

2023-2024 Season

WELCOME

guide



FOND DU LAC
**CHILDREN'S
CHORUS**

THELMA

THELMA SADOFF CENTER FOR THE ARTS

GREETINGS!

Located in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts is a member-based, privately-funded non-profit dedicated to providing arts experiences not readily available in the area. Intimate concerts in the Great Hall, summer street concerts with major performers, films and theatre performances, and art from world-renowned artists are available at THELMA. THELMA also offers a stunning backdrop for weddings, meetings and all social and corporate gatherings.

THELMA enriches our community through the arts by providing arts education, and bringing visual and performing artists to Fond du Lac. The Susan O. Ahern Contemporary Wing and the lower level are free to access and view current art exhibitions. Offering scholarships to THELMA's Studio 51 art classes as well as an annual arts day camp, On Stage @ THELMA, students are given an opportunity to express themselves and allow creativity. THELMA also continues to offer Children's Chorale, a program for students grades 4 – 8 that teaches musicianship and artistry through a performance-based music education process. THELMA programs aim to inspire appreciation and enjoyment of art, while developing personal and artistic excellence.

The Fond du Lac Children's Chorale is a community children's chorus comprised of fourth through eighth grade students, from Fond du Lac and the surrounding communities, interested in performing and studying high-quality choral music. Founded in 1997 as a project of the Fond du Lac Arts Council, it is a resident ensemble of the Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts in Fond du Lac.

The Chorale performs two major concerts each season, in addition to smaller appearances at other venues throughout the year. The Chorale's repertoire provides an enjoyable and challenging musical experience, while expanding children's learning horizons in music fundamentals, vocal technique and rehearsal discipline. Musicianship and artistry are taught in rehearsals through a performance-based music education process that aims to inspire appreciation and enjoyment of music, while developing personal and artistic excellence, and enriching our community. Auditions are held at various times throughout the year and by appointment.

about DIRECTOR

Eva Thelen-Dunphy started her career with violin lessons at age 5. In middle school, as the result of encouragement from her choir director, Eva found her voice and pursued her education in vocal performance and choral conducting. She holds a degree in Music from Marian University, having studied under the direction of David Hein.

Eva serves as choir director for Holy Family Parish in Fond du Lac and is a regularly featured soloist for the Lighthouse Big Band, the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band, and the nationally televised Heart of the Nation Masses. She also serves as lead singer of “Eva and the Swizzle Sticks”, a Jazz combo that performs regularly at THELMA. She also serves as director for the “On Stage @ THELMA” children’s theatrical summer camp.

Eva is a member of the board of directors for the Fond du Lac Community Theater, where she can regularly be seen on stage, in the pit orchestra, or behind the scenes directing children’s theater.

Eva lives in Fond du Lac with her musically gifted husband Michael, son Arthur, and Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Nigel.



our TEAM



Shannon Kupfer
Executive Director & Curator



Tristin St. Mary
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Arts Educator



Caitlin Aussprung
Events Manager



Vickie Demoske
Guests Services &
Development Manager



Jules Schroeder
Community Engagement
Coordinator



Neil Thompson
Facilities & Production Manager



Taylin St. Mary
Marketing & Volunteer Intern

frequently ASKED QUESTIONS

What time is rehearsal?

Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings from 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM.

Where does rehearsal take place?

Rehearsals take place in THELMA's Great Hall, located on the top floor. Occasionally we rehearse in the large classroom (the location change will be posted in the lobby).

Who can I contact if I have a question?

Any questions can be answered by emailing THELMA's Artistic Director, **Eva Thelen-Dunphy**, at eva@thelmaarts.org or THELMA's Community Engagement Coordinator, **Jules Schroeder**, at jules@thelmaarts.org!

What should my child bring to rehearsal?

FCC provides all music that children will need. We ask each child to bring a 3-ring notebook, medium size. We provide sheet music, a pencil, a water bottle, a tote bag, and one FCC t-shirt. The average cost for one folder's-worth of music is around \$20. Since replacement music must be ordered as single copies, and there is extra cost for shipping, lost folders will be charged \$25. This covers music, shipping, and music librarian processing and management time.

