

THE DELAWARE CHORAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION Spring 2010--53rd Concert Season

CONCERTS:

This spring the Delaware Choral Society is very excited to present a Pops concert in collaboration with the Dover Symphony. Our theme is "Hollywood to Broadway," and the music will include medleys from MGM movie musicals, from the songs of composer Irving Berlin, from the musical "Sweeney Todd," and from the James Bond movies. There will be two concerts: the first will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at Calvary Assembly of God, 1141 E. Lebanon Road, Dover, Delaware, and the second at 3:00 p.m. on May 2, 2010, at the Dover Central Middle School, 211 Delaware Ave.

CONCERT DRESS:

Concert dress for men and women is as follows:

Women: black dress and jacket. Dresses are to be four inches off the floor, with black comfortable shoes and black pantyhose.

Men: tuxedo coat and pants, white tuxedo shirt with lay-down collar, bowtie, **no** cummerbund, black socks and shoes.

All concert dress items can be purchased through Delaware Choral Society. The complete outfit for women costs approximately \$113.00, and for men approximately \$111.00. To make this more affordable, payment can be made in installments. In addition, there are some items that can be borrowed from Choral Society, instead of purchasing. Please contact Ruth Lyon for orders and information, telephone: 302-697-6466 or e-mail: rlyon19901@yahoo.com.

REHEARSALS:

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 209 S. State Street, Dover. Remember to bring a PENCIL to mark your music. Please be PROMPT. Information and warm-ups are a necessary part of our rehearsal. If it is difficult for you to arrive at rehearsal on time, exceptions will be made. As performance time nears, it may be necessary to extend rehearsal times a few minutes beyond 9:30 to prepare the music properly.

Each member will be provided with a lanyard and name tag to be worn at each rehearsal. This is one way to encourage a friendly atmosphere and help those who are new to DCS.

If a rehearsal must be cancelled because of weather conditions, you will receive an e-mail or phone call from one of the board members. You may also call Kay McFadden at 302-422-7775.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance is critical to the success of our performance. There is no substitute for singing together to establish blend, balance and a sense of ensemble. You will be asked to sign up at the first rehearsal and write very clearly your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address on the index card provided. Both old and new members are asked to give this information, because things can change, and we want to be able to contact you with any pertinent information. Thereafter, attendance will be taken by sections leaders. **If you do not report to your section leader, you will be marked absent.**

The following new attendance rules are now in effect:

1. A maximum of **three absences**, excused or unexcused, will be allowed; i.e., upon a fourth absence a member may be asked not to sing in that season's concert, unless the director deems that member to be sufficiently prepared;
2. If a member knows that he/she will be absent for any given rehearsal, or if he/she has missed a rehearsal, he is asked notify section leader or call Kay at 302-422-7775, or e-mail delawarechoralsociety@yahoo.com;
3. If a singer must drop out for any reason, he must let a board member know IMMEDIATELY so that the name may be removed from the rolls and from the program listing. For some reason, some people just drop out without warning, which makes it difficult to keep membership and music records. Please be considerate. **All borrowed music must be returned as soon as possible.**

DUES:

Dues are \$25.00 for each concert season. Our dues cover costs to maintain and purchase music, and are also used for the cash flow needed for ongoing expenses.

SCORES:

You may either buy or borrow your music. If you borrow your music, it MUST be returned at the end of each concert. If for some reason you find that you must discontinue singing with us, PLEASE RETURN YOUR MUSIC PROMPTLY! If you have any music from past concerts please return it.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION:

There are various ways members can participate in the group's activities. There are a number of essential committees that need the support of the members:

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| Concert Committee | Social/Rehearsal Committee |
| Music Library Committee | Concert Dress Committee |
| Grant and Finance Committee | Publicity Committee |
| Membership Committee | Website |
| Tickets, Ads, Patrons, Program Committee (TAPP) | |

Another way of contributing is by joining the Board of Directors. Any Choral Society member may join the Board of Directors, and we are always on the lookout for volunteers to serve. Our Board meetings are usually held monthly on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Lastly, and most important, is everyone's participation in helping to put our concert on stage! Presenting the Delaware Choral Society before an audience involves many expenses, including rehearsal space, conductor and accompanist salaries, instrumentalists, concert venue, printing, stationery, mailing and internet costs. YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES (patron contributions, program advertising, ticket sales, Boscov's, Uno's, Friendly's) WILL HELP TREMENDOUSLY IN DEFRAYING THE COSTS OF OUR CONCERTS!

**DON'T UNDERVALUE YOUR TALENTS OR CONTRIBUTIONS.
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

CURRENT STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Conductor	Kevin Thomas	410-725-6842
Accompanist	Kevin Chamberlain	302-236-1276
Board President	Kay McFadden	302-422-7775 (Call with questions)
Treasurer	Mary Stiller	302-335-4383
Secretaries	Cheryl Fischer	302-242-2282
	Kathleen Shelly	302-242-0328
Webmaster	Kathleen Shelly	

Other board members: Chris Berg (grants, corporate sponsors), Mary Kobb (member emeritus), Lauren Leto (Boscov's fundraiser), Carol Neild (music library), Sara Pitts (general attendance), Faye Russell (hospitality), Jean Sarg (concert coordinator), Betsy Stewart, Jim Sevast (recording engineer), Les Stiller (tickets), Laura Unruh (hospitality), Paul Unruh.

Website: www.delawarechoralsociety.org

E-mail: delawarechoralsociety@yahoo.com

The website can be used to publish any activities you might like all group members, old and new, to know about. Just send an e-mail with the necessary information **ready for mailing** to delawarechoralsociety@yahoo.com. It will go out to the whole membership!