



## AUTUMN 2009



If you're new to us, we hope you'll feel comfortable and at home with us from the very start. We all share a broad range of ages and musical—and we were all “new” at one time or another. If you're confused, just ask for help from anyone. There is no such thing as a dumb question!

Okay—Here's The Drill...

**COMMUNICATION:** E-mail is a primary form of communication for all of us. Please be sure we have your correct e-mail address, and you can expect to hear from us if there are changes in our schedule, weather closures, and any kind of emergency. You may also want to check us out on the web at:

[www.chesterriverchorale.org](http://www.chesterriverchorale.org)

**REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE:** We all are expected to attend 80% of our rehearsals each semester. If you are going to be absent, please notify one of the officers or one of your fellow singers.

**PENCILS:** Please bring a pencil to each rehearsal to mark your music. Please do not use highlighter or permanent marker.

**WATER:** We usually bring individual sized bottles of water from home to “wet our whistles” during rehearsal. Singing can be thirsty work!

**CHIT-CHAT:** We respectfully request that all cross-talk be kept to an absolute minimum during rehearsals. We have little enough time as it is, and a lot of musical ground to cover.

**POSTURE:** Sit UP, hold your music UP, and your spirits will go UP!

**NO-NOS:** No chewing gum and NO booze until after rehearsals and performances.

### ON THE FASHION FRONT:

**CONCERT DRESS:** For our winter and spring performances, we wear what is called “concert dress”

**WOMEN:** long black from head to toe. Yes, you may wear pants. No, you may not have bare shoulders or midriffs (EEK!). Please leave flashy jewelry at home and wear comfy shoes.

**MEN:** dark suits, white shirts, and a necktie (NOT a bowtie) in a color to be determined later.

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:** khaki on the bottom and navy blue golf shirts (with a collar) on the top.

Please do not wear perfumes, aftershave or cologne for any concert.

# 2009-2010 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, Dec. 11 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 13 3 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

## HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING IN

Friday, Dec. 18 8 p.m.

Prince Theatre

## SPRING CONCERT

Friday, April 30 8 p.m.

Sunday May 2

Location TBA

## CONCERT IN THE PARK

Summer 2010

Fountain Park

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Board meetings are held on  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

## KARI PALUDIN

Special Performance

Fundraiser for the Chester River

Chorale and the Prince Theatre

Saturday, Sept. 26 8 p.m.

Master Class with Kari Paludin

Sunday, Sept. 27

Time and Location TBA

## MORE ABOUT REHEARSALS ...

Rehearsals are held every Monday evening. We start **promptly** at 7 p.m.

If there are to be changes in rehearsal schedules, they will be announced at rehearsal — and by e-mail.

There are “dress rehearsals” prior to each performance. We use this term loosely. It really means FINAL rehearsal. You don’t have to show up in concert dress.

If you are ever unsure about the **schedule**, please call someone!

If you are sick (with a cold, for instance), but ambulatory, you are welcome to come to rehearsal and sit in the back of the church. Just please don’t breathe on the rest of us!

If you have rearranged anything during rehearsal, please put it back the way you found it.

