

Children's Choir Update - April 2026

To Members & Friends of St. Martin's,

I am writing to share some bittersweet news regarding the leadership of our Children's Choir at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Our beloved Children's Choir Leader, Ms. Brooke Witherite, will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. While we are sad to see her go, we are also incredibly proud to share that she has received a wonderful new role and promotion at her full-time job.

Brooke has been an integral part of our community for the past four successful years. We want to extend our deepest gratitude for the immense time, talent, and heart she has poured into our music program. Her joy and enthusiasm are nothing short of contagious and we will miss her! While saying goodbye brings sadness, we want to celebrate the joy of Brooke's new chapter and the incredible progress the Children's Choir has made under her guidance in collaboration with Ms. Julia Finegan.

Looking ahead, Julia will continue in her role and excellent work with us, ensuring continuity for our choristers. Additionally, we will begin advertising for our next Children, Youth, & Families Music Co-Leader in the coming weeks to find the right person to help lead us next program year.

Brooke writes:

To my dear St. Martin's family,

I want to thank each and every one of you for the constant support and encouragement shown for the chorister program here and St. Martin's. This choir has created a space for the children in our community to come alive through music and art. Over the past four years, I have had the privilege of being an instrument in this sacred space. This experience has helped me see clearly that being a teacher of children simply means being the oldest pupil in the room. I have learned priceless lessons during my time here that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. The students have constantly amazed me with their creativity, compassion, and curiosity for the world around them. I am so excited to learn how they continue to develop their talents as they grow.

I wish I could accompany them for the years to come however; it is with a heavy heart that I share this will be my final semester teaching at St. Martin's. I have accepted a full-time director of life enrichment position nearby. As much as I wish I could do everything, I do not feel I can balance both the director position and my role at St. Martin's while providing the program with the attention and quality it needs and deserves. This decision was made with the deepest consideration. I know that Mr. Whiting and Ms. Finegan will continue to provide stellar programming for our brilliant choristers. Thank you so much for the precious gift of the past four years. I will never forget my St. Martin's family.

With deep love and gratitude,

Ms. Witherite

Please join us in sharing your gratitude and appreciation for Brooke and for everything she has done for St. Martin's. We wish her the very best in her new professional chapter!

At the final Chorister Rehearsal of the year on June 10, we will take time to celebrate our Choristers' achievements this year and also celebrate Ms. Witherite fabulous four years with us!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes and grateful thanks,

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