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What is the Children's Chorale attire?

We have two performance attire patterns: formal and informal. Formal: black pants, white collar shirt, black socks, black shoes. FCC provides ties for girls and boys. Girls may find that boys-style collar shirts are better for the tie. Informal: black pants, black socks, black shoes, and provided FCC t-shirt.

How do I purchase tickets for Children's Chorale concerts?

Tickets will be available at **thelmaarts.org**. Visit thelmaarts.org and click Sign In / Register at the top of the homepage. Register; or Sign In with already created account. You can also call THELMA at 920.921.5410 and purchase tickets over the phone. You may also stop in at THELMA's front desk!

More information to know:

- Your tuition includes a THELMA membership! See steps on how to activate this below.
- We ask that students be respectful and keep voices low while walking to the Great Hall rehearsal location.
- There is a sitting area in the Great Hall Lounge for parents to wait during rehearsal if you would like. You can access THELMA's public WIFI login: `tsc_public`
- If your singer's shirt is damaged or stained, a replacement t-shirt can be purchased for \$10.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to another great year singing!

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HOW TO ACTIVATE FREE THELMA MEMBERSHIP

- 1 Head to <http://www.thelmaarts.org> > Support > Membership
- 2 Click on the Membership type that best fits! You will see your choice reflected in the total below. You can select Single, Household, Senior Single, Senior Household. Seniors are any members ages 60 and up. Enter your registration information and click add to cart.

Single 1 YEAR \$60.00	Senior Single 1 YEAR \$40.00
Senior Household 1 YEAR \$65.00	Household 1 YEAR \$100.00
- 3 On the following page, double check your membership level and details at the top. Below that, you will see a space for donations and a space for you to enter your employer discount code. Enter your "discount code": **CC2023** and hit 'apply'. This should bring your total to \$0.
- 4 Next, enter your personal information. Mailing and email addresses are important for us to be able to thank or notify you.
- 5 Finally, under Registration Information, click 'Register for Site' and enter a password. You will use your email address and this password to sign in and be recognized as an active member to receive your discounts online.
- 6 Click "Check Out" to complete your membership registration. Thank you for becoming a valued member of THELMA!

This provides you with your own Annual Individual or Household membership. Please help us connect you to your organization as well by calling (920) 921-5410 and asking for Jules, our Community Engagement Coordinator, or emailing her at jules@thelmaarts.org and let us know what organization you are employed with so we can list you under your organization's constituency, and your relationship with your employer can be reflected in our system.

This free membership activation code is valid from 9/1/2023 to 10/1/2023. Sign up by during this time so as not to lose out on this great benefit!

Please enjoy your membership benefits and we hope to see you soon.

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season SCHEDULE

September 2023

9/11/23 | First Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
9/18/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
9/25/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45

October 2023

9/2/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
9/9/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
9/16/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
9/23/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
9/30/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
(Halloween costumes welcome!)

November 2023

9/6/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
9/13/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
9/20/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
9/27/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45

December 2023

9/4/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
9/11/23 | Tech/Dress Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
9/17/23 | HOLIDAY CONCERT at THELMA
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Call Time 12:45 | Concert Begins 2PM
9/18/23 | OFF (Holiday)
9/25/23 | OFF (Holiday)

January 2024

1/1/23 | OFF (New Years Day)
1/8/23 | First Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
1/15/23 | OFF (Martin Luther King JR Day)
1/22/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
1/29/23 Rehearsal 4:30-5:45

February 2024

2/5/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
2/12/23 | OFF (THELMA Closed)
2/19/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
2/26/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45

March 2024

3/4/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
3/11/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
3/18/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
3/25/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45

April 2024

4/1/23 | OFF (Spring Break)
4/8/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
4/15/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
4/22/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
4/29/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45

May 2024

5/6/23 | Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
5/13/23 | Tech/Dress Rehearsal 4:30-5:45
5/19/23 | SPRING CONCERT at THELMA
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Call Time 12:45 | Concert Begins 2PM

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