

VILLAGE HARMONY 2008 APPLICATION FORM

Please enclose a \$15 application fee (checks made out to **Village Harmony**). We can also accept a UK check (please make this out to **Northern Harmony** in the amount of £10). Send completed application, fee, and other forms to:

**Village Harmony • 5748 Hollister Hill Road
Marshfield, VT 05658 • USA**

The preferred application deadline is **January 1, 2008**. Applications received before January 1st will be given equal consideration. After January 1st, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis as spaces remain. For some camps, enrollment decisions will also be made based on the musical needs of the session. **If you are applying to the Winter Singing Weekend, please submit your tuition along with this application.**

NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address : _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____ Country: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Grade in School (if applicable): _____

Name of custodial parents/guardians: _____

Parent's email: _____ Parent's work phone: _____

How would you like to receive mail from us? email postal service

MUSICAL BACKGROUND

What voice part do you usually sing?

You can circle more than one.

soprano • alto • tenor • bass

How would you classify your singing ability?

Circle one, taking into account quality of voice, experience with different styles, ease of learning.

beginner • intermediate • advanced

How well do you read music?

1 = learn entirely by ear, 10 = fluent sight reader.

1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9 • 10

Do you play any instruments?

If yes, list them below, indicating your approximate ability

What other musical ensembles/projects have you participated in?

WHICH WORKSHOP(S) DO YOU WANT TO ATTEND?

Please indicate second/third choice if you are applying to one of the international summer sessions (eg: 1-2-3) as we expect space in all of them to be in high demand this year.

WINTER SINGING WEEKEND

___ February 22-24:

___ \$200 or ___ \$240 or ___ \$150 (commuter).

Price is dependent on accommodation choice.

Full tuition due with application.

TEEN SESSIONS

___ New England I: June 20-July 9: \$1,200

___ New England II: July 13-August 1: \$1,200

___ Toronto/New England III: August 3-22: \$1,200

___ Teen Residential: July 25-August 3: \$675

ADULT SESSIONS

___ New England Adult I: July 11-20. \$725

___ New England Adult II: August 8-17. \$725

___ Oregon Cascades: August 29-September 7: \$725

INTERNATIONAL SESSIONS (teens & adults)

___ Caucasus Georgia: May 24-June 7: \$1,150

___ Corsica: June 14-July 5: \$1,500

___ Bosnia: June 28-July 13: \$1,200

___ Italy: July 12-31. \$1,500

___ Ukraine: August 6-24. \$1,500

A BIT MORE ABOUT YOURSELF

If you are a teenager applying to one of our camps for the first time, **or an adult applying to one of our overseas camps**, please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. (Adults applying to residential sessions in the USA do not need to address these questions - although if you want, you are welcome to!) **1. Why do you want to come to Village Harmony Camp? 2. What have been your most exciting and memorable musical experiences? 3. What makes you a good candidate for Village Harmony Camp?** (This might include not only your musical skills, but other things such as outdoor skills, cooking ability, sense of humor, wit and wisdom, or anything else you care to mention.) Teens applying to Village Harmony for the first time are also required to send in a **Reference Form**.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Full tuition for the Winter Singing Weekend due with application. For all of our summer music camps, a deposit of 25% of tuition is due three weeks after we send you an acceptance letter. Full tuition for the Georgia camp is due April 15th. The balance of tuition for other camps is due **May 15, 2008**. If you need to make special arrangements, such as an extended payment plan, please let us know.

ADULT RESIDENTIAL CAMPS

We offer the option of a self-chosen reduced fee to the Adult Residential camps for those who can't afford full tuition, in lieu of requiring financial aid applications. Check one of the options below:

I am paying full tuition: ___ \$725
I need to pay the following reduced fee: ___\$650 ___\$600

TEEN AND OVERSEAS CAMPS

A limited amount of financial aid is available to applicants to the teen residential camp, and the teen and mixed-age traveling camps. Please check one of the following:

___ I am paying full tuition.
___ I will need financial assistance and am submitting the application below.

We don't like to turn any applicant away on financial grounds, and hope to make our camps accessible for everyone. That said, Village Harmony is self-supporting, and we need campers to pay as much towards their expenses as is reasonable so that we can afford to continue to do what we do. Please keep in mind that less aid is available for overseas camps, and that transportation costs to and from camp are the responsibility of the participant. In some cases we may recommend that an applicant attend a less expensive camp, if we cannot meet his/her needs.

When awarding scholarships, we consider your financial need relative to other applicants, and the needs of camp session to which you are applying.

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID (To be filled out by adult applicant or parent/guardian)

Occupation (parent/s, or self if adult applicant): _____

Gross household income for 2007: _____ Number of people in household: _____

Major unusual family expenses: _____

What amount of tuition do you feel that you (as parent/s or adult applicant) can afford? _____

In addition, what amount can the student be expected to raise towards her/his tuition? _____

Other relevant information: _____

Signature/date (parent or adult applicant): _____

VILLAGE HARMONY CAMP 2008 APPLICANT REFERENCE FORM

For first-time teenage applicants to Village Harmony. Please fill in your name and the camp/s you wish to attend, and give this form to your music teacher or another adult who has worked with you in a musical capacity, to complete and return to us.

Name of teen camp applicant: _____

Applying for what session/s: _____

Music teacher's name and title: _____

Evening telephone: _____ Email: _____

We thank you for the time and thoughtfulness you put into filling out this recommendation form. We treasure the idiosyncrasies of our singers, and rarely turn applicants away if there are spaces available when they apply. However, these groups work, travel and play together with great intensity, and we try our best to insure a healthy balance of varying expertise, vocal timbres and temperaments as we assign campers to the different sessions. For this your candid comments can be invaluable.

Village Harmony Summer Camp draws participants from across North America and around the world to our residential and touring camps in the US and abroad. Each camp begins with a week-long residency, with cooking and other tasks shared by staff and participants in a communal fashion. Rehearsals may encompass 6-8 hours each day, intense but in a supportive, non-competitive atmosphere. All the camp sessions conclude with performances: the traveling camps go on a two-week concert tour after the rehearsal week, while the residential camp ends the camp with three performances.

Village Harmony has developed an international reputation for our singers' command of widely varied world music singing styles, and our repertoire is eclectic. A camp session can include almost any mix of music, including American, Balkan, Caucasus Georgian, South African, and Corsican folk music, as well as renaissance and baroque works, contemporary pieces, and songs newly commissioned for the group. We treasure our instrumentalists, but we are above all a camp for singers.

Village Harmony wants — and tends to attract — enthusiastic singers who are open to what may be for them radically new musical genres and singing styles, singers who are willing to polish what they've learned into a demanding concert program. Music reading ability is welcomed and encouraged as an invaluable skill, but not strictly necessary if a student has agility at learning by ear. Written music or word sheets are nearly always provided, and singers can use their folders in concerts.

For more information about our programs, please visit www.villageharmony.org.

CAMP APPLICANT ASSESSMENT (Please use the back of this page or a separate sheet of paper.)

- In what capacity have you worked with applicant?
- Please tell us about the applicant's musical skills: general musicality, voice quality, tuning, music reading and/or quickness at learning by ear, musicianship, ability to carry an independent voice part, skill on an instrument (if applicable).
- How well does the applicant work in cooperative group situations?
- Do you have any concerns about the applicant's ability to function well in this kind of intensive camp program?

Please give this back to the applicant, or send it to us at:

Village Harmony Camp
5748 Hollister Hill Road
Marshfield, VT 05658
you may also email your comments to vharmony@sover.net