



## **Information for 2021-2022 Singers (Updated October 18, 2021)\*\***

### **Auditions:**

Auditions will take place immediately after the rehearsals in September and are scheduled for the following dates: September 13, 20, and 27, 2021; January 2020 audition dates are scheduled for: January 10, 24, and 31, 2022, and will take place immediately following the rehearsals. Auditions are informal and do not require any special preparation. An audition usually involves running through a few vocal exercises and, possibly, a short, familiar song. It provides our Director an opportunity to hear new singers and decide which section he'd like them to join. Potential new singers who are not available at the first rehearsal can contact [auditions@northernvirginiachorale.org](mailto:auditions@northernvirginiachorale.org) to arrange an audition time.

### **Rehearsals:**

**NOTE: At this time, we have COVID protocols in place. There is a requirement for all singers to be vaccinated; singers must either e-mail a photo of your vaccination card to your Section Leader or show a copy of your card at the first rehearsal; and all singers must wear a mask at rehearsals.**

We rehearse most Monday nights (the Monday following Labor Day in September through late April/early May, with a break around Christmas) from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield, Virginia. An exact rehearsal schedule will be announced early in the season. Singers are strongly encouraged to attend all rehearsals. Please be prepared by bringing your music and a pencil to make notes as needed. Mandatory "dress" rehearsals are generally held the evening before a concert; you are not required to wear concert dress for the rehearsal. All singers will receive ample notice of the time and date of a dress rehearsal and, barring extenuating circumstances, participation in dress rehearsals is required in order to sing in the concert.

### **List of Singers:**

Chorale Publications Manager, Margaret Eccles ([ecclesmt@cox.net](mailto:ecclesmt@cox.net)), maintains a list of NVC members. Please see her at your first rehearsal and give her your email address so she can add you to the contact list. She will also make you a name tag, which you are encouraged to wear at rehearsals.

### **2021-2022 Concert Dates:**

*Regular season concerts: at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Dress rehearsals will be the night prior.*

- December 11, 2021: Holiday Concert (Traditional Holiday & Hanukkah pieces); 3:00 p.m.
- March 19, 2022: Masterworks Concert (Faure 'Requiem') 3:00 p.m.
- May 21, 2022: "American Landscapes" Concert, 3:00 p.m.

*Special concerts:*

- December 2021 (**Tentative**): "Messiah" Sing-a-long (with other choirs (possibly a small group this year)), Kennedy Center. One or two rehearsals are typically held on the Mondays prior to the concert date. Our Artistic Director, Bob Webb, will inform us of pertinent information regarding this concert.
- February 22, 2022: Faure 'Requiem', with the Fairfax Choral Society, Schlesinger Center, Alexandria, (Time: TBD)
- May (**Tentative**): Greenspring Village Concert



### **2021-2022 Season Dues:**

**Full Year:** \$125.00, Dues; \$90.00, (2) Season Tickets, per concert for three concerts;

No Charge for Music; **Total = \$215.00.**

**First Half Year:** \$75.00, Dues; \$30.00, (2) Concert Tickets for the December 2021 concert;

No Charge for Music; **Total = \$105.00.**

**For the second half-year of the 2021-2022 Season:** \$75.00, Dues; \$60.00, (2) Concert Tickets, per concert for the two concerts in 2022; No Charge for Music; **Total = \$135.00.**

**For a single concert:** \$65.00, Dues; \$30.00 (2) Concert Tickets; No Charge for Music; **Total = \$95.00.**

You may remit dues in installments. Please contact your section leader or John Rephlo, NVC Treasurer, to make arrangements to pay in installments, or if you are unable to afford dues.

**NOTE: Concert Season and member tickets** are only valid for admission to the three concerts performed at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

### **Concert Attire:**

**Men** should wear black tuxedos with white shirts and black bowties and cummerbunds. For the December concert, men wear red bowties.

**Women** should wear an unadorned long black dress, or top with long skirt or dress trousers. Most women wear the black Amadeus Jacket from Stage Accents, <http://www.stageaccents.com>.

Women may order the Georgette dress from Stage Accents, which coordinates with the Amadeus Jacket. If a singer chooses not to purchase the Amadeus Jacket or Georgette dress, her dress or top must be long-sleeved.

