

COMMUNITY CHORUS NEWS

January 31, 2010

Message from Peggy Albers, Board President:

Inspiring! That is the word that jumps out for me about this Community Chorus season. The fabulous and varied music, the smiles and sounds of chorus members, the hard work to learn and try to figure out which line to sing, all adds up to energy-filled rehearsals, and anticipation of some outstanding concerts! Please mention to family and friends to save the dates in April so we can share this with them!

Peggy Albers, Board President

Music Skills Class:

The Music Skills class continues this Sunday, January 31, in Fenn Hall, the door to the left of the Parish Hall door on Jefferson Street. It is open to all. Check your handbook, back cover, for other dates. If you missed the last one, come to this one.

WEB Page Link

The website link to the midi files is ptchorus/midis.html

The midi files can be downloaded onto your computer, where you can burn them onto a CD or put them onto an ipod or other gadget that can play music files. Since there are many different programs that can perform such miracles, we can't be much more specific than this. You can also just click on the link on the website and play them from the internet whenever you want, on your computer.

Patron Drive:

For those of you who are new, and as a reminder to the "regulars," the Patron Drive is crucial to the Chorus' financial well-being. It is our major source of funds. Rick Kirkwood will be talking about our fund-raising at the next rehearsal.

Chorus members are also encouraged to talk to their friends and relatives about the advantage of being Patrons (tickets to the Concerts, early seating, name in the program). If you are interested in the finances of the organization, please send an e-mail request to germaine68@msn.com and I will send you some of the recent financial documents.

Pre-sale Tickets: Each Chorus member is given 5 tickets to sell to family and friends. You are not obliged to do this; however, the tickets are 7.00 versus 10.00 at the door. There will be a ticket envelope with your name on it on the back table at the end of February.

Dress Code

If you haven't reviewed the dress code in the handbook, now would be a good time do so. The key word is "black" from neck to toes. If you do not have a handbook, please ask President Peggy Albers for one. Please read your membership booklet: information on Patron drive, Pre-sale tickets, concert dress and other items critical to the Chorus' success are described in this booklet. The Orthopedic Thrift Store is a great place to find gently-used, very nice black apparel at a very reasonable price.

Sectionals:

Bass and Soprano sectionals: Grace Lutheran, 1120 Walker St, PT, on Fridays from 1-2 w/Lisa Lanza.

Alto and Tenor sectionals at Jeff and Hazel Johnson's, 611 Irondale Rd., Pt. Hadlock 385-6000: Tues, Feb. 2, Wed. Feb 10: Wed. Feb 24: Wed, March 10; Wed. March 24 (if needed): Wed. March 31 (if needed) 7:00 pm to 8:30 or 9:00 pm by donation

Reminders

Attendance

Please sign the attendance list each week. If you do not check off your names weekly, section leaders and others may conclude you have excess absences and thus need to get Rebecca's permission to continue. Best to do the check-in as you arrive, in plenty of time to be ready to start at 7. Don't count on anyone checking you in. We do try to keep track, but there are 70 of us. Members are allowed to miss only 3 rehearsals. Description will be found in the handbook. Exceptions must be approved by the director.

Music:

Please treat the music with care; do not make permanent marks in the music. Pencils are provided and can be found on the refreshment table. Removable highlighter tape can be purchased at Crossroads Music. Kitty Reed, our Music Librarian is always happy to get music from past seasons - no penalty for late return.

Concert Dates: April 9, 7:30 pm at LCR; April 11, 3:00 pm, TBA

Name Tags: Wear them! Keep them in your music folder along with a pencil.

Coffee. We are all expected to pitch in to buy the coffee-break supplies. There is a container on the counter by the coffee for your donation.

Chairs Everyone---EVERYONE---is expected to help put the chairs back after rehearsal; especially the one you sit upon! Only stack them 2 high.

Folders

The Chorus will be ordering 20 music folders to up-date our supply of folders. These will be available for members to borrow for concerts. If you want one of your very own, they will be available for purchase also.

Scrapbooks

Barb Matter will be bringing some Chorus scrapbooks to the rehearsal. These are duplicates of some we already have. Let Barb know if you want one.

Please talk to one of the Chorus Board members if you have questions:

President Peggy Albers (385-4180); 1st Vice-President Rick Kirkwood (379-3458); 2nd Vice-President Joan Coyne (379-0570); Secretary Barbara Matter (379-1201); Treasurer Germaine Arthur (385-2233); Lynn Nowak, Member-at-Large (385-1402)