

The Rockville Chorus [Http://www.rockvillechorus.org](http://www.rockvillechorus.org) September 14, 2009

Welcome to the Rockville Chorus's 2009-2010 Performance Season! Again this year, we will perform a variety of quality music that will please both choristers and the community. We are fortunate to have [Bryan Seith](#) back as our Musical Director and Conductor. We are looking forward to a season of enjoyable and successful performances. [Julie Farrell](#), Arts Program Specialist for the City of Rockville, continues to be our liaison with the city.

We are currently holding interviews and auditions for our accompanist and have some great candidates, who you will meet over the next few rehearsals. Auditions are being held during rehearsals. Interviews are being held Tuesday evening, September 15th, conducted by a committee including chorus & board members, Brian and Julie Farrell.

Our Program for the Winter Concert will consist of the following selections, plus additional solos and special music selected later in the season.

The Reluctant Dragon	John Rutter
There Shall a Star Come Out of David	Felix Mendelssohn
Psalm 100 (Jauchzet dem Herrn) (Score)	Felix Mendelssohn
Carol of the Birds, The Cherry Tree Carol	Parker/Shaw
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas	Trad.
Ose Shalom	John Leavitt

Practice files (including midi, links to YouTube performances, and Cyberbass links) will be located on the website here. Please take advantage of these resources to learn the notes for your section.

New Member Auditions

New member auditions will be held on September 14 & 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm – prior to our chorus rehearsals and during breaks on both evenings. If you know of anyone that might like to sing with us, have him or her call or email Julie Farrell, our liaison with the City of Rockville, at 240-314-8682, jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov. She sets up the audition schedule. Auditions are informal with some vocal exercises to hear the voice, some ear-training exercises, and some dialog. There is no formal audition solo piece expected.

Officers/Board Members

President	Daryl Newhouse	301-404-2978
Vice President	Carol Malone	301-221-8573
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Treasurer	Ginny Frank	301-530-6564
Member-at-Large	Heather Collier	202-262-7565
Co-Librarian (Chorus)	Jan Aamodt	301-340-6680
Co-Librarian & Singers Liaison	Jean Provost	301-251-0807
Publicist	Justine Cowan	301-946-7474

Attendance

We encourage you to attend all rehearsals. The quality of our performances depends on your commitment to know your music as well as possible. We have Policies and Procedures that state that absence from “Four or more regularly scheduled rehearsals in any given semester is grounds for disqualification from participating in the performance.” Please attend all rehearsals unless you are ill or have a family emergency. Also, please inform your Section Leader of your absence (To Be Announced). We want to do our best at every performance and you might not realize it, but your consistent attendance is so important to our success!

As a reminder, a major part of attending rehearsals is “to be on time and to be back at your seat after the scheduled break.” Please enjoy your private conversations during the break and not during rehearsal. We all will benefit.

The Rockville Singers

In addition to the large Chorus, we have a smaller subset of performers known as the Rockville Singers. This select group of 20 to 30 singers performs at government and political events, community centers and events, nursing homes and churches. The Singers serve as a key part of the community outreach arm of the Chorus, and specializes in music written specifically for smaller ensembles.

With more intimate settings and smaller audiences, singing with the Singers can be one of the most rewarding and fulfilling aspects of membership within the Chorus. While not for everyone, auditioning and joining the Singers can be one of the greatest opportunities for furthering a Chorus member’s musicianship and development. Rehearsals are typically held on Mondays from 6:45 pm-7:30. Auditions for all voice parts will be announced, as well as the rehearsal date schedule and concert dates, which will include Sunday, December 6th from 2-3 pm.

Chorus Directory

A complete listing of names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses can be found in the Chorus Directory. This directory is accessible as a password-protected file on the website (<http://www.rockvillechorus.org>), and should only be used for Chorus-affiliated purposes. If your contact information has changed, is in error or changes during the course of a rehearsal season, or if you do not want your name on the Directory or on the website, please inform the Member at Large, [Heather Collier](#).

NEW Performance Attire!

LADIES CONCERT APPAREL: UPDATE COMING SOON!

