

PEORIA AREA CIVIC CHORALE

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Artistic Director and Conductor

2008-2009 Auditions
May 21, August 12 and January 6

First United Methodist Church, Peoria
116 N.E. Perry Peoria, IL 61603

The Civic Chorale seeks to discover and recruit the very finest vocal musicians in Central Illinois. We are looking for those singers who are both vocally talented and willing to commit to the purpose and mission of the Peoria Area Civic Chorale in a most positive way. You may be one of those singers and we would like to welcome you to our auditions. The audition process is given in the positive spirit of the Civic Chorale so with this value in mind, please enter the audition with eagerness, confidence and sing to your fullest potential. We wish you the very best!

Audition Information

The Mission of the Peoria Area Civic Chorale is to perform diversity in repertoire of the highest quality presented in the most professional manner for the enjoyment, entertainment, aesthetic enrichment and education of its members, its audiences, and those who live in the communities it serves.

Auditions are 10-15 minute individual appointments with the music director and consist of four components: (1) vocalization to demonstrate range and quality, (2) music reading, (3) tonal memory, and (4) a prepared piece of music - preferably 2-3 minutes from memory.

Minimum requirements for audition eligibility are: (1) substantial previous choral experiences, i.e. three or more years of any combination of high school, college, church, or other community choirs; (2) good music-reading ability, and (3) good vocal quality.

Very helpful but not required: (1) Individual voice training, (2) instrumental training (piano, band, or orchestra, (3) evidence of vocal solo experience.

Membership Responsibilities include

Rehearsal Attendance – Members are expected to be prepared for all rehearsals and performances. Weekly rehearsals are in Wesley Hall at First United Methodist Church in Peoria on Tuesday evenings from 6:50-9:00 P.M. It is expected that you will miss no more than three (3) rehearsals. In addition to the regular Tuesday night rehearsal, PACC WEEK rehearsals and performances this spring are scheduled for April 28, 29, 30, May 1, May 2 and May 4. PACC WEEK in December 2008 will be held on 12/15 through 12/21.

Home Practice: Singers are expected to work on their music in between the Tuesday night rehearsals. MIDI generated practice CDs are generally available for singers during the first couple of rehearsals while CDs of later rehearsals utilized to assist in memory work will become available at a later date. Both are available for a nominal fee. As another option, you may wish to use your own cassette tape recorder to record each rehearsal.

Total memorization – This is the way of the Peoria Area Civic Chorale!

Financial Commitment – Singers are responsible for all concert attire as determined by the wardrobe chairperson. Concert wardrobe announcements will be given at the beginning of each performance season.

Choral Music – The music used during each season is the property of the PACC and as such will be given to singers on loan only.