

## **Member Expectations & Rehearsal/Concert Schedule – 2016-2017 Season**

### **Member Expectations**

NewVoices is able to fulfill the musical desires and ambitions of its members and enhance the quality of life in the Fox Valley because members work collaboratively to achieve musical excellence. Members exhibit a strong sense of caring and a deep commitment to the music and to one another. With this in mind, it is every member's responsibility to abide by the expectations as outlined in our Handbook, which each member is given upon acceptance into the chorale. Here is a current synopsis of these expectations:

- NewVoices is a member organization and all singers pay dues of \$150/year (subject to change). Dues are not prorated if singers cannot participate in all concerts. Special event singers (such as Carmina Burana with the Fox Valley Symphony) will have dues assessed per special event. Please contact our office for payment plan options.
- Women will need to purchase our costume, which consists of a specific navy jacket, black skirt, black shell, and necklace. Approximate cost is \$140 plus alterations. Special event singers will get details upon acceptance.
- Men wear a black tuxedo either purchased or rented on their own. Men will need to further purchase a specific black shirt, tie and pocket silk. Approximate cost is \$50 beyond the tuxedo. Special event singers will get details upon acceptance.
- Members commit to singing for the entire performance season, which typically runs from September (or late August) through mid-May (or late April). We may consider partial season commitment under special circumstances, such as Carmina Burana with the Fox Valley Symphony.
- Members must be a high school graduate (or equivalent) and 18 years of age or older. Members must be prepared to participate professionally and constructively in all rehearsals.
- Members support the ensemble through ticket sales and volunteer efforts.
- Members are expected to communicate as needed, with our Artistic Director/Conductor, Assistant Conductor(s), our Executive Council, your Section Rep and Section Leader, the newVoices office and our Board of Directors.

### **Rehearsals & Dress Rehearsals**

Rehearsals are currently scheduled Sunday afternoons, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, at Alliance Church, Appleton (subject to change). Typically we take breaks for major holidays and following concerts. Dress rehearsals typically occur on the Friday evening prior to a concert. At this time, our rehearsals start the last Sunday in August (8/28/2016), and conclude with our final dress rehearsal prior to our last concert of the season (5/6/17).

### **Concert schedule**

Concert dates for the 2016-2017 Season are as follows, there may be a few additional dates, to be determined:

- October 22, 2016
- December 17, 2016
- February 18, 2017
- May 6, 2017