 2026: 7:00pm-9:30pm (*Call Time 6:30pm*)**
- **Friday, September 25, 2026: 7:00pm-9:30pm (*Call Time 6:30pm*)**
- **Saturday, September 26, 2026: 10:00am-12:30pm (*Call Time 9:30am*)**
- **Saturday, September 26, 2026: 2:00pm-4:30pm (*Call Time 1:30pm*)**

PERFORMANCES

Merrill Auditorium, Portland, ME

- **Sunday, September 27, 2026: 2:30pm-4:30pm (*Call Time 2:00pm*)**
- **Tuesday, September 29, 2026: 7:00pm-9:00pm (*Call Time 6:30pm*)**

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Magic of Christmas

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CHILDREN'S CHORUS-ONLY REHEARSALS

Woodfords Congregational Church, Portland, ME

- Tuesday, October 20, 2026: 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Tuesday, October 27, 2026: 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Tuesday, November 3, 2026: 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Tuesday, November 17, 2026: 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Tuesday, December 8, 2026: 6:00pm-8:00pm

COMBINED CHORUS REHEARSALS

Sable Lodge Retirement Community, South Portland, ME

- Wednesday, December 2, 2026: 7:00pm-9:00pm (*Call Time 6:30pm*)

COMBINED CHORUS & ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS

Merrill Auditorium, Portland, ME

- Wednesday, December 9, 2026: 7:00pm-9:30pm (*Call Time 6:30pm*)
- Thursday, December 10, 2026: 7:00pm-9:30pm (*Call Time 6:30pm*)

PERFORMANCES

Merrill Auditorium, Portland, ME

Please Note: Due to the extensive time commitment and limited stage space, members of the PSO Children's Chorus are only required to perform in 6 out of 12 performances listed below, and singers will list which performances they are available for at the time of their audition.

- Friday, December 11, 2025: 2:00pm-4:00pm (*Preview Performance*) (*Call Time 1:30pm*)
- Friday, December 11, 2025: 7:00pm-9:00pm (*Call Time 6:30pm*)
- Saturday, December 12, 2025: 2:00pm-4:00pm (*Call Time 1:30pm*)
- Saturday, December 12, 2025: 7:00pm-9:00pm (*Call Time 6:30pm*)
- Sunday, December 13, 2025: 11:00am-12:00pm (*Family-Friendly program*) (*Call Time 10:30am*)
- Sunday, December 13, 2025: 3:00pm-5:00pm (*Call Time 2:30pm*)
- Friday, December 18, 2025: 2:00pm-4:00pm (*Call Time 1:30pm*)
- Friday, December 18, 2025: 7:00pm-9:00pm (*Call Time 6:30pm*)
- Saturday, December 19, 2025: 2:00pm-4:00pm (*Call Time 1:30pm*)
- Saturday, December 19, 2025: 7:00pm-9:00pm (*Call Time 6:30pm*)
- Sunday, December 20, 2025: 1:00pm-3:00pm (*Call Time 12:30pm*)
- Sunday, December 20, 2025: 5:00pm-7:00pm (*Call Time 4:30pm*)