

Mercersburg Area Community Chorus  
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Dear Chorus Members (and potential members!),

It is very exciting to begin a new year of singing, and I look forward to you being part of our group. There is a lot to cover in this letter, so please bear with me.

- Schedule and music information is at the end of this letter.
- Masks and vaccination will be optional this year, but both are encouraged.
- Please encourage (recruit) others to join us. We constantly need to replenish our membership since many of us, like me, are very old! Ha Ha
- A poster is attached which you can post on Facebook and/or send to both friends and enemies.
- Please respond to this email at [merchorus@gmail.com](mailto:merchorus@gmail.com) to indicate if you will sing with us. Please answer us either way.
- The music for the December concerts will be provided except the Vivaldi *Gloria*. Many of you already have it, but **if you do not have the *Gloria*, please obtain a copy before rehearsal.** You can order it from JW Pepper - [www.jwpepper.com](http://www.jwpepper.com) (or probably other sources) for \$9.99. The edition we use is Gloria, RV589, Antonio Vivaldi/ed. Clayton Westermann (with Latin and English text) - Kalmus Classic Editions.
- Concert attire - **Women:** The chorus will supply a 3/4-sleeve top that members must purchase for \$28. This will be worn with black pants or skirt and black shoes. **Men:** The chorus will supply a black lightweight jacket that members must purchase or rent. This will be worn with black trousers, black socks and shoes, white shirt, and a chorus-supplied black bow tie. The jacket options are: (1) Purchase the jacket for \$75; (2) Rent the jacket from the chorus for \$25.
- Attendance expectations – All singers are asked to be at all rehearsals. If an emergency, illness, or unavoidable conflict occurs, please notify your section leader.
- Please bring the attached registration form to rehearsal. The registration form also gives you the opportunity to become a Chorus patron.

#### SECTION LEADERS

Soprano – Susan Gift  
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Tenor – Larry Klotz  
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Bass – Dan Deatrich  
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## Schedule and repertoire for the coming year

### December Concerts

- December 3 – 4:00 p.m.
- December 4 – 4:00 p.m.
  - Chorus Rehearsals
    - September 20 through November 29 - 7 to 9 at James Buchanan Middle School (November 22 and 29 will be at the Chapel. - Possible riser set up November 21)
  - Orchestra-Chorus rehearsals
    - December 1 – 7:00 to 10:00 (includes ½ hour warm-up)
    - December 2 – 7:00 to 10:00 (includes ½ hour warm-up)

### Program

- Vivaldi: Gloria – (includes soprano and contralto soloists)
- Organ selection
- Born on a New Day – Knight, arr.
- Carol with audience (Joy to the World)
  - Intermission
- Carol with audience (O Come all ye Faithful)
- Pat-a-Pan – Bradford Barlow
- Pine Forest in Winter from *The Nutcracker* – Tchaikovsky – just orchestra
- I Wonder as I Wander – Bradford Barlow
- Carol with audience (The First Noel)
- Delibes: Flower Duet – soprano and contralto duet
- A Musicological Journey Through the Twelve Days of Christmas – Courtney

### April Concerts

- April 22 – 4:00 p.m.
- April 23 – 4:00 p.m.
  - Chorus Rehearsals
    - February 7 through April 18 - 7 to 9 at James Buchanan Middle School (April 18 will be at the Chapel.)
  - Orchestra-Chorus rehearsals
    - April 20 – 7:00 to 10:00 (includes ½ hour warm-up)
    - April 21 – 7:00 to 10:00 (includes ½ hour warm-up)

### Program

- Durufle: Requiem
  - Intermission
- Opera Choruses

I send my best wishes to you! I really love music and look forward to our work together. We have a wonderful place in which to perform, great music to sing, and good company! As I said earlier, please encourage new members; a good way might be to forward this email and poster to them with your personal contact.

Richard Rotz

**Mercersburg Area Community Chorus – September 2022 Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Soprano \_\_\_ Alto \_\_\_ Tenor \_\_\_ Bass \_\_\_

**Please note that it is our policy to not refund money.**

**Woman’s Top ..... \_\_\_\_\_ top at \$ 28.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Man’s Jacket (\$75; rent at \$25) ..... \_\_\_\_\_ jacket = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**2022 Patron Donation ..... = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Levels of giving have been set at: Trustee (\$5,000), Benefactor (\$1,000 - \$4,999), Leader (\$500 - \$999), Sponsor (\$250 - \$499), Patron (\$125 - \$249), and Friend (0 - \$124)

**TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make checks payable to Mercersburg Area Community Chorus.**

Patron Donation name as you wish it to appear on the program:

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