



Welcome to the Acton Community Chorus!

Thank you for coming! Open Rehearsal (September 17, 2018) is your chance to get to know us, see how you like singing with us, and come back next week if you have a good time. We hope to welcome you into our choral family. Everyone is wearing a name tag, so please mingle, ask questions, and make new friends!

What kind of music do we sing? We sing all kinds of music, from classical to contemporary popular, and everything in between. This season, we'll be singing songs of glory and light, including Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Bach's *Break Forth o Beautiful Heavenly Light*, and Dolly Parton's *Light of a Clear Blue Morning*.

When do we perform? We are performing Saturday, January 12, 2019. Our Chamber Singers will also perform occasionally during the season.

How much does it cost to join? Membership is \$75 (\$65 for seniors 65+) per season. You may pay in 3 installments if you wish. Music is provided by the Chorus.

What is our rehearsal schedule? We rehearse from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. every Monday night at Faith Evangelical Free Church in Acton, except as noted in the schedule. Please review the attached schedule before making a commitment.

Do you have to know how to read music? No. Many of our members can sight read music, but many others learn their parts mainly through rehearsals and practice.

What if you don't know your voice part? If you don't know if you're a soprano, alto, tenor, or bass, ask anyone for help. We'll guide you to the section that's right for you.

How do members help? In addition to singing, members are expected to help with activities such as ticket sales, fundraising, and concert set-up and clean-up. We rely on our members for our success!

About the ACC

Acton Community Chorus (ACC) is a non-profit organization formed in 1984. We sing choral music in a relaxed and cheerful atmosphere and bring that enjoyment to area communities in public concerts.

We're open to all individuals 18 and older without audition!

Our Music Leaders

Jenny Cooper, Music Director. Jenny is the Director of Music at Lawrence Academy. She holds a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Southern Maine, and a B.A. in Vocal Performance and Pedagogy from Plymouth State University.

Ed Rosser, Accompanist. Ed is the Minister of Music at South Acton Congregational Church. He holds a BA in Music from Albion College, Michigan, and a Master's in Piano Performance from Boston University.

Member Information -- Please Read

Please review the following information, and ask for help if you have any questions. We look forward to singing with you this season!

Rehearsals

- Warm-ups begin promptly at 7:30 pm, so please try to arrive by 7:15 to allow time for sign-in and music distribution.
- We take a 10 minute break with refreshments at 8:30, and conclude at 9:30 pm.
- Each member will be given a rehearsal music folder and a nametag.
- If you are unsure of your voice part, ask our Music Director for help.
- Please bring a pencil each week to mark the music when needed.
- All music must be returned after the concert so it can be reused, so please do not mark in ink, cut, fold or hole-punch the music.
- During concert week there will be additional rehearsals; please see the schedule.
- **Please don't wear perfumes or colognes out of respect for those with allergies.**

Membership

- If paying in installments, payments are due on September 24, October 29, and November 26, 2018.
- Along with a weekly rehearsal commitment, members are asked to help with organizational activities such as set-up and/or clean-up and providing refreshments, as well as help in tasks such as publicity, fund-raising, and decorations.
- We depend on our members to help us function. Please pitch in whenever you can!
- As an ACC member, you are eligible to vote for Board of Directors at our next annual meeting in June 2019.

Donations

- Membership dues pay for approximately 1/3 of our costs in a concert season. To help make up the rest, we rely on fundraising, ad sales, concert ticket sales, and donations.
- If you can make an additional donation to the ACC beyond your membership, it will be greatly appreciated. **We are a non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible!**
- Donations of time are just as important as money. When we ask for help, please don't be shy! Raise your hand and join in the fun.