

February 10, 2016

Dear Principals and Teachers,

Eugene Concert Choir Outreach (ECCO) music education program is in its eighth year! We look forward to bringing choral singing to local schools, like yours, this spring.

What is ECCO?

ECCO is FREE. The program involves a 30-minute lively and interactive classroom presentation designed to introduce basic musical concepts and choral singing to elementary school students, grades K-5. Through learning a song from one of our main season Hult Center concerts, students will explore music fundamentals such as melody, form, vocal sound, and rhythm. Presentations are appropriate for *all* classrooms and should not be limited to music class.

This year we would love to come visit your classroom more than once! You may schedule up to three classroom presentations, which will expand upon the basic program by introducing more music and exploring musical skills and concepts more deeply. Students will also have more time to learn the music for the concert.

ECCO student participants will receive a free pass for themselves and one accompanying adult to attend our spring kids concert and perform the song they learned with 110-voice Eugene Concert Choir, Diane Retallack, director, and special guest artists at the Hult Center.

Participating classes will receive a CD with vocal warm-ups, a practice recording of the song, a copy of the lyrics and sheet music, and any related materials for teacher use in the classroom.

In 2015 we visited 10 schools with 17 presentations to nearly 500 students. Around 60-70 students typically join us to sing at the Hult Center. We are eager for *your* students to participate with us this year!

ECCO 2016

This year students will learn a traditional Venezuelan children's folk song, "María Moñitos." ECCO participants will be invited to sing the song with the Eugene Concert Choir and special guests in *Latin American Folk for Kids* at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 30th at the Hult Center, Silva Concert Hall. There will be a pre-concert on-stage rehearsal prior to the performance.

Bring ECCO to YOUR School

Presentations will be conducted February 12 - April 22, 2016, and will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis. It is highly encouraged for schools to book a block of classrooms in a single day. If you are interested in having your school/class participate, return the application (enclosed) for ECCO 2016 to choir@eugeneconcertchoir.org or mail to 1590 Willamette St. Suite 400, Eugene OR 97404. We process your application and send you an email to schedule your presentation and confirm any details as soon as possible. If you have questions, concerns, or need further information, please call the choir office at 541-687-6865.

This program offers your students an unforgettable experience. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Amy Unfred
Director of Music Education

Application for ECCO 2016 Project

Please fill out ONE application per single classroom presentation. You may request follow-up visits after the initial presentation, in order to learn more music and expand upon the skills and concepts introduced in the first lesson. You may schedule up to **three** lessons for each classroom group. You do not have to schedule all three at once, but keep in mind that presentations are scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

After your application is received, you will be contacted promptly to schedule the date and time of your presentation. Our ECCO Music Education Director will visit your classroom to teach the song and provide you with the ECCO educational CD. Whether or not you schedule follow-up lessons, you are welcome to continue working on the song with your students using the CD. Eugene Concert Choir provides performer/accompanying member passes for teachers to distribute to kids/parents (these will be delivered to the school the week of April 18-22). We are also happy to provide passes to teachers as a thank you for participating in the ECCO Project, so you can experience the children's performance.

Name of Teacher:

School:

School Address:

Phone:

Email contact for Classroom Teacher:

Phone contact for Classroom Teacher:

Grade(s):

Number of Students:

Classroom visits may be scheduled from February 22 through April 22.

Tentatively available presentation times include Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings prior to 1:00 pm, and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons after 1:00 pm. Please provide your preferred time of day and day of the week, and we will contact you promptly to schedule your presentation.

Preferred time of day:

2nd choice:

Preferred day of the week:

2nd choice:

Please email your completed ECCO 2015 application to choir@eugeneconcertchoir.org or post mail to:

Eugene Concert Choir
Attn: ECCO
1590 Willamette Street, Ste. 400
Eugene, OR 97401

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