

# Disneyland® Resort Candlelight Ceremony and Procession Choir Information and Overview

## Event Overview

A *Disneyland*® tradition that dates back to 1958 at the *Disneyland*® Resort, the *Candlelight Ceremony and Processional* will be performed under the stars on Main Street, U.S.A. in *Disneyland*® Park. This year, performances are scheduled twice nightly on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

This holiday spectacular is a musical retelling of the story of “The First Christmas” through song and scripture, and features a mass choir as the centerpiece of the show. The *Disneyland*® Symphony Orchestra, fanfare trumpets, hand bell ringers and a guest celebrity narrator will join the choir in this joyous holiday tradition. The *Candlelight Ceremony* has featured a host of outstanding celebrity narrators in the past, including James Earl Jones, Cary Grant, Mickey Rooney, Marie Osmond, Dick Van Dyke, Jon Voight and Gary Sinise to name just a few.

Thousands of Guests will view each 45-minute performance. If selected, your choir will participate in both shows on the dates scheduled.

## Eligibility & Commitment

Approximately 550 choir members comprised of high school, college, church, community, and Disney employee choral organizations will be selected to participate in this event each evening.

**Performance dates:** Performance dates are Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Selected choirs will perform both shows on the night assigned.

**Age of participants:** Choral groups who are high school age or above are eligible to participate. Participants must be 14 years or older to audition. *Minors who are selected to perform will need to go through a simple process to obtain an Entertainment Work Permit in order to participate. We will review the simple process with the director of selected choirs at the Director’s Orientation on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**Costumes:** The *Disneyland*® Resort will provide choir robes for all participating singers. Participants will be required to provide their own white shirts, black pants, socks and shoes to wear under the robe.

**Music:** Your choir will be required to rehearse and memorize 12 pieces of music for the ceremony. The *Disneyland*® Resort will provide complimentary music for six pieces that are arranged in house; it will be your responsibility to obtain copies of the other six published pieces of music.

**Voluntary opportunity:** It is the intention of the *Disneyland*® Resort that participation in this event be voluntary on the part of choral group members. It is therefore expected that preparation and practice for the event is not to be part of the regular or required curriculum of participating public schools.

**Other Expenses:** Expenses not indicated here, but associated with your choir's participation in this event – including transportation to and from performances and rehearsals, music, and meals – are the responsibility of your group.

## **Rehearsal and Performance Schedule**

Individual group rehearsals: Each choir is required to learn the *Candlelight Ceremony* music on their own.

Regional rehearsals: Each choir must attend at least one regional rehearsal. There will be several regional rehearsals to choose from, and the schedule will be available upon booking.

Performance day: Each choir's responsibilities include rehearsal, instructions, and two performances on each performance date.

- Call time may be as early as 12 p.m. The process of parking, checking in, clearing through *Disneyland*® Resort Security, and walking to the rehearsal location may take you up to an hour, so please plan to arrive to the *Disneyland*® Resort very early before the call time.
- *Note: All choir members must be present and in their rehearsal seats no later than the call time given – those who are late will not be admitted into the Backstage area nor permitted to perform.*

## **Deadlines and notification**

The application and audition deadline is Monday, September 26, 2016.

Choirs selected to participate in this year's *Candlelight Ceremony and Processional* will be notified by Friday, October 7, 2016.

A Director or representative from each choir selected to participate will be asked to attend a Director's Orientation scheduled on Saturday, October 15, 2016. *Please make sure that the choir representative responsible for teaching the music and logistical decisions is present at the orientation. High school students should not represent the choir at this particular meeting.*

## ***Candlelight Ceremony and Processional Contacts***

Should you require further information regarding the audition process or the event, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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