

The Tallahassee Community Chorus 2009-2010 Season

\$18 general admission
\$12 seniors
\$5 students with valid I.D.

November 22, 2009 @ 4:00 P.M.

Elijah – Felix Mendelssohn

December 1, 2009 @ 7:30 P.M.

Seasonal Celebration w/ FSU Choral Dept.
Dress Reh. Nov. 30; Time TBA

January 23, 2010 @ 8:00 P.M.

Unity Concert – *Soul of America*

April 11, 2010 @ 4:00 P.M.

Mass in C & Choral Fantasy – Beethoven

**All performances & dress rehearsals at:
Bradforville First Baptist Church
6494 Thomasville Road**



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COMMUNITY
CHORUS**

PO Box 13083
Tallahassee, FL 32317-3083
Web Site: www.tcchorus.org

Member Handbook 2009-2010

Ticket Outlets

FSU Fine Arts Ticket Office
644-6500 or 1-800-757-2146
www.tickets.fsu.edu

or

Beethoven & Company
894-8700
Monday Night Rehearsal



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On behalf of The Tallahassee Community Chorus Board of Directors, Administrative and Artistic staff, welcome to the 22nd season of your Community Chorus.

As you can tell from the season's repertoire, Dr. Thomas has programmed another spectacular year of choral music. Your experience in this journey will be directly proportionate to what you offer through rehearsal, preparation, and dedication.

We hope this handbook answers a number of questions and concerns related to rehearsals, performance etiquette, wardrobe issues, and our temporary change of performance address.

Barbara D'Annunzio
President of the Board

Jan Smith
Dir. of Membership

Dr. André Thomas
Artistic Director

Jeffrey Benson
Executive Director

About the Chorus

Mission:

The mission of the Tallahassee Community Chorus is to enjoy the experience of promoting choral music through excellence in performance, educational outreach to the schools and community, as well as national and international travel. The Chorus strives to maintain the finest non-traditional, mixed community chorus ensemble in the nation.

Brief History:

Under the artistic direction of Dr. André Thomas, the 200+ voices of the Tallahassee Community Chorus have become the premier choral ensemble of Florida. Formed in 1988, the chorus presents three concerts per year. The Chorus is the only community chorus of its size and quality that does not require an audition for membership.

The Chorus has performed with the Tallahassee Symphony, Florida A&M Choral Department, Florida State University Choral Department, Bethel A.M.E. Church Cathedral Choir, Leon High School Choral Department, Chiles High School Choral Department, Lincoln High School Choral Department, Billy Taylor, William Warfield, Bobby McFerrin, and under the batons of Krzysztof Penderecki, Sir David Willcocks, and the late Robert Shaw.

Travel Experiences:

- 2004 Carnegie Hall Performance, New York City
- 2007 Beijing International Choral Festival, China
- 2008 Memorial Day Performance, Washington DC

READ the weekly newsletter, "Monday Night Notes," and check the web site www.tcchorus.org regularly!

WRITE your name & music number on your music and bring your music and pencil to every rehearsal!

EMAIL your Section Leader if you will be absent or late, or you will be considered absent or late without excuse. FSU Students should also notify Assistant Director.

TELL your Section Leader, Director of Membership or Board member of illnesses, death, or causes to celebrate.

CONCERT ATTIRE

(All music must be in a black folder unless otherwise specified)

Women:

Regulation long black dress (hemmed to two inches above the floor), black, close-toed dress shoes, black hose. Please DO NOT wear scented hairspray or perfume. Jewelry: small post earrings. No neckware; No dangling earrings; No flashy or large jewelry or hair-wear.

Men:

Black tuxedo (regular jacket) with white, wing-collar shirt, black cummerbund, black bowtie, black dress shoes & socks, black cufflinks and studs. No vests please.

Artistic and Administrative Staff Board of Directors

All email addresses are @tcchorus.org unless otherwise specified

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2009-2010 Section Leaders

Soprano – **Carol Howell** – soprano@tcchorus.org
Alto – **Germaine M. Brand** – alto@tcchorus.org
Tenor – **Steve McDowell** – tenor@tcchorus.org
Bass – **Steve Mindlin** – bass@tcchorus.org

Rehearsal Location:

Alfriend Hall at St. John's Episcopal Church (Monroe/Call)
Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. every Monday unless noted.
Additional rehearsals called at the discretion of the Director.

Parking: See the web site www.tcchorus.org for parking information.

Membership Eligibility:

The Tallahassee Community Chorus shall be open to members of the community who subscribe to the purpose and principles. Membership may be denied or revoked for failure to meet and maintain membership requirements, or for consistent failure to comply with rehearsal policies or participation requirements.

Requirements to Maintain Membership:

1. Attend rehearsals as required.
2. Completed Registration Form
3. Dues paid by third rehearsal as mandated by the board

Rehearsal Policies:

1. Be on time and ready to begin at 7:30
2. Take your nametag for attendance. Nametags are picked up 20 minutes after the start of rehearsal and an unclaimed nametag will count as unexcused absence unless the member has been excused by the Section Leader. Student members must also sign in and out as directed by the Assistant Director.
3. No gum or candy or dinner; No homework
4. Turn off all electronic devices; No texting!

Concert Etiquette:

1. No gum or candy
2. No perfume or cologne
3. No talking
4. No clapping for fellow performers
5. No waving to the audience
6. No smoking during intermission
7. Do enjoy the experience – you earned it!

Chorus Participation Requirements:

1. Be a member in good standing
2. Attend all regular rehearsals with no more than three (3) unexcused absences per semester
3. Be punctual for all rehearsals with no more than three (3) unexcused late arrivals per semester
4. Attend and be on time for at least two (2) of the last three rehearsals immediately preceding a dress rehearsal
5. Attend all dress rehearsals for the specific performance (dress rehearsal does NOT mean concert attire unless specified)
6. Wear required concert attire
7. Behave in a manner that is not detrimental or distracting to other performers at rehearsals and performances
8. Make a musical and artistic contribution to the chorus

(Items 1, 2, 4, and 5 shall be determined from attendance records of the chorus. Item 3 shall be determined by appropriate Section Leader. Items 6 and 7 shall be determined by Music Director, the President and two other voting members of the Board of Directors. Item 8 shall be determined by the Music Director. Any person who does not fulfill all 8 requirements will not be allowed to perform at the discretion of the Music Director, and membership may be revoked or denied by the Board upon consultation with the Music Director.)