

The Warwick Valley Chorale

Member information ~ Spring 2015

Rehearsal time: 7:30 – 9:30 pm Tuesdays, at Warwick Reformed Church, 16 Maple Avenue, Warwick NY 10990, unless otherwise announced.

This season we will perform three May concerts.

Save these dates:

Friday, May 8th, 7:30 pm (curtain time) at

Friday, May 15th, 7:30 pm at

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Sunday, May 17th, 4:00 pm at
Warwick Reformed Church,
16 Maple Ave, Warwick, NY 10990

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 and will be posted on the WVC web site and Facebook page.

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”) or 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, sorry. We try to keep one complete set of 75 to 80 copies of each selection to use for future concerts. Replacements can be difficult to buy.

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

Yes. When WVC cannot buy printed copies of older selections, we receive legal permission from the publisher to have Xeroxed copies 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.

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, the 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?

The dress for spring concerts is black tuxedo or black sport jacket and slacks with white shirt for men (black bow tie, black socks & shoes; jackets should be buttoned). For women, a floor length black skirt and a long-sleeved white or ivory blouse (black stockings, comfortable black shoes, no eye-catching jewelry or anything that will draw the audience's attention to you). You will also need a black music folder.

How do I try out for a solo?

A few weeks before the concert, Dr. Curtis 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, Avery Fisher Hall 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, please email Susi Eurich (peachie@warwick.net).

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Your WVC website and Facebook page are great sources of updated information. Please visit them often.

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

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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 and on the Sponsors page of the WVC web site.