**Everyone** should wear black closed-toe shoes and socks/stockings, minimal jewelry and accessories, and **no fragrances.**

**Music** must be in a black music folder or binder. Singers are responsible for purchasing their own folder or binder.

### **\*\*Section Leaders:**

Please contact your section leader if are unable to attend a rehearsal or if you have any questions. Section leaders will also collect dues and distribute tickets.

First Soprano: Maria Cussianovich, [ninamaria\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:ninamaria_us@yahoo.com)

Assistant leader, April Isla, [april.dandrea@gmail.com](mailto:april.dandrea@gmail.com)

Second Soprano: Sue Cook, [slcook6@verizon.net.net](mailto:slcook6@verizon.net.net)

Assistant leader, Gloria Hamly, [gloriahamly@verizon.net](mailto:gloriahamly@verizon.net)

First Alto: Tobi Brock, [xsticher44@hotmail.com](mailto:xsticher44@hotmail.com)

Assistant leader, Grace Reishus, [jdrger@aol.com](mailto:jdrger@aol.com)

Second Alto: Barbara Fleming, [nannyfleming@gmail.com](mailto:nannyfleming@gmail.com)

Assistant leader, Tilli Friedrich, [tillif@comcast.com](mailto:tillif@comcast.com)

Tenor: Dick Marvin, [dickandlucinda@verizon.net](mailto:dickandlucinda@verizon.net)

Assistant leader, Dennis Dzierzawski [dzierd73@ieee.org](mailto:dzierd73@ieee.org)

Baritone and Bass: Bob Bell, [robertbelljr@aol.com](mailto:robertbelljr@aol.com)



### **NVC Management and Officers:**

Artistic Director: Robert S. Webb, Jr.

Accompanist: Karen Randall

\*\*President: Hubert Fry, [fryh@cox.net](mailto:fryh@cox.net)

Vice-President:

Secretary: Sharon Younger, [kmyssy@verizon.net](mailto:kmyssy@verizon.net)

Treasurer: John Rephlo, [jm@rephlo.com](mailto:jm@rephlo.com)

Chair of the Board of Directors: Clydette Lobred, [tclobred@aol.com](mailto:tclobred@aol.com)

A complete list of Chorale leaders and volunteers is available at

<http://northernvirginiachorale.org/about-the-chorale/chorale-management/>

### **Online Information for Singers:**

All relevant information for singers is posted on the **Singers Only** section of our website at

<http://northernvirginiachorale.org/for-singers-only/>

Please log in to the **Singers Only** section with the following password: Practice18

### **Other singer responsibilities:**

**Practice!** We use YouTube to share playlists of pieces performed by other choirs to aid you in rehearsing at home. Please find our practice playlist at <https://goo.gl/uFbX3F> and bookmark it so that you can find it again. Singers are encouraged to rehearse at home. Some sections may decide to meet as a group to rehearse parts. Rehearsal aids may also be posted in the Singers Only section of the website to assist you in rehearsing at home.

**Communications:** All singers will be automatically signed up for our Google group, which we use to communicate with Chorale members. All singers should sign up for the NVC Notes newsletter at <http://tinyletter.com/nvchorale>. Please also encourage your friends and family to sign up. We send no more than one newsletter per month.

We have a private Facebook group for singers. If you use Facebook, please join it at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/133283980350209/>. Please also follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/nvchorale](https://twitter.com/nvchorale), Facebook at [facebook.com/NorthernVirginiaChorale](https://facebook.com/NorthernVirginiaChorale), and YouTube at [youtube.com/user/NVCSATB](https://youtube.com/user/NVCSATB).

**Fundraising and community outreach:** Singers are encouraged to participate in fundraisers, to sell concert tickets to their friends and family, to speak to any business owners they know about buying advertising in our concert programs, and to take on volunteer duties as needed depending on their availability. Singers who are available on weekdays are encouraged to participate in our Outreach activities, which generally involve singing for residents of local nursing homes. **NOTE: Due to COVID restrictions, our Outreach group is unable to perform at this time at Senior Centers and Nursing Homes.** More information on all of these activities will be provided during the season.

**If you shop on Amazon.com, you are encouraged to do so using Amazon Smile, which is Amazon's charitable program. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and enter "Springfield Chorale" as your charity (this is the Chorale's corporate name). Every time you shop using [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), the Chorale will receive a percentage of your purchase.**