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PURPOSE:

The purpose of the HCMAC is to make available quality instructions in Greek Music and the Performing Arts to all members of the Greek-American Community. The Cultural Music Art Center operates on a non-profit basis. This permits the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ to offer high quality instruction at low cost making it possible for all members of the NJ Community to participate in the program. Equal accessibility to all NJ Community Members in terms of cost and geography are important objectives of the program. Therefore, in addition to low fees, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ will provide the music services to the Church and local facilities of all NJ Communities which wish to offer the program.

CURRICULUM:

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ offers a wide range of instruction in music and the performing arts including: Byzantine Ecclesiastical Music, Adult and Youth Choral, Piano, Guitar, Theory of Music, a Music Band, and Voice and Dance including Ballet. The program offered will be tailored to meet the specific needs and interest of local community members. Additional and special courses of instruction are offered when interest is expressed in them.

The Greek orthodox Metropolis of NJ program is designed to provide students with a well grounded base in and appreciation of music and the performing arts and for the most talented an opportunity to prepare for more advance training and a professional career.

DIRECTOR AND STAFF:

Highly competent faculty shall be selected to provide instruction. They must have excellent musical and performing arts backgrounds in music and the performing arts in general.

STUDENTS:

The HCMAC serves students of all ages and level of competence.

FACILITIES:

The HCMAC's classes are scheduled in the Church and local facilities of communities participating in the program.

FEES:

Fees vary depending on the course of study. All fees are established on a non-profit basis.

PROPOSED MUSIC PROGRAM

A. BYZANTINE ECCLECIASICAL MUSIC:

Basic training program for those singing as, or are preparing to become Church Psaltis. Students will learn the theoretical and practical elements of Byzantine Music and to read and sing. This course is open to adults and advanced youth students only. Students will be eligible for a Certificate of Psaltis after satisfactory completion of three years study.

B. YOUTH CHORAL:

Students will learn to read and sing church music, including the liturgy, as well as popular Greek and American Songs. Basic Elements of Byzantine and European Ecclesiastical Music be taught. This course is open to youths aged 8-15.

C. PIANO:

Students are taught to play the piano and organ and to read keyboard music harmonically and melodically. Fundamentals of organ-piano technique, elementary keyboard harmony and music sight reading are covered. This course is for all ages.

D. GUITAR:

Students are taught classical and modern guitar. The course comprises fundamentals of guitar technique and sight music reading. This course is for all ages.

E. THEORY OF MUSIC (Fundamentals of Theory):

Students learn the theory of music, note names, major, harmonic minor and melodic minor modes, standard meters, and all intervals within an octave triads and diatonic seventh chords in any inversion. They will also learn to read any vocal musical part. This course is for all ages.

F. VOICE TRAINING:

This course is for those who want to become professional singers. Students will be taught special techniques for voice and the basic theoretical and practical elements of music. This course is open to adults only.

G. DANCE:

Dance is studied as a major performing art and courses offered train students to become dancers and choreographers. Technical study is offered in Greek Dances (Sirtos, Kalamatianos, Tsamicos, etc.) and also modern dance and ballet. Courses are for all ages.

H. NJ METROPOLIS ADULT CHOIR:

Professional Choir Members from NY/NJ Tri State Area, will participate and perform concerts Nationwide as Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ Choral. Choir Members from New Jersey Greek Orthodox Communities shall be able to audition and participate.

I. NJ METROPOLIS MARCHING BAND:

Many schools, especially high schools in the United States, have a marching band. A marching band may contain from 11 to over 500 students. We will form a large group of student musicians who rehearse and perform instrumental music together at the NJ Metropolis Communities. A marching band is usually under the direction of one or more band directors

J. NJ METROPOLIS ANNUAL CHURCH CHOIR MUSIC FESTIVAL:

The mission of the festival is to provide participants with unique performance, cultural and learning opportunities. The goal of the Church Choir Music Festival organizers is to bring together church music chorals musicians and others from the United States of America and from around the world through the medium of music, dance and culture. The Church Choir Music Festival have provided an opportunity to participants to meet others with similar music interest and build relationships that will last for years to come.
