

North Georgia Homeschool Band & Choir



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2014 Outlook

The North Georgia Homeschool Band & Choir is an independent non-profit homeschool music ministry for elementary through high school students. It also includes recorder and general music classes for younger children.

As the number of children being homeschooled in the U.S. continues to grow, so too does the desire for programs outside of standard school systems. The NGHBC offers an answer for the increasing number of homeschool parents looking to involve their children in educational music activities.

With our highly professional and experienced program directors, we provide a unique learning environment for students that is designed to

develop and enhance their musical knowledge and talent. By featuring weekly lessons and fantastic performance opportunities, we have been able to teach band and choir to homeschoolers with great success. As we move forward into the future stages of our program, we expect to fill the needs of more families who are searching for a musical home for their children.

In 2014, we will be offering the following programs: general music,



two levels of choir, three levels of band, and our new Preparatory Program.

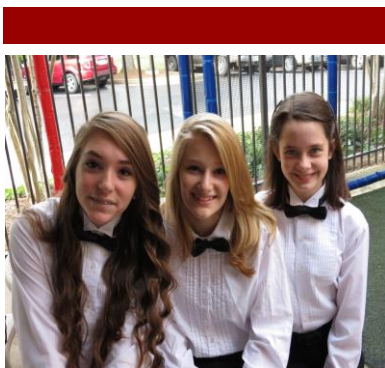
This class will line students up for success in future band or choir classes. It offers age-appropriate vocal training and an introduction to music reading, as well as experience with playing basic instruments.

Thanks to the continued dedication of our students and instructors, we can promise a bright outlook for the NGHBC in 2014.



Performances

The highlights of some of our most recent band and choir performances, including a trip to the Georgia State Capitol and our third straight year participating in the Large Group Performance Evaluations.



Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

During a cool night in Georgia, the warm shelter of a restaurant and its replenishing, fresh food offers a welcoming refuge for many. On one of those nights last October, Chick-Fil-A locations in Canton provided more than just a hot meal. Visitors left the restaurants that evening with a hearty helping of Christmas carols, performed for them by the North Georgia Homeschool Choir. The choir sang several songs to the delight of the crowd, earning applause and passing the joy of Christmas on to the audience. This great opportunity, which featured the Concert and Treble Choirs, acted as a fundraiser for the NGHSBC, and more importantly, as a spirit-raiser for the Canton community.

Large Group Performance Evaluation

Sponsored by the Georgia Music Educators Association, the LGPE is the band equivalent of standardized testing. Our combined intermediate and advanced band participated, performing three pieces for the judges. The challenging test

also included a sight-reading portion, where the band had to play a piece of music that they had never seen before. We received "EXCELLENT" scores across the board, and the judges were very complimentary and gave helpful advice for next year. We are the first homeschool band to have been invited to Georgia's LGPE.

Toys for Tots Kick-off at the Georgia State Capitol

The choir received a great honor this past November when they were invited to sing at the Georgia State Capitol for the Toys for Tots kick-off event. Our choir performed in front of Governor Deal's wife, Sandra. The choir performance was accompanied by Mrs. Deal reading the Governor's proclamation, and a presentation of the first Toys for Tots box of the year to the highest ranking United States Marine in Georgia.

Ball Ground Christmas Parade

December was an exciting month for our choir, as they eagerly anticipated

participating in the Ball Ground Christmas Parade. But when the night of the parade came, the students were faced with unexpected adversity: rain.

The choir walked in the parade without a hitch, singing to the gathered onlookers as they trekked through downtown Ball Ground. After the parade, the choir gathered to sing next to the gazebo where Santa Claus was greeting children. That's when the rain started. In a truly admirable act of dedication, the students continued to sing, while director McKenzie Fenn encouraged and led the performance. The smiles on the faces of the choir members despite the rain acted as shining lights for the parents and children waiting to see Santa.



Senior Spotlight

Seniors are a key element to the success of our organization. Their talent and experience inspires their peers and allows them to act as leaders on and off the stage.



Jordan Gray

Jordan Gray has been a part of NGHSBC for seven years. During this time, she has taken Beginner Band, Intermediate Band, Advanced Band, Jazz Band, and Choir. Jordan is going to Kennesaw State University on a track and field scholarship.

Favorite Memory from NGHSBC?

“Melanie making me laugh right before my LGPE solo.”



Jacob Plummer

Jacob Plummer has been a NGHSBC student for three years. His participation includes Beginner Band, Intermediate Band, Advanced Band, Jazz Band, and time as a Percussion Assistant. Jacob’s future plans are not decided at the moment.

Favorite Memory from NGHSBC?

“Experimenting with improvisation in Jazz Band.”



Melanie Ragan

Melanie Ragan has been in NGHSBC for four years. She has taken Advanced and Jazz Band, while also helping with Beginner and Intermediate Band. Melanie will be attending Chattahoochee Technical College for one year before attending college to become a pilot.

Favorite Memory from NGHSBC?

“Silent rehearsals; they were so much fun!”

SAVE *the* DATE

The NGHSBC has a busy schedule for the spring semester. Don't miss these exciting performances!

The Choir will be singing at the Freedom Pointe Assisted Living Facility and attending the Greater Atlanta Girls' Choir "Spring Fling". The Band and Choir will both perform at our spring concert in May.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Performing for the residents at the Freedom Pointe Assisted Living Facility	May 3, 2013	Freedom Pointe Assisted Living Facility
Spring Choir and Band Concert	May 16, 2014	FPAC at Reinhardt University.





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