



CÁNTICO: THE PORTLAND CHAMBER SINGERS

Information Sheet, Spring 2010 Season

Who We Are:

We are a chamber choir that performs choral music in a variety of styles. We also include solo and smaller group performances in our concerts to showcase the individual talents of group members. The group was formed as an outlet for musicians who have other responsibilities (such as work and families) but would still like an opportunity to pursue musical excellence. This group is also a way to share the beauty of choral music with our friends, families and communities.

Rehearsal Location:

Rehearsals are held at the Tualatin LDS Stake Center (22284 SW Grahams Ferry Rd, Tualatin, 97062) on Wednesday evenings 2-3 times a month from 7-10 pm with a 15-minute break for refreshments. At the beginning of each season we hold one retreat (an intense rehearsal/social) at a different location.

Rehearsal and Performance Schedule (all are Wednesdays unless otherwise noted):

Jan. 13: Auditions, 7-9 pm (or by appointment)

Jan. 20: Rehearsal, 7-10 pm

Jan. 27: Men's sectional, 7-10 pm

Jan. 30 (Sat.): Retreat, 9-12 (at Karen Porter's home)

Feb. 3: Rehearsal, 7-10 pm

Feb. 17: Rehearsal, 7-10 pm

Feb. 24: Women's sectional, 7-10 pm

Mar. 3: Rehearsal, 7-10 pm

Mar. 17: Rehearsal, 7-10 pm

Mar. 31: Rehearsal, 7-10 pm

Apr. 14: Rehearsal, 7-10 pm

Apr. 28: Rehearsal, 7-10 pm

May 5: Rehearsal, 7-10 pm

May 12: Rehearsal, 7-10 pm

May 19: Dress Rehearsal at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Portland, 7-10 pm

May 21 or 22: Concert at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Portland

Please discuss any possible schedule conflicts with the director as soon as possible. **If you are unable to attend more than 2 rehearsals or must miss a dress rehearsal or performance, we ask that you not participate this season.** Any additional performances will be scheduled with the consent of all choir members.

Calendar:

Cántico prepares concerts for December and May. Rehearsals begin in September. A December break follows the Christmas concert(s) and regular rehearsals resume in mid-January. We typically break for the summer months (Jun-Aug). We would like choir members to commit to a full year.

Rehearsal Expectations:

Members are expected to promptly attend and stay for the full duration of all rehearsals. If you will be late, must leave early, or will be absent for any rehearsal, you must call the director in advance (Karen Porter: 503-825-1842 or 503-333-7702). **If you are unable to attend more than 2 rehearsals, will frequently be tardy or leave early, or must miss any dress rehearsal or performance, we ask that you not participate this season.** Please give the director your full attention during rehearsals.

Assignment Expectations:

Members are expected to learn their music outside of rehearsal. Rehearsals will be spent refining and polishing the music -NOT on teaching the notes. The concert will be performed from memory. We have rehearsal CDs to assist with your at-home study. The individual part is recorded with the other parts quietly in the background, so you can hear your part in context. Please use this resource to learn and memorize your music!

Member Financial Responsibility:

Each member is responsible for:

- Choir dues: \$15 (once per year)
- Music fee: \$25-30 per concert
- Plain black folder and sharpened pencil (provide your own)
- Choir Uniform: (provide your own)
 - Men: Dark suit, white shirt, conservative tie, black socks and dress shoes
 - Women: All-black dress or dressy pants/skirt/top outfit. Black hosiery and dress shoes, pearl earrings and necklace.

Choir dues and music fees are due at the FIRST REHEARSAL. If you are unable to pay all of the fees up front, please talk to one of the directors to discuss alternative options. The music fee purchases your music, which is then yours to keep.

Additional Performance Opportunities:

We include several solo and small-group numbers in our concerts to showcase the talents of group members and add variety to the program. Please let us know if you are interested in this opportunity.

Volunteering for Cántico:

All Cántico members are required to provide a volunteer to help with the concert (i.e. ushering, handing out programs, etc.). Volunteers must be 12+ and will get a free ticket to the concert. Members must also assist with a volunteer assignment (i.e. folding programs, bringing refreshments to sell). Please let us know if you have any special skills (i.e. web design, making rehearsal CDs, advertising, publicity, graphic design, etc.) or additional time available to volunteer for our group.

Summary of Member Choir Responsibilities:

- Attend and be on time for rehearsals, dress rehearsals and performances
- Concentrate and focus during rehearsals
- Notify the director in advance if you will be late, absent or leaving early
- Learn your music and complete all memorization assignments
- Check email regularly (2-3x/week), reading and following through with all choir assignments
- Assist with a volunteer assignment for the concert
- Sell a specified number of tickets to the concert (usually 6-8) and advertise the concert to your friends and family