

Virginia Organization of Kodály Educators Children's Choral Festival 2026

Dates: Saturday, January 17: 10am-3pm
Sunday, January 18: Rehearsal at 2pm; Concert at 5pm

Location: Woodbridge High School
3001 Old Bridge Rd., Woodbridge, VA 22192

Guest Conductor: Dr. Georgia Newlin



Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We hope it is off to a great start.

Are you ready for VCCF 2026? [Pre-registration via Google Form is now open and will close October 3, 2025. Please complete the pre-registration form HERE](#) to reflect a commitment from your school (with approval from your administration) and the number of students. **Registration is limited to 15 students (grades 4-6) per OAKE member, and space is limited to the first 170 participants. Please be as close as possible to actual numbers of interested and qualifying students as possible to prevent unnecessary waitlisting or exclusion of other schools.** Once the 170 limit is reached, schools will be placed on a wait list. Schools placed in the wait list will find out on October 22, 2025 if there is space in the festival for them.

REGISTRATION MATERIALS INCLUDING STUDENT REGISTRATION FORMS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19, 2025. These materials will be sent to directors once pre-registration is received. If a pre-registered school is not able to honor this timeline, registration will be opened to any waitlisted schools on October 22.

The VCCF 2026 registration fee is \$60 per student. Additional cost compared to previous years reflects the increased expense of facilities and personnel needed to provide a quality experience for singers. Once registered, fees are nonrefundable for any reason including illness, change of schedule, and weather-related cancellations. The building being used for this event is a Prince William County Public School. Though the weather has never completely canceled our event, we will follow PWCS cancellations and/or delays. Any festival weekend schedule adjustments will be communicated to directors via text and email.

Please visit [the VOKE website](#) for additional choral festival information, conductor bio, and eligibility requirements.

Choral octavos and a link to rehearsal tracks will be sent to your school once your completed student registration form and a single check has been received. All choral octavos will be provided by VOKE and must be returned in good condition at the rehearsal on Saturday, January 17. **Teachers will be held financially accountable for lost or damaged music.** Below is a list of the VCCF 2026 repertoire:

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| 1. <i>Dance of the Willow</i> | Victoria Ebel-Sabo; 2-part (BriLee Music Publishing Company) |
| 2. <i>Tailor of Gloucester</i> | Cyndee Giebler, arr.; 2-part (Colla Voce Music, Inc.) |
| 3. <i>Vuela</i> | Carlos Cordero (sing in unison) (Carlos Cordero and the Happy Choir, Inc.) |
| 4. <i>Sesere Eeye</i> | Torres Strait Islands Traditional Song, Mark O'Leary, arr.; easy SSA (Mark O'Leary Music Publishing Co.) |
| 5. <i>Turn the World Around</i> | Harry Belefonte & Freedman/Hayes, arr.; 2-part (Shawnee Press) |
| 6. <i>How Can I Keep from Singing?</i> | Ginger Littleton, arr.; Unison (BriLee Music Publishing Company) |

We are incredibly excited to work with this year's wonderful group of students! We can't wait to provide you and them with the best musical experience possible. Please let us know if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

[Michelle McCarten](#) & [Veronica Kennedy](#)

VCCF 2026 Co-Chairs, [Virginia Organization of Kodaly Educators](#)