

Vernon Chorale 2012-13 Handbook

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Vernon Chorale is to provide a forum to learn and refine choral singing and to educate audiences through the presentation of choral music concerts, sacred and secular.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The attendance policy exists to protect the integrity of the group and the music. Chorus members are expected to attend all rehearsals. It is your responsibility to advise your section leader in advance if you cannot attend. Any member missing more than TWO rehearsals per concert (ONE for June concert) will be required to audition for the Artistic Director or appeal to the Board of Directors. Frequent tardiness may also require another audition. Attendance at dress rehearsals is mandatory; absences may be allowed at the discretion of the Artistic Director.

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Rockville High School, Loveland Hill Road, Vernon. Additional sectional rehearsals and/or full member rehearsals may be called at the discretion of the Artistic Director.

REHEARSAL CANCELLATION

In the event that a rehearsal needs to be canceled, you will be notified by your section leader. Cancellation decisions will be made by 5 pm, and every attempt will be made to contact members in a timely manner. If school is canceled for the day in Vernon, you can contact the high school at [860.870.6050](tel:860.870.6050). A recorded message will let you know if school has been canceled. In addition, any cancellations will be posted on Facebook and Twitter, and in the case of a cancellation due to weather, on WFSB Channel 3.

SECTION LEADERS

At the beginning of the concert year, section leaders will be introduced. It will be the responsibility of each chorus member to know their section leader and how to contact him/her.

MUSIC SCORES

Each member will be responsible for purchasing their music, which will be made available through the Chorale. All music must be paid for within two weeks of receipt. Choral Fellows are not responsible for the cost of their scores. You may use your own score if it is the same edition chosen by the Artistic Director. All music must be in black folders by the dress rehearsal for all concerts.

DUES

Annual dues per chorale member are established by the Board of Directors, and go towards the financial obligations of the choir, including salaries, venues, rights and insurance costs. Dues for 2012-2013 are \$60 for the year, and must be paid within the first month. Dues are waived for full time undergraduate college students. Singers joining for only one semester must pay a full year's dues.

CONCERT DRESS

Our appearance is an important aspect of our performance. Only members in proper concert attire will be allowed to sing for performance. Proper dress is as follows:

MEN:

Black tuxedo, black suit, or black jacket and pants.

Plain white shirt, black bow tie.
Black socks, black shoes.

WOMEN:

Black ankle-length skirt or slacks (no denim)
Black blouse (NOT sleeveless).
Black shoes.

The following are not allowed:

Vests.

Cologne, perfume, aftershave, or scented hairspray (deodorant is encouraged).

Any jewelry worn should be minimal.

MEMBERSHIP

Each member is encouraged to recruit new members and participate in the continued development of the Chorale as stated in our Mission Statement. There are opportunities to volunteer for various committees such as Fund-Raising, Publicity, and Hospitality for post-concert receptions. Each member will be expected to sell (or purchase) at least 6 tickets for the December and April concerts, and 4 for the June concert.

FUND-RAISING

It is an expectation of membership in the Chorale that all members will participate in fund-raising activities, such as soliciting ads for our concert program ad-book, donations from patrons and donors, ticket sales, and matching gifts from employers.

www.vernonchorale.org

<https://www.facebook.com/vernonchorale>

You are encouraged to visit our website, and publicize it to others. It contains a wealth of information about us, upcoming concerts, links to other sites, and a private section for chorale members only. For questions or suggestions about the website, contact Steve Tate (T).

CHORALE LEADERSHIP

Board President:	Bruce Jones (B)	Artistic Director: Ehren Brown
Vice-president:	McLean Oakeson (S)	Asst. Conductor:
Secretary:	Laura Lang (T)	Accompanist: Kathleen Bartkowski
Treasurer:	Alexandra Lewis (A)	
	Karen Anger (A)	Website: Steve Tate (T)
	Erin Bartram (A)	
	Vincent Bologna (B)	
	James Burr (B)	
	William Reid (B)	