



CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY CHORUS

Welcome!

Whether you're new to the group or have been with us for years, please read below for information about this concert season.

REHEARSAL TIMES & LOCATION:

WHEN: MONDAYS 7:00pm-9:30pm (a short break is included; feel free to bring a snack or drink for yourself). The Church will be opened by 6:30PM so arrive early.

WHERE: St. Bartholomew's Church, 239 Harvard Street, Cambridge. Parking is available in metered lots on Bishop Allen Drive and in the Green Street garage. *Free parking is no longer available in the Prospect St. lots; please arrive early enough to find parking.* Consider carpooling or taking public transit if possible.

SPRING 2012 SCHEDULE

Rehearsals (St. Bart's): Jan 23, Jan 30, Feb 6, Feb 13, Feb 20, Feb 27, Mar 5, Mar 12, Mar 26, Apr 2, Apr 9, Apr 16, Apr 23, Apr 30 (note: NO rehearsal March 19)

Retreat (Masonic Hall, 1950 Mass. Ave., Cambridge):
Saturday, March 3; 10:00am – 3:00pm

Dress rehearsal (Harvard's Sanders Theater, 45 Quincy Street):
Monday, May 7; 6:30pm – 10:30pm

Concert: (Harvard's Sanders Theater, 45 Quincy Street) :
Saturday, May 12; 8:00pm. *Call time TBA.*

AUDITIONS/MEMBERSHIP:

To make our music accessible to the community, we do not require auditions. However, we ask everyone to practice their music outside of rehearsal to ensure our rehearsals and concerts are the best they can be. Practice tracks are available on CD as well as from our website (see the “Information for Singers” page). Dues are also not required from our members, but we count on your support and assistance to stay financially strong (see next page for ways to help).

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

We strive to be accessible to all interested community members. However, concerts require your commitment to attend rehearsals. A sign-in sheet is provided for singers to mark their attendance at each rehearsal. If you know in advance that you will be unable to attend a rehearsal, please inform your section leader, concert producer, and officers of that fact. (See back page for contact information.)

Note: You must attend the dress rehearsal in order to sing in the concert. In addition, we have a two-absence maximum for the spring season for all regular rehearsals (including the retreat). If you know you'll have special circumstances requiring you to miss more than two rehearsals please let us know right away and we will do our best to accommodate you; please note, however, that it is the music director's decision whether you can perform in the concert.

If you do not sign in you will automatically be listed as absent for that rehearsal.

If your name is misspelled on the sign-in sheets, please write in your corrections so we list it properly in our concert program. If you're your name tag, put an “N” next to your name and we'll print a new one.

CONCERT ATTIRE:

Concerts dress code is as follows:

Women: black shirt (plain or button-front ok; 3/4-length to full-length sleeves), black slacks or long black skirt (mid-calf or longer). A black dress is also ok if it meets the same requirements for sleeves/length/etc. Avoid lacy or shiny fabric.

Men: black suit or tuxedo, white shirt, black bowtie. No black jeans.

All: black close-toed shoes; black socks or stockings; no flashy jewelry. Please do not wear strong scents or perfumes, as it bothers other singers.

SUPPORTING THE CHORUS:

As noted above, the Cambridge Community Chorus does not charge dues. However, to cover the many costs associated with our high-quality concerts, we must raise money among our membership and the public. We greatly appreciate your financial contributions throughout the year, and encourage you to consider these other giving options:

- ***Shop online at amazon.com.*** Start shopping from the Chorus website (www.cambridgechorus.org/contribute.html) and up to 15% of your purchase goes directly to the Chorus.
- ***Ask your employer about matching gifts*** to double your gift.
- ***Participate in our online auction.*** Our spring cMarket auction (www.biddingforgood.com/cambridgechorus) has raised thousands of dollars to support the Chorus's activities.
- ***Purchase gift cards through the "Shop with Scrip" program.*** New this year, purchase gift cards online and 2-18% of the purchase price goes to the Chorus. See the "Information for Singers" page of our website for enrollment instructions.
- ***Participate in spring raffles.*** Bring cash for a chance to win.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

The Chorus is entirely volunteer-driven and relies on the help of our singers to make everything run smoothly. Here are just a few ways in which you can help:

- **Fund-raising** (writing grants, soliciting businesses, assisting with our auction, etc.)
- **Concert production** (help coordinate the logistics for our concerts, including venues, lighting, sound, and stage setup)
- **Post-concert celebrations and special events** (dinners, fund-raising parties, etc.)
- **Publicity and communications** (writing and distributing press releases, concert program design, website posting, etc.)

Want to help in other ways? Contact us and let us know how you would like to contribute your skills to the Chorus.

MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS:

All relevant information about rehearsals, concerts, and other Chorus-related activities is posted on our website, www.cambridgechorus.org. Please note that we only e-mail singers with information specific to the Chorus. If you know of local musical events or related information you would like to share with fellow singers, please use our CCC bulletin board. You can sign up online at: <http://lists.ultimate.com/mailman/listinfo/cccb>.

ALSO: CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!

Feel free to join fellow members for libations and a bite to eat before or after rehearsal.

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ABOUT US:

The Cambridge Community Chorus has been presenting audiences with quality choral performances since 1990. We are a nonprofit organization known for our broad repertoire, quality performances, and diverse membership. Singers of all ages from the Cambridge area and beyond—regardless of their musical training or experience—can join our group without audition.

Jamie Kirsch is the Music Director of the Cambridge Community Chorus. He is also Director of Choral Activities at Tufts University.