



ADULT CHORUS AUDITIONS

Friday, August 13, 2021 / 6:00-8:00 PM

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Oklahoma City University
2501 N. Blackwelder, OKC

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.
- In addition to auditioning for the large Canterbury chorus, you have an opportunity to audition for our smaller chamber group made up of singers within the larger chorus.

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 lapel tuxedo, white 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.

General Information:

- Canterbury Voices is Oklahoma's oldest and largest symphonic chorus, comprised of every profession — some drive more than 200 miles roundtrip for rehearsals in Oklahoma City each week. Our singers strive to maintain the standards expected of the very best choruses in the country.
- We rehearse on Mondays from 7:00 PM to 9:15 PM on the OCU campus. Concerts are held at the Civic Center Music Hall in Downtown Oklahoma City. Additional rehearsals are scheduled on weeks when a performance takes place. Canterbury often performs with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic, and we've been accompanied by ensembles like the Oklahoma City Jazz Orchestra and Kyle Dillingham and Horseshoe Road. We primarily perform masterworks like Handel's *Messiah*, Orff's *Carmina Burana*, Brahms, Beethoven, and more; but we sometimes veer from that tradition to perform more modern compilation concerts or commission new works for performance.

**The mission of Canterbury is to transform lives, educate the future,
and inspire communities through great choral music.**
