



At a Glance 2016/17 Seasons

Welcome to the Worthington Chorus! We have put together this fact sheet in order to provide information about the Chorus. This is so that every member knows what is expected of them and what they can expect from the Chorus.

The Chorus is a non-traditional choral group. Think more 'Show Choir' or Broadway Musical format.

We have two seasons with two fairly different concert styles.

The Fall program is shorter in length (around 1 hour) and not as complicated as the June Show. The Fall program has two halves and is more sedate. There is usually a small costume change (addition) for the 2nd half, but we have the 15 minute intermission to do that change. Fall music is usually memorized, but again it is a shorter program, so less music. There is often a storyline with narration or some acting, but nothing too complicated.

The June show is longer (around 2 hours with intermission) with four acts. There are costume changes for each act, so two of them are quick changes usually done backstage somewhere. June music is always memorized, sets are being changed between acts and costumes are being changed between acts. It is really like a Broadway musical production. We as the singers are also trying to portray a character. This show has sets, costumes, dancing, acting and movement from all Chorus members.

LOCATION and REHEARSALS:

The Chorus currently rehearses and performs at the McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening St, Worthington.

Rehearsals are on Sunday evenings: Chorus is from 6:30-9pm. Ensemble rehearsals are at 6pm. And dance rehearsals usually start at 5pm (when those are happening).

Joining the Chorus Fall 2016:

OPEN MEMBERSHIP -The Chorus is accepting new members during the month of September. The final day to become a member for Fall 2016 is Sept 25th. Dues and music must be paid by this date. We can arrange payment terms if needed.

Please see the Business Manager to set that up.

VOICE PLACEMENT – is done by the Director while membership is open. This is to get you placed in the right vocal section.

Further auditions are required for solos and ensembles.

DUES - You have the option of paying for the full year (in the Fall) or per season.

Each season dues are \$50, the full year is \$75 if you pay in full in the Fall.

COST OF MUSIC – Members buy their own music. The cost varies from season to season. Once you have paid then the music is yours to keep.

Fall music cost is \$20 per person.



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ATTENDANCE - Attendance at **all** rehearsals is mandatory. See the Chorus Bylaws for the full attendance policy and proving show readiness (with the Board and music director) if you miss more than 25% of rehearsals.

COSTUMES – Members must provide their own costumes. Some costume items are purchased by the Chorus and sold to members. The Costume Coordinator will provide costume requirements for every season and a schedule of when costumes will be checked. Costumes must be approved prior to the performance to be sure that they conform to costume guidelines that are provided. We encourage you to use borrowed costumes and/or to utilize thrift stores.

There is a \$5 costume fee for Fall 2016

Running of the Chorus:

The Chorus is a self-governing and self-supporting not for profit [501(c)(3)] organization. The Board of Directors is elected each year and consists of 9 Chorus members who volunteer their time and energy to manage and administer the operations of the Chorus. The Chorus is governed by the Bylaws which are distributed to all active members and is available on the website.

FINANCES – The Chorus applies for modest monetary grants from community sources, but is self-supporting for the major portion of our financing. Our biggest sources of income is the ticket sales to our performances and June program ads.

Members are asked to get the word out and sell tickets - the majority of the audience is there because they know someone in the Chorus. All members are urged to seek ads and patrons to offset the cost of our productions.

We also do a plant sale in the Spring and ask members to sell to everyone you know!

We also participate in the Kroger Community Rewards and the Amazon smile.amazon.com programs. These two programs run all year long and take practically no effort. We ask that members participate in these fund raising programs and get your friends and family to sign up also.

ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCES – Most of the additional singing engagements during the year are done by the Worthington Chorus Chorale (smaller traveling group of the Chorus). We get paid for these engagements and they are great publicity.

PUBLIC MEDIA – The **official website** is: www.worthingtonchorus.org. There is a page with pictures from past shows, there is a link from the main page to the Member Calendar (which is kept up to date with rehearsal schedules and performances and other information), there is an Events page for tickets, there is a member's page: www.worthingtonchorus.org/members for current documents and links.



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The Chorus has a **YouTube Channel** with uploaded videos from past shows:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/worthingtonchorus>

The Chorus has a **Facebook page** which is kept up to date with current happenings, schedules and pictures & videos. Please like our page to keep up with new information.

<https://www.facebook.com/worthingtonChorus/>

We are currently working on re-activating our **Twitter** account, so watch for tweets in the future...

FALL SEASON

The Fall season is very short. Rehearsals are Sept-Oct-Nov with the concert on the first Saturday in December. This concert usually has a more serious half and then holiday pieces. We might use music for this concert or it might be memorized, that will be decided early in the rehearsal season. There are two performances on that day (1:30pm and 4:00pm). There is a mandatory technical rehearsal the week of the concert at the performance location.

Fall rehearsals begin the Sunday after Labor Day.

There will be sectional rehearsals on Wednesdays in October 2016 at Maple Grove UM Church, 7 W Henderson, Columbus.

SPRING SEASON

The June Show is a full stage show with several acts, makeup, costumes and technical staging. All music is memorized for the June Show. Spring rehearsals begin the first Sunday after New Year's Day. Ensemble auditions take place after membership has closed. There are also dance auditions.

The sets get moved to the stage the Saturday before Tech Week. This usually requires a rental truck and lots of muscle is needed to help move into the MAC.

TECH WEEK - Tech Week is probably the busiest time of the year for the Chorus. It is the final week before the June performances and it is grueling – hours are long and there is lots of work to do. Technical Rehearsal Week is **MANDATORY** for all singers.

Rehearsals may last until 10:30 or 11:00 pm. The following is a brief description of the normal tech week schedule.

Sunday 6:30pm – on stage, Acts 1 & 2 in costume

Monday 6:30pm – on stage, Acts 3 & 4 in costume

Tuesday 6:30pm - on stage: full run of the show costumes

Wednesday 6:30pm – on stage: full run of the show in costumes and make up

Thursday – night off to rest for the show

Performances are the 2nd weekend of June: Friday (8pm) & Saturday (7pm) and Sunday (2:30pm). For 2017 show dates are June 9-10-11.

After the last show on Sunday we have to strike the sets, clean up the MAC and move everything back to the storage locations. All members will have a job assigned to help with this. We go out after each performance as a group to unwind.