

## NEW SINGERS' AUDITION INFORMATION:



### STEPS TO FOLLOW TO AUDITION WITH THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHORALE

We are delighted you are considering becoming a member of our Northern Virginia Community Chorale! Please follow the steps outlined below, to prepare for your audition with the Chorale:



**1.) First, contact us by email at: [auditions@northernvirginiachorale.org](mailto:auditions@northernvirginiachorale.org), indicating your interest in joining the NV Chorale.**

**2.) Please let us know a little bit about:**

**a. Your singing experience:**

— *For example, do you have three years in a local church choir, or other related experience?*

**b. What your vocal range is:**

— *Are you a soprano, an alto, tenor, baritone or bass?*

**c. How did you learn about the Northern Virginia Chorale?**

— *Did you learn of the NVC through our website, or elsewhere online; by word-of-mouth; or perhaps through a recommendation from another local musical group? Please let us know!*

**3.) Audition location and times:**

Auditions will be held following rehearsals on the dates provided on our website. In general, auditions are held in early September right after Labor Day, and on the second

Monday in January, as well as two other Mondays of the New Year, following that date. (Auditions may also be scheduled on other specially designated dates.)

To audition, you will meet with our Artistic Director, Bob Webb in the sanctuary area of the church. Bob Webb will check out your vocal range by having you sing some basic scales. 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 would like them to join. Potential new singers who are not available at the first rehearsal can contact us at: [auditions@northernvirginiachorale.org](mailto:auditions@northernvirginiachorale.org), to arrange for an alternate audition time.

### **Experience:**

We have a wide range of musical experience among our Chorale members. Some singers were past music majors in college, while others have taken up choral singing later in their lives.

To give you a feel for the concert standards our director expects of us, please visit the "[Sounds of the Chorale](#)" page, available under the *Performances* tab drop-down menu from our navigation. You may also visit our YouTube Channel to watch videos of some of our past, live choral performances. It should be noted that our director enables us to reach the high standards of excellence in our concert performances by teaching us, "how to sing effectively in a choral setting." There will be more information about this located in the *For Singers Only* section of our website.

**Visit our YouTube Channel to watch excerpts from some of our past performances at the below address:**



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

You may also visit the ***Sounds of the Chorale*** audio page on our website at this address:

<http://www.northernvirginiachorale.org/sounds-of-the-chorale>

**Thank you for taking the time to audition with the Northern Virginia Chorale! We look forward to welcoming new singers each year, and appreciate your interest in auditioning and singing with us!**



### **Directions to St. Mark's Lutheran Church:**

*(You may also download a PDF file with more direction routes and maps showing the I-495 Capital Beltway exits, available on the **Contact Us** page of our website.)*

### **St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

5800 Backlick Road  
Springfield, Virginia 22150

- **From I-395 South, towards Richmond:** Merge onto VA/648/Edsall Road, via Exit 2B. Go 1.39 miles, and turn left onto Backlick Road.
  - **From the Beltway:** Coming from I-495 South, take the Braddock Road Exit, 54A/54B. Merge onto VA 620 East Braddock Road, and go 2.2 miles, then turn right onto Backlick Road (It is one mile past Bradwood Street).
  - **Alternatively, from I-495 South:** Take the **Old Keene Mill Rd** Exit 169B, toward **VA-644 W/Springfield/Franconia**. Keep **left** to take the ramp toward **Springfield/VA-644 W/Old Keene Mill Rd**. The ramp will curve around to the right, where you will then turn off onto Rolling Road, and take another left onto Commerce Street, through a small shopping area with restaurants. From Commerce Street, you will take a left onto Backlick Road, and go for a mile or so until you will see St. Mark's Church on the left. The church sits up on a hillside. You may make a left into the parking lot from the center of the four-lane roadway.
- or:**
- **From the Fairfax County Parkway:** The Parkway becomes the Springfield-Franconia Parkway. Take Backlick Road East.

[Click here](#), to view the map below on Mapquest.com, and to get directions from your location to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

