



August 1, 2017

Greetings Fellow Singers!

I hope this letter finds you well and anxious to resume singing. We are actually planning to begin rehearsals one week earlier than usual on September 12th. The program for our December concert, "Vespers for the Passing Year", is exciting, varied, and included with this mailing. Why not begin listening to the suggested performances on youtube to familiarize yourself with this wonderful music? You'll notice that the program even contains a piece composed by our conductor, Allan Birney! I'm sure you are all familiar with Handel's "Messiah". For our spring concert, we will be performing Handel's "other" biblical oratorio, "Israel in Egypt".

Rehearsals continue to take place on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM, with all rehearsals and concerts held at First Presbyterian Church in Allentown. The church, conveniently located on the corner of Cedar Crest Blvd. and Tilghman St., has a convenient choral room for rehearsals, excellent acoustics, and ample parking.

Music will be available at the first rehearsal on Tues., Sept. 12th. Please plan on arriving early, so that we can begin promptly and finish in a timely manner.

Prices for music are as follows:

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| Music for December concert | \$25 |
| Music for April concert | \$14 |

Dues for the entire season remain at only \$25. Please remember to bring a blank check to the first rehearsal made out to "Camerata Singers" to cover dues and the purchase of any music you may need.

Our concert attire will have an elegant, formal look. Women are requested to wear a black long-sleeved top and black ankle-length skirt, or dressy black pants. Men will continue to wear tuxedos for performances. Top Hat on McArthur Road in Whitehall provides discounts on tux rentals for Camerata members.

You are urged to notify your section representative **in advance** if you are unable to attend a rehearsal or if you have any doubt about singing in an upcoming performance. Often a brief discussion with Allan Birney (our illustrious, musical director) will straighten out a potential schedule conflict and allow you to sing. The section reps and their alternates for this season are as follows:

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| SOPRANO | Faye Pokrifka | 610-264-1395 | TENOR | Ben Becker | 484-241-5948 |
| alternate | Cindy Ernst | 484-553-6536 | alternate | Dean Berg | 610-573-6067 |
| ALTO | Elaine Molnar | 610-814-2360 | BASS | Bob Smith | 610-282-1362 |
| alternate | Chris Torchia | 610-791-3502 | alternate | Ted Twardzik | 610-967-2567 |

In case of inclement weather, please visit www.pacameratasingers.org (our website) **after 3 PM on the day of rehearsal** for updates and information. Additional Saturday rehearsals may need to be arranged to make up for any missed rehearsals.

2017-2018 Schedule (dress rehearsal times are subject to change)

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| Tues., Sept. 12 | Rehearsals begin at First Presbyterian | 7:15 PM |
| Fri., Dec. 15 | Rehearsal at First Presbyterian Church | 7:30 PM |
| Sat., Dec. 16 | Rehearsal at First Presbyterian Church | 1:00 PM |
| Sat., Dec. 16 | Concert at First Presbyterian Church | 7:30 PM |
| Tues., Jan. 16 | Rehearsals resume at First Presbyterian Church | 7:30 PM |
| Fri., Apr. 27 | Rehearsal at First Presbyterian | 7:30 PM |
| Sat., Apr. 28 | Rehearsal at First Presbyterian | 1:00 PM |
| Sat., Apr. 28 | Concert at First Presbyterian Church | 7:30 PM |

Please mark these dates in your calendar now to avoid potential conflicts down the road.

As always, Camerata Singers would love to enlist your help on one of our many committees. We are always looking for assistance with grant-writing and publicity. You will have an opportunity to get involved by completing a form at our first rehearsal. We would also like to expand our membership so please encourage your singing friends to call Allan at 610-653-8097 to schedule an audition.

If you know of any current member who did not receive this mailing, don't hesitate to call me at 484-515-0116. Expect to receive a personal phone call or email in the next few weeks from a board member or section rep welcoming you back for this season. **Kindly reply in a timely manner so we know how many singers to anticipate and how much music to order.**

I hope you have a restful and relaxing summer.
Warmest regards,

Deborah Zohn
Membership Chair

P.S. Please save this page as a handy reference.