Offering youth an exceptional choral experience, inspiring musical development and personal growth.

Mission
Crescendo offers choral music experiences and opportunities of excellence to all children in the greater Spokane region, helping each singer develop as a musician and as a person.

Through rehearsals and performances, students develop in musical understanding and personal growth, leading to a greater sense of accomplishment and purpose.

Vision
Crescendo continues to strengthen the musical appreciation of the vocal arts that children receive in the Spokane community, offering its singers opportunities to learn vocal skills, have rich musical experiences, and grow in self awareness while working collaboratively as a group and with the community.

Values
Crescendo desires to...
- Offer a quality choral experience to all children in the greater Spokane region
- Provide opportunities to learn and experience musical excellence, strengthening the self-esteem of each singer
- Inspire singers with the highest quality choral literature of a wide diversity, opening their ears to sounds from the entire human experience
- Schedule performing opportunities that are of artistic benefit to the singers and the community
- Create opportunities for singers to perform and socialize with other choruses both within Crescendo and throughout the Spokane area
- Promote and increase the value and appreciation of vocal music in the Spokane Community

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Meet the Artistic Director
Sharon Smith has been the artistic director of Crescendo Community Chorus (formerly Kinderchor of Spokane) since 2006. With degrees from Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Arizona, Ms. Smith has an extensive resume spanning 40 years of teaching vocal music. She also serves as a lecturer, conductor, and clinician to children’s choruses and festivals across the country. In addition to working with Crescendo, Ms. Smith directs the choir at Bethany Presbyterian Church and is married to Dennis Smith. They have three grown children and six grandchildren.

Programs
Crescendo works to strengthen musical appreciation of the choral arts in the Spokane community by inspiring singers with the highest quality choral literature of a wide diversity, scheduling performing opportunities that have artistic benefit to the singers and the community, and creating opportunities for singers to perform and socialize with other choruses in Spokane.

Our choirs rehearse throughout the school year on Monday evenings at Holy Names Music Center, 3910 W. Custer Dr.

Preparatory Choir:
Girls & boys, ages 7-11, 4:30-5:30 pm

Concert Choir:
Girls & boys with unchanged voices, ages 11-18, 5:30-7:30 pm

Current registration information is available on our website.

Expectations
Each student’s commitment to the program is a necessary part of each rehearsal and performance.

Dress Attire
All singers will receive a red Crescendo t-shirt that is worn at informal events throughout the year. In addition, all choirs wear more formal dress attire as described below:

Preparatory Choir
Prep Choir families are responsible for providing girls with a black skirt, black tights, and black shoes. Boys need black slacks, black socks, and black shoes. The choir will provide each singer with a white polo shirt at the beginning of the year to be worn at formal performances. The polo is to be returned to the choir at the end of the year. There are no additional uniform expenses.

Concert Choir
All singers in Concert Choir are asked to wear black, long-sleeved, crew-necked cotton shirts with black dress pants and dress shoes. The organization will provide each singer with a choir scarf that is only worn at more formal events and returned at the close of the event. There are no additional uniform expenses.

Family Involvement
Part of the commitment to Crescendo is participation in the varying needs that occur throughout the year. Each family is required to actively assist with these needs and make every effort to attend occasional parent meetings in order to contribute to the success of the program.

Support
Whether you are interested in supporting a Crescendo event as a corporate sponsor, making a one-time donation, or sponsoring a singer, Crescendo Community Chorus gladly welcomes your support. For more information, contact us or visit our website.

“Crescendo Community Chorus is a treasure to Spokane. The color of voices, intonation and diction, combined with the passion and dedication of the singers and conductor continue to amaze me. This program is changing lives forever!”

-Dr. Julián Gómez Giraldo,
Orchestral and Choral Conductor, Composer