

Detroit Concert Choir Information for Prospective Members

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The Detroit Concert Choir is Detroit's international award winning vocal ensemble. Founded in 1987 by Gordon Nelson, the choir built a worldwide reputation for choral excellence and is recognized for exceptional artistic expression and inspiring performances.

Brandon Johnson is now in his second season as Artistic Director and Conductor of this 90-member chorus that represents over 40 communities throughout the Detroit metropolitan area. Membership includes singers with a rich background in choral music, including music teachers, college students, professionals, and retirees. The group rehearses on Monday evenings from September through May in alternate locations in Wayne and Oakland counties, including Grosse Pointe North High School and First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak.

The Detroit Concert Choir provides a collection of inspiring and enlightening performances to metro Detroit audiences each year, presenting 8-10 concerts on its concert series. The ensemble is also active in community events and collaborations with fellow arts organizations.

With a desire to play a vital role in our area's cultural landscape, the Detroit Concert Choir is dedicated to promoting choral music of high artistic merit and cultural enrichment for the community. In addition to performing in some of the Detroit area's most beautiful and historic churches, the Detroit Concert Choir is honored to be community partners with the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

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.
- ◆ 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. The purchase of music
5. Black music folder (each choir member's own responsibility to purchase)
6. Notify DCC staff by written notice, e-mail or phone if you will be absent or over 15 minutes late to a rehearsal/event.