MEN: required pieces are black tuxedo jacket, black tuxedo pants, tuxedo shirt, and black cummerbund. (Red tie provided for Winter concert, member provides black bow tie for Spring concert.) Men who do not own a tuxedo ensemble may purchase tuxedos from alternate suppliers at their own discretion, using the items listed below as reference.

If you would like to purchase an ensemble through the chorus's supplier, please click on the links below for sizing and item description:

- Premier Tux Ensemble- http://www.stageaccents.com/mens_formal/product/2625/ 5-piece polyester ensemble includes Premier tuxedo coat and pants, wing tip collar tuxedo shirt, black satin cummerbund and bowtie. Refer to [size chart H](#) for shirts, [size chart I](#) for coats and [size chart J](#) for pants. #ENSB1 \$105.00
- Wool Tux Ensemble- http://www.stageaccents.com/mens_formal/product/2388/ 55%/45% Dacron/wool blend notch lapel tuxedo coat and pleated adjustable tuxedo pants with coordinating satin trim. Our 5-piece ensemble includes wool tuxedo coat and pants, wing tip collar tuxedo shirt, black satin cummerbund and bowtie. Refer to [size chart H](#) for shirts, [size chart I](#) for coats and [size chart J](#) for pants. #ENSA \$129.00

If you already own a tuxedo, any ensemble pieces needed may be ordered separately through the chorus. To see the individual items available and the sizing on our supplier's website here: http://www.stageaccents.com/mens_formal/ DO NOT ORDER DIRECTLY- WE WILL BE PLACING ALL ORDERS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GROUP DISCOUNTS.

If you have any questions about the items, descriptions, or sizing, contact JoAnne Barron at 301-279-7604, or JRBARRON95@comcast.net

Use Your Sense with the Scents!

Please note: We ask all members to refrain from using perfume, cologne, scented hair spray, after-shave, lotions, or any other scent during rehearsals and at performances. Please be considerate of people who have allergic reactions to scents.

Rehearsal Break and Refreshments

We take a break about half-way through the rehearsal to socialize, and have a drink and/or snack. Two volunteers per week are asked to sign-up to bring snack foods. We will provide hot water and assorted beverage choices such as tea, instant coffee & cocoa. To cover the cost of the beverage supplies, please drop a quarter in the jar! Bob Lamas, who has performed this volunteer job for us for several years now, will not be with us this season so we need a volunteer to set-up and clean-up the beverages for each rehearsal, and make sure we have supplies on hand.

Performance Recordings

We have posted the recordings of the concerts from last year here:
<http://www.rockvillechorus.org/recording.htm>

Dues

The City of Rockville, Department of Recreation and Parks, Arts Division, has for decades supported the Rockville Chorus as an opportunity for adults in the community to further explore their choral music interests. The City provides direct cash support and in-kind services. As an organization, we are asked to contribute towards operation expenses. Your dues each season assist the City in the cost of the program, as well as cover the cost of music, and other necessary expenses. The regularly prepared Treasurer's report can be found on the website if you would like more information about the Chorus's financial expenditures. This Fall's dues will be again \$50 for chorus members and \$60 for Singers. Dues are payable each season (i.e. Fall & Spring) The Rockville Chorus will assist any member who finds this to be a financial hardship. Please let Daryl Newhouse or Ginny Fox know if this is the case.

Rockville Chorus Policies and Procedures

You can find a copy of the Chorus's Policies and Procedure on the member website at:
<http://www.rockvillechorus.org/archive.htm/>. Please familiarize yourself with this document.

Calendar

The current [2009-2010 Calendar](#) is posted on our website, www.rockvillechorus.org. You can download a PDF for each season, and also access the Google calendar via the website. Details and directions are also available on the web.

Website

A volunteer is needed to maintain the website. Currently a stock MS FrontPage template is in use, so it's very easy to edit. Someone with some web design experience would be appreciated to update and invigorate our site!

Questions? **E-Mail me, Daryl Newhouse, daryl.newhouse@gmail.com
or Julie Farrell at 240-314-8682, jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov**