

AUSTIN GIRL'S CHOIR 9TH ANNUAL MADRIGAL DINNER FUNDRAISER

We look forward to our 9th annual madrigal dinner, a large production that includes adult theatrical talent, instrumentalists and loads of a cappella madrigals in 3- and 4-part harmony! Most of our tickets are sold in advance, and seating is on a first-come basis. Nobles sit at tables by the head table (where most of the theatrical action occurs), while Gallery audience is seated further back. Our younger girls double as serving wenches, bringing your dinner between songs. Dinner is chicken, potato, green beans and dessert; beverages are iced tea, lemonade or water. Audience members are warmly welcomed to attend in costume if they wish, and certain guests may have the opportunity to spend a few minutes in the pillory!

Austin Girls' Choir is a top-tier performing choir well known throughout the United States and Europe for its high standards and level of excellence. Founded in 1990 by Artistic Director Sara Burden-McClure, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serves girls age 8-18 from Austin and surrounding communities. The Choir contains a three-level Junior Choir for girls age 8-14 that rehearses at ECR Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a Senior Ensemble for advanced singers age 13-18.

Annual domestic tours have taken AGC to the San Francisco and Chicago areas, American East Coast, Southwest and Gulf Coast. AGC's Tour Ensemble enjoyed singing for the President at the White House as part of a 14-concert East Coast tour in June 2008. A Colorado concert tour is planned for June 2012. Past European tours include England, France, Germany, Italy and the Czech Republic. The Choir made its New York debut in March 1996, singing at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and at Carnegie Hall. AGC has been featured on CNN news stories twice, on C-SPAN, and has had a concert carried live by BBC Radio. At home, Austin Girls' Choir has performed with the Austin Symphony Orchestra, the Austin Lyric Opera, Ballet Austin, Heralds & Minstrels, the Balcones Community Orchestra and Austin Choral Symposia. The Choir has appeared on many Austin newscasts, is featured annually at Galveston's Dickens on The Strand, and has performed several times at the request of the Governor of Texas.

Austin Girls' Choir placement auditions will next be held weekends in May for girls age 8-18. Girls learn to sing 3- and 4-part harmony, classical to contemporary. Some financial aid is available; we also offer 30% off tuition for groups of 5 or more from one school. We rehearse in north central Austin. Please visit www.girlschoir.com or call 453-0884 to learn more about our activities and our 21 terrific years of service to the Greater Austin community!