

CANTERBURY ADULT CHORUS AUDITIONS

Friday, August 16, 2019 from 6:00PM-8:30PM at Oklahoma City University

Adult Chorus Auditions Information:

- Each person will sing a piece of their own choosing. This can be a folk tune, hymn, art song or aria. If you prepare a hymn for the audition, and you sing a part besides soprano please be prepared to sing the melody as well as your own part (alto, tenor or bass).
- Auditions must be accompanied. A professional accompanist is provided.
- Each person will be asked to do simple vocalizing.
- People sitting in on the auditions include the Artistic Director and a few section leaders. Their presence is not meant to intimidate, but to give the singer an opportunity to meet other members of the ensemble.

Chorus Member Requirements:

- All singers pay \$90 annual dues to Canterbury Voices.
- Singers must have a black folder for all concerts.
- Men must purchase a black peaked lapel tuxedo, white full collar tuxedo shirt, black bow tie, black button studs and cufflinks, and black leather soled shoes. They must order a red bow tie and pocket square from the Canterbury office for the Christmas concert. The cost of bowtie & pocket square is \$15.
- Women must purchase a standard performance outfit. The concert dress is \$85 and this includes a pearl necklace, earrings, and a red rosette for the Christmas concert.
- Payment is usually received for the annual dues and the appropriate concert attire immediately following a successful audition and upon acceptance. Payment plans are available.
- Each singer receives a Canterbury Singer's Handbook following the audition and a complete schedule of rehearsals and performances for the year. Please look at the concert season schedule posted on the website so you know of the major performances ahead of the audition.

COVID-19 and Rehearsals:

It is Canterbury's responsibility to take every measure to keep everyone as safe as possible. We will put policies in place, and Canterbury will strictly enforce those policies for everyone. All policies are based on resources provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- We will have weekly temperature checks, and will require masks as you enter the building. Masks will be kept on while entering and exiting the rehearsal hall and will be removed when rehearsal begins.
- Singers will be spread out throughout the medium rehearsal hall, and a 36 square ft. circle will be marked around each chair. We will have separate entry and exit doors during rehearsals.
- While we will take our masks off to sing, if you get up to go to the bathroom, we will want you to wear masks to walk to and from through the designated door.
- Our staff will serve as enforcers of these rules.
- We will have hand sanitizers and discourage pencil sharing.
- Our rehearsal venue at Oklahoma City University has a state-of-the-art HVAC system, including interior UV-C lamps, and will also administer and maintain strict safety protocols throughout the facility.
- **Please note that there will be NO exceptions to these policies.**

General Information:

- Canterbury is a group of singers who strive to maintain the standards expected of the very best symphonic choruses in the country. We strive to have a rewarding time in rehearsal while working hard!
- Canterbury rehearses on Monday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:15 PM. Additional rehearsals will be scheduled on weeks where a performance takes place.

The goal of Canterbury is to sing beautifully, make great music, and to continue to expand Canterbury's repertoire and improve performance standards.

If these ideals are yours as a prospective member, we will welcome your audition for Canterbury. You will find it a rewarding and musically stimulating experience.