

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.

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, however. 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. Rehearsals begin this fall of 2010 on September 7.

We prepare for a series of 6–7 fall concerts that generally begin the first week in December for a 2-week period. This will include performances on weeknights. We perform at retirement communities, churches and theaters 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 Carol Sing each December at the Veterans Hospital and a retirement home.

Our program has great appeal and includes a medley of songs from the upcoming summer show. This fall we begin rehearsing a medley from "Kiss Me Kate," next summer's 2011 production.

We take a break over the holidays in December and resume rehearsals the first week in the new year. For the spring, we prepare an entirely new program except for the show medley. Our series of 6-7 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 to 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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