

Magnolia Chorale Tells All

Who we are and how we sing together

WHO are we? We are people who love to sing together. We enjoy the challenge of learning traditional choral music, show tunes and new arrangements. Fellowship and friendship are fundamental. Our rehearsals are fun!

WHAT do we sing? We perform two concerts the first weekend in December and two in late April. In winter we sing holiday music, both sacred and seasonal. In spring we tackle something lighter and different. We often engage instrumentalists or soloists who give added richness to our musical experience.

WHAT is the approach? Dedicated, disciplined, and light-hearted. We care about our music, and we want everyone to feel included, comfortable and at-home. We are motivated by positive reinforcement.

WHAT level of expertise do I need? We are seeking singers with previous choral experience. The ability to read music is a plus. There is no audition, but you will sing briefly for our director so she can place you appropriately. Tenors and basses are especially welcome.

WHERE do we sing?

- **Rehearsals** We rehearse in spacious Pilgrim Hall at the Magnolia United Church of Christ, 3555 W McGraw St, Seattle, WA 98199 on Sunday evening from 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm.
- **Performances** We customarily perform at the beautiful Magnolia Lutheran Church, 2414 31st Ave W, Seattle, WA 98199. Other venues are also possible.

WHAT do we ask of our members?

Show up Members commit to regular attendance. If your schedule means you will miss more than two rehearsals, discuss your situation with the Music Director.

Be on time Having everyone in place and ready to go at 7:00 pm makes a big difference. Arriving by 6:50 pm is strongly suggested. Parking can be challenging for late-comers.

Pay attention Everyone listens to the music directors and keeps quiet when they are speaking, or other sections are singing. During the break, we encourage members to mingle, rather than engage with their phones, so we can get to know one another better. During the rehearsal itself and at concerts **put your phone away** (or switch to vibrate if you are in an emergency situation).

Sectional rehearsals Make the most of our small-group rehearsals, which provide the opportunity to engage more deeply with trouble spots in the music.

Set up Each section in turn sets up chairs for rehearsals and brings snacks. You'll need to arrive 15 minutes early on those nights, no later than 6:45 pm.

Care for your music Mark your music lightly in pencil only. Take care of it and return it promptly when no longer needed. We often borrow music and must return it in excellent condition to the choirs who lend it to us.

Music folder For performances, all music must be in a black music folder or binder. For your first semester you may borrow one from us, purchasing one if you continue.

No scents Do not use perfume or strongly scented personal products when we meet. Some of our members are allergic and strongly affected by these.

Practice at home Our Music Director provides light homework each week. Doing the homework will improve your performance—and ours! We provide YouTube links to the songs and other aids to help out. We usually post a practice chart on our website so that you will know what we practice at each rehearsal.

Community outreach All members participate in our community outreach initiatives.

Service Each singer is also a team member. You will have a choice of tasks to keep the Chorale running.

Money Members pay \$130 dues per semester. This fee covers the following:

- Music instruction
- Accompanist and special performers at concerts
- Rental of rehearsal and performance venues
- Use of sheet music
- Marketing
- Insurance and other administrative costs
- 5 performance tickets which may be sold, thereby recouping some expense

Dues are payable at the beginning of the semester and may be paid in two installments. If you drop out, refunds will be made during the first month (less an administrative fee). No refunds are given later. Fee waivers are available for members with fiscal limitations—just talk with any board member.

ChoirGenius Members use ChoirGenius, an online program, for administration.

CONCERT DRESS? Presenting a formal appearance is important for the pleasure of our audience. Members wear black trousers, a long skirt, or a knee-length skirt with plain, opaque black stockings or tights. We wear black long-sleeved tops in winter and white long-sleeved tops in spring; plain black shoes or boots.

WHO supports us? Members pay dues and sell tickets to their personal circle. Friends of the Chorale are generous. Businesses in the Magnolia Community support us. We receive funding from 4Culture. We welcome your ideas for additional sources of funding and support. We are a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

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