

The Lyric Chorale

Membership Information

Welcome to The Lyric Chorale! We are an incorporated, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is:

- To promote the art of choral and ensemble singing;
- To commit to musical excellence with the highest performance standards in order to inspire, enlighten, and enrich our listeners;
- To attract listeners of all ages in and around the greater Rochester, NY area; and
- To promote a sense of community among like-minded individuals with a common interest.

Rehearsals : Rehearsals are held **Monday from 7:00-9:00 PM at Faith Lutheran Church** in Penfield. There are, on average, 10-12 rehearsals to prepare for each concert. Attendance is taken at each rehearsal and, of course, member attendance is very important. Punctuality is imperative for a full rehearsal including warm ups, rehearsal of all music and information that is relayed to members.

Please email the director if you are going to be absent (yulecmusicnme@rochester.rr.com). Anyone missing more than 3 rehearsals before a concert will be required to have a conversation with the director to determine the member's readiness to perform in the concert.

Please refrain from using cell phones during rehearsal. Please silence all cell phones before rehearsal begins. If a member needs to take a phone call, please leave quietly and return as soon as possible.

Please refrain from wearing perfumes, cologne, lotions, etc. during rehearsal.

Section Leaders : A section leader is an additional liaison for new AND current members of The Lyric Chorale. They will be able to answer most questions you have and will help you get to know everyone and become comfortable in our rehearsals. If a member is having difficulty with something, PLEASE communicate with a section leader.

Soprano: Hannah Formella - hannahfarwell@gmail.com

Alto: Sheila Emrich - saemrich@gmail.com

Tenor: Stan Lapa - stanleypa@gmail.com

Bass: Stan Lapa - stanleypa@gmail.com

Performances : The Lyric Chorale performs 3 concerts every season. Members accept the commitment to perform in ALL concerts. If you have extenuating circumstances, please speak to the director at the BEGINNING of the season.

Concert Attire : The Lyric Chorale men and women wear coordinating attire for the December and spring concerts. Men wear tuxedos and women wear a black skirt, black top and a coordinating jacket. New members are expected to purchase concert attire within the first 3 months of joining the choir. Men, please be in touch with Rod Patterson regarding attire. Women, please be in touch with Sue Knauf regarding attire. Members should wear black closed-toe shoes for each performance. Men should wear black socks.

The Lyric Chorale holds a cabaret each spring as a fundraiser. There will be selected attire that corresponds with the theme of the concert. This information will be relayed closer to the concert date.

As during rehearsals, please refrain from wearing perfumes, cologne, lotions, etc during performances.

Music : All music should be kept in good condition in a black folder. Singers must use pencil only to mark their music. All issued music is the property of The Lyric Chorale and must be returned in good condition promptly as instructed. When returning music, please remove tabs, paper clips, etc before handing it in. The cost of unreturned or damaged music will be charged to the responsible member.

Dues : Dues of \$50 will be collected by the treasurer at the beginning of the season. Any financial hardship can be discussed with the Director. **New members' dues are waived the first year, as you will be purchasing attire.**

Membership Support : All members are expected to support The Lyric Chorale by participating in ticket sales, fundraising, and by volunteering for committees and special events. This participation allows us to maintain affordable annual dues. Money raised through these endeavors pays for sheet music, our accompanist and other accompanying musicians needed for specific music or events.

Sharing Personal Information : The Lyric Chorale recognizes that it may maintain personal information in its database. Any member or affiliate with access to information collected from our members, donors, ad campaigns, ticket sales, community mailing lists or any other source agrees to keep the information confidential. Information that must remain confidential includes personal information such as names, mailing addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and certain Lyric Chorale financial information. All database information is the property of The Lyric Chorale. The sharing or disclosure of any personal information for any purpose other than its intended use is strictly prohibited. Members may not use this information for their own personal use or solicitation.

A Singer's Creed:

Your responsibilities are summarized in the following excerpt from "A Singer's Creed", by Nat Malcolm:

To maintain the highest standards of musicianship, performance, artistry, and personal discipline my talents and circumstances allow, I will:

Attend every rehearsal possible

Be on time and ready to perform or rehearse at the appointed time and place.

Prepare my music in advance whenever given the opportunity.

Provide the Director with the respect of my attention and concentration.

Annotate my music so mistakes are not repeated.

Rehearse problematic passages on my own.

Remember to blend my sound with the ensemble.

Follow the directions of stage and chorus managers.

Grant my fellow performers the courtesy of expecting and respecting their professionalism.

Using my section leader or any member of the board as an avenue for complaint, concert and information.

We welcome you to The Lyric Chorale and look forward to making great music together!