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MCS FACT SHEET FALL 2011

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OPEN SING!

Monday, September 12, 2011 from 7-9:15 at Manchester Community Music School (Recital Hall), 2291 Elm Street.

Audition Requirements (by appointment)

Singers interested in auditioning should contact Sue DiSalvo ms_sue_gsleader@comcast.net / c. 305-0772 to schedule an audition. All returning **Altos and Bass/Baritones** will be asked to audition. 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. Notification will be posted on the members page of the MCS website. Auditions are by appointment and take place at Manchester Community Music School.

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 = Cost 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.**, Recital Hall, Manchester Community Music School.
- No more than *two absences*; additional absence approved by the Music Director.
- Attend a minimum of two sectionals per concert series.
Five hard-scheduled sectionals are scheduled per project at Manchester Community Music School.
Fall dates are 9/20 TB, 9/21 SA, 10/11 SA, 10/12 TB, 11/1 TB, 11/2 SA, 11/15 SB, 11/16 TA, 11/29 ST, and 11/30 BA.
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 co- chair, Sue DiSalvo ms_sue_gsleader@comcast.net / c. 305-0772.

