

## BRANDYWINERS CHORALE INQUIRY RESPONSE

Thank you for your inquiry and interest in joining the Brandywiners Chorale. We welcome new members. If you've not read the write-up about the Chorale on our website, take a moment to do so at [www.brandywiners.org/chorale.shtml](http://www.brandywiners.org/chorale.shtml).

Here's an overview of the commitment involved in being a Chorale member. We do require the ability to read music and you will be auditioned. We ask that you bring in a musical selection with piano accompaniment. You will also be asked to sight read a song.

Chorale members are nonprofessional singers who love to perform. Our director and accompanist are professionals. We rehearse every Tuesday evening from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Sometimes there are extra "Part" rehearsals beginning at 7 p.m. We practice at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Concord Pike in North Wilmington.

We prepare for a series of 6-8 fall concerts that generally begin the first week in December for a 2-3 week period. This will include performances on weeknights and Saturdays. We perform at retirement communities, churches and theatres such as the Smyrna Opera House. We also give a special free concert for Friends and Families of Brandywiners. Chorale members are also great supporters of the Brandywiners' Carol Sing each December.

Our program has great appeal and always includes a medley of songs from the summer show. "Shrek, the Musical" will be performed in the summer of 2016.

We take a break over the holidays in December and resume rehearsals the first week of the new year. For the spring, we prepare an entirely new program except for the show medley. Our series of 6-8 spring concerts run between the last week in April to the second week in May before rehearsals begin for the summer show. Many Chorale members also sing in the show. While there are no fees or dues for joining the Chorale, we do ask for a music deposit check of \$50. This is only cashed if your music is not returned.

I hope this gives you a good overview of the commitment involved in becoming a Chorale Member. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me and I'll set the wheels in motion for an audition.

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