



GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE RAPPAHANNOCK CHORAL SOCIETY

For our new members: Congratulations and Welcome to the Rappahannock Choral Society (RCS)! For our returning members: Thank you and Welcome back! Now that this season is in full swing, please review the information and guidelines below. We also request that you sign and date this document after your review.

REHEARSALS AND CANCELLATIONS: Rehearsals are every Monday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 at the Zoan Baptist Church, 5888 Plank Road, Spotsylvania. Please arrive in time to be in place and ready to sing by 7:00pm. In the event of a cancellation, an email will be sent to the membership, as well as a notice put on our website. Be sure to check your email during bad weather.

DUES: Membership dues are \$45 per season (or “semester”) and are due at the beginning of each season. Our Winter season generally runs from mid-August through December and our Spring season begins in January and usually ends with two concerts in June.

ABSENCES: Members should not miss more than three rehearsals during a concert season. Please notify Membership Chairperson Corinne Kuehner at membership.rcs@gmail.com if you need to miss a rehearsal. If you are going to be absent for more than three rehearsals, please discuss this with the Conductor, Bob Burnett.

MUSIC: You will be loaned a binder with music and a pencil for any markings on the music. Please do NOT affix permanent tabs, crease music or use tape on music. Please also do NOT use a pen or permanent marker on the music – pencil only! If your binder is worn or torn, please inform the Librarian, Marietta Gress, and she will provide you with a new one. At the end of each season, all binders and music are to be returned to the Librarian. You will be charged a replacement fee for any music or binders that are not returned.

ALLERGIES/SENSITIVITIES: Please be considerate of your fellow singers and DO NOT wear perfume, aftershave, or scented hairspray etc. to rehearsals or performances.

CONCERTS: We usually perform two concerts at the end of each season. There is a technical run-through, as well as a musical run through, the Friday night before the performances. We also occasionally do concerts at other venues and information regarding these additional concerts will be shared with the chorus as soon as it is available. Members are asked to help distribute handouts and posters, as well as sell tickets, for each concert. Attendance at the additional performances is voluntary, but encouraged.

CONCERT ATTIRE: Our Winter Holiday Concert is our formal concert. Men should wear either a tuxedo or black suit, white shirt and chorus-supplied bow tie (to be returned after the concert), black socks and black shoes. Ladies should wear either black slacks or a floor length black skirt, a black top covering the elbows, black hose and black shoes. You will be provided with a corsage (to be returned after the concert.) Please keep jewelry to a minimum and try to avoid sequins, unless otherwise instructed. The Spring Concert may also require formal attire, but additional or alternative attire may be suggested based upon the theme of the Spring concert. Anyone not in compliance with the Concert Attire requirements may not be allowed to participate in the upcoming concert.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE GUIDELINES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

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