

GROUND RULES AND USEFUL INFORMATION

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Rehearsals

Rehearsals are held each Monday night from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at the location noted in the schedule. If you know you will be absent for a rehearsal, you are not required to let anyone know; however, if you have a question about your absence, please email the Membership Chair at cnhardman@gmail.com. You are expected to miss no more than 2 rehearsals per semester and no concert week rehearsals. If you must miss more than two rehearsals in a semester or any rehearsal during concert week, please consult with the Artistic Director. The Artistic Director has the final discretion about any singer performing in any concert.

Illness

If you have an active respiratory illness, please attend rehearsal by Zoom rather than in person. You may return to in-person rehearsals when you are at least 10 days from the **onset** of your respiratory symptoms. (Even if some symptoms, like a cough, persist.) Any questions regarding illness and rehearsal attendance should be referred to the CSD Health Committee.

Cancellation Policy

Rehearsals are very seldom canceled. An email will be sent if a rehearsal is canceled, along with a text via the Remind app (see below). You can also call the CSD office phone number (919-560-2733) to find out if rehearsal has been canceled. In the event that we are unable to meet in person, a Zoom alternative may be offered.

Text App

CSD uses Remind for text messaging. We only use this for last minute announcements, like rehearsal cancellations.

To sign up:

- On a smartphone, open your browser, go to rmd.at/susanpar and follow the instructions to sign up. You will be prompted to download the mobile app.
- To get text notifications without a smartphone, text the message @susanpar to the number 81010. If you are having trouble with 81010, try texting @susanpar to (817)756-9168. Standard text messaging rates apply.
- To sign up on a desktop computer go to rmd.at/susanpar for email notifications.

Music and Folders

Members are expected to pay the music fee for each season's music. Music scores should be covered in black for each performance, whether with folders or by other means.

Concert Dress

Approved concert attire is required for participation in concerts. There are two attire options below, followed by a list of some items that are not allowed:

Option 1

Black formal: white shirt, black bow tie, black shoes, black socks, and black tuxedo or suit

Option 2

Formal, conservative, all-black apparel:

- A black, floor-length dress
- A black dress shirt and black dress trousers
- A black dress top (three-quarter sleeves or longer) and floor-length black skirt

Not allowed

Stretch pants, stirrup pants, sweatshirts or sweatpants, tights with tunics, sheer fabrics, low necklines (front or back), necklaces, dangling or shiny earrings, bracelets, rings (other than wedding or engagement), and strong artificial or natural scents. Specific questions about concert dress should be directed to the Concert Chair (Justin Fries).

Ticket Sales/Friends Donations

All members are encouraged to promote our concerts. Ticket sales are very important, so enthusiastic efforts are critical to the economic health of the Society. Members wishing to make financial contributions to the Society are encouraged to do so by becoming Friends. Members and non-members may make tax deductible donations to the Society and receive acknowledgment in the concert programs. Encourage friends and family to consider becoming Friends. Direct them to our website, choral-society.org, to purchase tickets and to donate.

Volunteering

It takes many hours of work outside of rehearsals to make a concert season successful, and as we are primarily a volunteer organization, everyone is expected to help out in some way during the year. Opportunities range from board service to assisting with music distribution to setting up for rehearsals and concerts.

Society Singers

All Choral Society members are invited to add their names to the pool of singers who would like to be considered for any performances by the Society Singers, a group of flexible size that is available to be hired for private parties, corporate events, and other gatherings. An initial rehearsal or two of the entire pool of singers gives everyone some degree of familiarity with the possible repertoire. When an invitation to perform at an event is accepted by the Artistic Director, all singers in the pool are polled about their availability for the event and for any rehearsals needed to prepare for it. Singers are chosen for the event based on balance, blend, and vocal characteristics.

ChoirGenius

CSD uses the online choir management software ChoirGenius. When you are accepted as a singer, the CSD Administrative Assistant will create an account for you in ChoirGenius. From there, you will be able to pay dues, music fees and any other necessary fees; receive CSD emails and access past emails; access rehearsal notes, music, and learning resources; access the CSD calendar for rehearsals and events; verify your attendance record; update contact information; and much more.