

# Detroit Concert Choir Information for Prospective Members

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The Detroit Concert Choir established in 1987 by its founding Artistic Director, Gordon Nelson. Dedicated to presenting choral music of high artistic merit, the DCC provides cultural enrichment and entertainment for the community through performance and education. Comprised of over 70 singers from 30 communities in and around Detroit, the ensemble is now in its 29<sup>th</sup> concert season.

The Detroit Concert Choir is proud to have a highly successful record in choral competitions worldwide and has received numerous honors and acclamations including the prestigious “Choir of the World” title from the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales and the nationally acclaimed “Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence”.

The Detroit Concert Choir presents 8-10 concerts and 2-4 outreach or guest appearances each season. Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings in Grosse Pointe Woods with occasional Saturdays. Rehearsals typically begin in early September and continue throughout May. Dress rehearsals are scheduled during concert week. Rehearsals and events are posted on our membership calendar once they are confirmed.

## **DCC Member Expectations**

- ◆ Attend promptly, all rehearsals and performances with a commitment to regular rehearsal attendance. In the event a singer has a scheduling conflict, please notify the office by written notice, e-mail or by telephone call as soon as possible. In order to participate in the performances with more than two absences, please check with the director.
- ◆ Prepare and study music on your own between weekly rehearsals.
- ◆ Be supportive of the Detroit Concert Choir and its performances and fundraisers through participation, volunteerism, and promotion.
- ◆ Serve as a goodwill representative of the organization
- ◆ Pay all required member and music fees when due.

## **Detroit Concert Choir members are responsible for the following:**

1. Purchase of music (Repertoire for each concert - approximately 4 times per year)
2. Annual Membership Fee
3. The purchase of a formal choir uniform
4. Black music folder (each choir member’s own responsibility to purchase)
5. Notify DCC staff by written notice, e-mail or phone if you will be absent or over 15 minutes late to a rehearsal/event.