

# *Charlotte Performing Arts Center*

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## **Charlotte Performing Arts Center creates the Arts for Youth Prelude Choir**

The Charlotte Performing Arts Center, as part of its Arts For Youth Program, is proud to announce their new community youth choir, Prelude. Prelude membership is available to all rising 4th through 8th graders in the greater Charlotte area who love to sing!

The Prelude Choir is under the direction of Zach Everly, director of choral music with Charlotte Public Schools. Everly explains, “Charlotte and the surrounding communities have such a rich history of excellence in the choral arts. The primary goal of this program is to bring young voices from multiple schools together and allow them an additional outlet for their musical talents in an environment outside of the curricular music classroom. While our focus is mainly performance, they will also be strengthening the musicianship skills they are already learning from their music teachers.”

Hollie Auten, CPAC Supervisor, is also very excited about the new program. “From a CPAC perspective, this is a win-win! We are thrilled to give another opportunity for youth to perform onstage and help them develop a skill that will grow with them.”

Interested singers will be asked to do a 10 minute placement audition in groups of two on either August 29 or 30 between 5pm and 7pm. Placement auditions will take place in the CHS Choir Room, enter through the CPAC front entrance. A sign-up link is available on the CPAC website: [www.charlotteperformingartscenter.com/prelude](http://www.charlotteperformingartscenter.com/prelude). In line with CPAC’s Arts for Youth Onstage Experience program, all Prelude Choir participants will be asked to pay a participation fee of \$30 (current CPS students) or \$50 (non-CPS students) to help cover program costs. All performance music and performance shirts will be provided. Visit the CPAC website at [www.charlotteperformingartscenter.com/prelude](http://www.charlotteperformingartscenter.com/prelude) for information and to sign up for a placement audition!

Please reach out to Zach Everly ([everlyz@charlottenet.org](mailto:everlyz@charlottenet.org)) or Hollie Auten ([autenh@charlottenet.org](mailto:autenh@charlottenet.org)) with questions about the program.

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