



Carleton University Choir

Operating Rules

Rehearsals

- ◆ Choir members are expected to attend all rehearsals including sectionals, the extra evening rehearsals and the dress rehearsal. A quality performance is a matter of style and blend, not merely correct notes, and this can be achieved only at rehearsals. At the discretion of the Director, members who miss the dress rehearsal or more than two regular rehearsals may not be permitted to participate in the end-of-term concerts.
- ◆ For the same reason members are expected to arrive on time and remain to the end of every rehearsal. Rehearsals will begin and end on time.
- ◆ Members who must miss a rehearsal for reasons of illness or unforeseen employment obligations are asked to notify their section leader prior to rehearsal.
- ◆ B.Mus. students must sign the attendance sheet at each rehearsal to receive credit.
- ◆ Choir members are responsible for setting up the room prior to the rehearsal and for returning it to classroom configuration after the rehearsal.

Preparation

- ◆ Members are expected to review and practice their parts between rehearsals. Whenever possible MIDI files will be made available to facilitate private rehearsal. Members are encouraged to use these as well as performance recordings as aids to learning the music.
- ◆ Members are responsible for reviewing the homework schedule in order to arrive prepared for rehearsals. The schedule is printed and distributed from time to time. Important additional information concerning rehearsals is communicated regularly by email or phone to all choir members.
- ◆ Members are required to bring a pencil (or two) to all rehearsals and to make appropriate notations in their scores.

Music

- ◆ All choir members are expected to have and bring to rehearsal their own copy of the music.
- ◆ Most of the music must be purchased by choir members as the choir does not maintain a library.
- ◆ Borrowed music must not be damaged or defaced. Use pencil only (no pen or highlighters) and do not punch holes in borrowed music.
- ◆ Members are expected to keep their music in good order and condition.

Dress

- ◆ Do not wear scented products (perfume, hairspray, aftershave, hairdressing, etc) to either rehearsals or concerts.
- ◆ Concert dress:
 - Black folders for the music.
 - Women: all black, long skirts or pants, long sleeves and modest necklines, black hose and shoes. Small non-shiny jewellery only.
 - Men: tuxedo, white shirt, black bow tie, black socks and shoes. (Black suit acceptable in lieu of tuxedo).

Contribution to Operation of the Choir

- ◆ All choir members are expected to contribute to the volunteer efforts required to mount concerts – distributing publicity, selling tickets, contributing to the receptions, participating in the setup and restoration of the concert venue, and other contributions as required.