

Solaris Vocal Ensemble
Fall 2021 Membership Information and Expectations

The aim of the Solaris Vocal Ensemble is to create exciting and inspiring concerts of high-quality and expressive classical choral repertoire. Solaris' 2021- 2022 performances will include our holiday concerts Friday December 17 through Sunday, December 19, our *This Shining Night* concert on Saturday, February 12, and Spring 2022 concerts April 8-10. We will also be performing a special concert in late Fall – date TBD.

Rehearsal Attendance Policy

Solaris rehearses on Tuesday nights from 7:00-9:00 at College Street Congregational Church in Burlington. Rehearsals are extended to 9:15 approximately 1 month into the semester and then to 9:30 for roughly the last 6 weeks prior to the concert weekend. Rehearsals begin September 7th, continue through the December performances and resume on January 4th through the performances in April. There will be an additional Saturday rehearsal in the fall and spring, at a date decided on early in the fall.

- Timely participation in all regular rehearsals is required. **Singers are expected to miss not more than three (3) regular rehearsals in a concert preparation period.** Anyone that misses a rehearsal will need to review the recording from that rehearsal prior to the next one so that they will be caught up with any markings or other musical details they will have missed. Additional absences for emergencies or other reasons will necessitate a consultation with the Artistic Director.
- Singers not in compliance with this attendance policy will have their ability to participate in an upcoming concert assessed by the Artistic Director.
- Attendance at the dress rehearsal is mandatory.
- Occasionally music will need to be memorized for performance. Singers must be willing and able to memorize selected repertoire as necessary for various concerts.
- Lastly, all singers are expected to work on their Solaris music between rehearsals, and to come to rehearsal with their music prepared.

Covid Expectations

Solaris Vocal Ensemble is committed to providing the safest available protection measures from the Covid-19 Coronavirus and its variants to our members, their families, and our broader choir community and, to that end has adopted the required membership conditions outlined in our Covid-19 policy.

Financial Expectations

- Choir membership fees are \$50 per year.
- Music Fees are charged per semester and run approximately \$60 per year. Singers retain their music.

Concert Attire Policy

- Men: black tux, white shirt, and black bow tie.
- Women: the Solaris black top and skirt, opaque black hose and closed-toe shoes. Moderate size earrings are fine, but no necklaces, please.

Re-audition Policy for All Members

A brief re-audition process will occur for Solaris members every 2 years following the spring concert using music sung in the concert. Sopranos and Altos – even years; Tenors and Basses – odd years. Many of the best choirs throughout the US re-audition singers on a regular basis to help ensure that an excellent ensemble will continue to achieve its highest musical goals.

Additional Expectations

In addition to using their vocal gifts and talents, Solaris members will be encouraged to volunteer to help with the needs of the organization related to the growth and health of the ensemble.