

Whether you have sung your entire life, or have not sung in quite a few years, the Encore Chorale Summer Institutes will mold you into a polished choral ensemble member, whatever your level of experience.

The camps are organized by Encore Creativity for Older Adults, a Maryland-based nonprofit. Founder Jeanne Kelly, a former opera singer, founded Encore while working on a study in 2007 to address the mental and physical health benefits of singing for older adults. The minimum age to attend camp is 55. No auditions are required and applicants can participate regardless of experience or ability.

Guests can count on an atmosphere that combines rigorous rehearsals under the direction of a professional conductor with socializing and downtime. According to Kelly, anyone can sing, and by putting in the time and rehearsals, the result is an astounding performance at the end of the week. Guests and spouses are welcome to stay.

The Summer institute at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland (June 25 - 29, 2017), offers a comprehensive choral program with time built in to enjoy historic Chestertown and the

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scenic Eastern Shore. The choral institute at the famed Chautauqua Institution in western New York (Aug. 27 - Sept. 1, 2017) offers participants an intensive choral study in beautiful surroundings. Both camps include evening entertainment for participants, featuring high-caliber local and national musicians.

Each day begins with optional fitness classes followed by vocal technique classes, sectionals and full rehearsals. The week concludes with a finale performance for family, friends and the community. Singers may be seated for rehearsals and performances. The challenging music selection includes the oratorio repertoire, spirituals, Broadway favorites, American Songbook and more.

Encore is the largest choral music program for older adults in the country. The choral program, under the direction of experienced conductors, offers 15-week sessions that conclude with free

performances. Encore also offers opportunities at new locations each year through weekend and extended travel adventures. Singers have stayed aboard the luxurious Queen Mary, toured Cuba and France and will venture to Spain and Portugal this Spring.

For more information, visit the Encore website at <http://encorecreativity.org>