



The Tallahassee Community Chorus

2010-2011 Season

\$18 general admission; \$12 seniors; \$5 students

October 8, 2010 @ 8:00 P.M.

FSU School of Music 100th Anniversary Celebration

November 21, 2010 @ 4:00 P.M.

Requiem—Mozart & Chichester Psalms—Bernstein

November 30, 2010 @ 7:30 P.M.

Seasonal Celebration w/ FSU Choral Dept.

January 20, 2011 @ 8:00 P.M.

Unity Concert

February 8, 2011 @ 8:00 P.M.

English Choral Concert with Simon Halsey

April 16, 2011 @ 8:00 P.M.

Requiem—Verdi

July 10-18, 2011

Prague Choral Festival—Prague, Czech Republic

**All performances & dress rehearsals at:
Ruby Diamond Auditorium
FSU Campus, 600 N. Copeland St.**



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Member Handbook 2010-2011

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



On behalf of The Tallahassee Community Chorus Board of Directors, Administrative and Artistic staff, welcome to the 23rd season of your Community Chorus.

As you can tell from the season's repertoire, Dr. Thomas has programmed another spectacular year of choral music. The quality of your experience this season will be directly proportional to your involvement through rehearsal, preparation, dedication and volunteerism.

We hope this handbook answers your questions and concerns about attendance requirements, rehearsals, performance etiquette and concert attire. Feel free to ask your Section Leader if you have any questions!

Jan Smith
President of the Board

Dr. André Thomas
Artistic Director

Jen Reece
Dir. of Membership

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 J. 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 Kennedy Center Performance, Washington DC
- 2011 Prague Choral Festival, Czech Republic

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.

University Chorale Students should 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 mid-ankle), 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

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2010-2011 Section Leaders

Soprano - Ana Lopez-Edwards - 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 www.tcchorus.org for parking information.

Ticket Outlets: Beethoven and Company
850-894-8700
Monday Night Rehearsals

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. Pick up your nametag. Unclaimed nametags are collected 20 minutes after the start of rehearsal and will count as unexcused absence unless prior notification has been given.
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 all dress rehearsals for the specific performance (unless prior approval is granted by director of membership)
5. Wear required concert attire
6. Behave in a manner that is not detrimental or distracting to other performers at rehearsals and performances
7. Make a musical and artistic contribution to the chorus

(Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be determined from attendance records of the chorus and by appropriate Section Leader. Items 5 & 6 shall be determined by Music Director, the President and two other voting members of the Board of Directors. Item 7 shall be determined by the Music Director. Any person who does not fulfill all 7 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.)