

The Warwick Valley Chorale

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Although admission to our concerts is always free, we do encourage the audience to make donations.

Warwick Valley Chorale is a 501(c)3 Federal Nonprofit Corporation, so all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the IRS.

If you know of a business that would be willing to sponsor WVC, please tell us! Donors' names are listed in the programs for an entire year.

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Member information ~ Spring 2019

Rehearsal time: 7:30 – 9:30 pm Tuesdays, at Warwick Reformed Church, Maple Avenue, Warwick NY 10990, unless otherwise announced.



Save these dates!

REQUIRED PERFORMANCES:

Friday, May 17th, 7:00 pm, concert at the Grace Episcopal Church, 58 North Street, Middletown NY 10940

Sunday, May 19th, 4:00 pm, concert at the Warwick Reformed Church, 16 Maple Avenue, Warwick NY 10990

OPTIONAL, but very highly recommended:

Saturday & Sunday, June 8 & 9, all day: rehearsals at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, 109 E 42nd Street, NY NY 10017 (buses from Warwick will be provided).

Monday, June 10th, rehearsal and 8 pm concert at Carnegie Hall, 881 Seventh Avenue, NY NY 10019

Please note that “call times” – the time that singers must show up – may be as much as an hour earlier than the curtain times above, to allow for setup, last-minute polishing of the music, sound checks, etc. The exact call times will be announced later in the rehearsal season.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What about weather delays or cancellations?

When you registered, you gave us phone and email contact information. It will be used to generate call lists. We will usually notify you on Tuesday afternoon if rehearsal is canceled that night, so make sure to check your voicemail and/or email if the weather looks bad. Also check the WVC website, www.WarwickValleyChorale.org (click "For WVC Members") and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/warwickvalleychorale>).

Why are dues so high?

Your dues pay for operating expenses, insurance, advertising, building fees and your music, which is lent to you for the season. (Please be careful with your music, as it is very expensive to replace.)

May I mark my music?

Yes, but please use only regular black pencil, and, if you can, please erase as much as possible before turning your music in after the last concert.

May I purchase my music, and keep it after this season?

No, EXCEPT if you choose to buy the Taylor cantata for \$10. The rest of your music has to be returned to our WVC library for future performances.

Some of my music seems to be a photocopy. Is that legal?

Yes. When WVC cannot buy printed copies of older selections, we pay for legal permission from the publisher before having photocopies made.

How do you keep track of attendance?

There will be a set of attendance sheets inside the church office, near the door to the sanctuary where we rehearse. Be sure to check off your name under the correct date as you enter each week. It's important!

What if I have to miss a rehearsal?

The WVC bylaws state that a singer who misses more than three rehearsals in a single season may be dropped at the discretion of the board of directors. If you have a good reason for missing a rehearsal, an exception may be made. It is not necessary to call, but please tell Melissa (vice president) or Zoey (president) at the next rehearsal you attend.

What if I decide to drop out of WVC mid-season?

We will be sorry to see you go! Before you leave, please return all your music to Viviana Holmes, our music librarian, and (even though the music is numbered) please attach your name to the set of music, too. We do not refund dues.

What should we wear for the Spring concerts?

Men's dress for our Spring concerts is black tuxedo or black sport jacket and slacks with white shirt (black bow tie, black socks & shoes; jackets should be buttoned). For women, "concert black": floor-length black skirt and long-sleeved black blouse or black dress; black stockings, comfortable black shoes, and no eye-catching jewelry or anything else that would draw the audience's attention to you. Everyone will need a black music folder.

How do I try out for a solo?

A few weeks before the concert, the conductor will announce tryouts for the solo parts, if there are any. Study the solo at home, so that during the tryouts you will be prepared to sing any of the sections he has asked for.

Is it okay to wear cologne to rehearsals or performances?

Please, no! We have members with a variety of allergies, so please don't wear cologne, perfume, strong aftershave, scented hairspray, or anything else that might make the singer behind you wheeze or sneeze. Deodorant, however, is recommended.

Is it okay to chat quietly with other singers during rehearsal?

No. It's tempting to converse while the singers in another section are working on a part, but it's rude and unprofessional, and it distracts the conductor, so please don't. Use the time to practice reading your own part.

I'm not sure which section (SATB) I belong in. How can I find out?

Just take a guess. Go to that section and sit in for a rehearsal or two. The singers sitting near you can help you decide.

What if I don't read music very well?

Ask the people in your section to suggest someone you should sit near. If they have sung with us before, they will probably know who the strong readers and voices are... and you will soon learn to read music better!

Are there opportunities to sing more often?

Yes, WVC members are regularly invited to sing with other groups and at other venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and West Point. These will be announced at break time during rehearsals, as they occur. We perform at various local functions, and sing holiday carols on Main Street in Warwick during Home for the Holidays weekend. Of course, these outside activities are all completely optional. In addition, many of us have taken tours sponsored by MidAmerica Productions or other companies to perform at venues around the world. For their upcoming trips and the prices, check the "For WVC Members" page on our website.