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MCS FACT SHEET 2010-2011

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Open Sing!

Come try us out – you'll like what you hear! **Monday, September 13, 2010** from 7-9:15 at Grace Episcopal Church in Manchester (Pine and Lowell).

Audition Requirements (by appointment)

The yearly auditions are designed to assess your capabilities and to place you appropriately in the choir. **This year, ALL singers will be asked to audition.** Auditions are private. Please PREPARE the attached excerpt in your preferred voice part (excerpt also posted on the MCS website). You will also be asked to vocalize and sight-sing, in addition to performing basic tonal memory and hearing exercises. We want as many singers as possible – we really want you to do well! Prepare the excerpt as well as you possibly can – *this is the most important part of the audition*. It's normal to be nervous for an audition, but we promise to do everything we can to make your experience pleasant! Notification will be made by phone. Auditions are by appointment and take place at Grace Episcopal Church. Contact membership chair, Carol Sanders: altoluno@comcast.net (603)566-7467.

Obligations to MCS

- Dues = \$125 per year, paid at first rehearsal in September (Students = \$75; scholarships available) PLEASE PAY BY CHECK OR CASH IF POSSIBLE!
- Purchase of music = TBA
- Assist with selling tickets to concerts - Assist with selling advertisements for program booklet
- Serve on committees and volunteer to help where needed - be prompt, bring a pencil, practice at home
- *Do your best* to memorize music according to the assigned schedule. Committing *some* of our music to memory will enhance the level of communication between choir and conductor, and provide greater interpretive nuance and freedom.
- Practice and prepare music during the week on your own. Bring a high level of preparation and commitment to each rehearsal.

Concert Dress

Women: *MODEST*, elegant black concert attire (black dress slacks, or ankle/tea length skirt and black blouse, or black long dress; top should have sleeves or should be worn with jacket/sweater; no off-the-shoulder, no cleavage, no bare belly); scarf (supplied by MCS)

Men: Black tux/suit, white shirts with black bow tie, black socks, black shoes

Attendance Policy

- Rehearsals are held Monday nights, **7:00 – 9:15 p.m.**, Great Hall, Grace Church
- No more than *two absences* during the fall semester; additional absence approved by the Music Director
- Attend a minimum of two sectionals per concert series.
Four hard-scheduled sectionals (2 for SA and 2 for TB) are scheduled per project (see calendar). Section leaders will also schedule additional sectionals. These sectionals may be led by section leaders or a capable designee. Sectionals should be at least 1 hour in length preferably not on Monday evenings.
- Mandatory attendance at dress rehearsals; singers participate in rehearsals only if they plan to sing in concert

To schedule an audition, contact membership chair, Carol Sanders: altoluno@comcast.net (603)566-7467.

Performances

Christmas Tapestry 2010	Manchester Choral Society – With Manchester West High School, Sue Wilkes – director, the choirs of Plymouth State University, and string orchestra
Repertoire:	Vaughan Williams <i>Dona nobis pacem</i> Dan Forrest <i>Carol of Joy</i> Additional repertoire TBA
Monday, November 29, 2010 St. Joseph Cathedral	7:00 pm Rehearsal
Thursday, December 2, 2010 St. Joseph Cathedral	[5:30 pm Orchestra Rehearsal] 7-10pm Full Rehearsal
Friday, December 3, 2010 St. Joseph Cathedral	4:30-6:30pm Full Rehearsal 6:30 Dinner Break 8pm Performance
Saturday, December 4, 2010 St. Joseph Cathedral	7pm Performance
Sunday, December 5, 2010 Plymouth State University	3pm Performance

Caroling at the Currier	Manchester Choral Society – caroling at the Currier Museum of Art
Saturday, December 11, 2010 Currier Gallery	Starting at noon until about 2 (free general admission before noon – so bring your families and friends!)

Spring 2011	Manchester Choral Society
Repertoire:	Brahms <i>Ein Deutsches Requiem</i> Premiere: Gwyneth Walker
Monday, May 16, 2011 Grace Church	7:00-10:00 Rehearsal at Grace Church
Thursday, May 19, 2011 Ste. Marie Parish	5:30-6:45pm Orchestra Rehearsal 6:45pm Vocal Warmup 7:00-10pm Full Rehearsal
Friday, May 20, 2011 Ste. Marie Parish	6:30-9:30 Full Dress Rehearsal
Saturday, May 21, 2011 Ste. Marie Parish	6:30 Premiere Rehearsal with All Singers 7:15 Break 8:00 Performance
Sunday, May 22, 2011 Ste. Marie Parish Manchester Country Club	1:00 Warmup 2:00 Performance Gala Celebration

CALENDAR 2010-2011

2010				
Monday	September 13	7-9:15	Open Sing	Grace Church
Tuesday	September 21	7-8(30)	Sectional: SA and TB	Grace Church
Wednesday	September 29	TBA	NH Charitable Foundation Performance	SNHU
Saturday	October 2	9am-1pm	Retreat	Grace Church *****
Tuesday	October 12	7-8(30)	Sectional: TB	Grace Church
Wednesday	October 13	7-8(30)	Sectional: SA	Grace Church
Friday	October 22	6:30-9	Wine Tasting and Auction	Institute of Art
Tuesday	November 2	7-8(30)	Sectional: SA	Grace Church
Wednesday	November 3	7-8(30)	Sectional: TB	Grace Church
Monday	November 29	7-9:15	Rehearsal	St. Joseph Cathedral
Thursday	December 2	7:00-10pm	Rehearsal	St. Joseph Cathedral
Friday	December 3	4:30-6:30pm 8pm	Dress Rehearsal PERFORMANCE	St. Joseph Cathedral
Saturday	December 4	6pm 7pm	Warmup Rehearsal PERFORMANCE	St. Joseph Cathedral
Sunday	December 5	2pm 3pm	Warmup PERFORMANCE	Plymouth State University
2011				
Monday	January 31	7-9:15pm	First Rehearsal	Grace Church
Tuesday	February 15	7-8(30)	Sectional: TB	Grace Church
Wednesday	February 16	7-8(30)	Sectional: SA	Grace Church
Tuesday	March 15	7-8(30)	Sectional: SA	Grace Church
Wednesday	March 16	7-8(30)	Sectional: TB	Grace Church
Saturday	April 2 [tentative]	Evening	Broadway Piano Bar with MCS	XO Restaurant Elm Street
Monday	May 16	7-10pm	Dress Rehearsal	Ste. Marie Parish
Thursday	May 19	7-10pm	Dress Rehearsal	Ste. Marie Parish
Friday	May 20	6:30-10pm	Dress Rehearsal	Ste. Marie Parish
Saturday	May 21	6:30 8pm	Premiere Rehearsal PERFORMANCE	Ste. Marie Parish
Sunday	May 22	1pm 2pm	Warmup PERFORMANCE Gala Celebration	Ste. Marie Parish Manchester Country Club
Monday	June 6	7pm	ANNUAL MEETING	Grace Church