



## TWO RIVERS CHORALE

Timothy Sawyer, Artistic Director and Conductor

*A tradition of choral excellence in the Twin Cities....and beyond*

### MISSION

We come together to delight in the beauty and power of choral singing.

Together we create fulfilling musical experiences, for ourselves, and for a growing and appreciative audience.

### ABOUT THE ENSEMBLE

Founded in 1998 and led by artistic director and conductor Timothy Sawyer since 2004, Two Rivers Chorale is an engaging community choir based in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul and is comprised of experienced amateur singers who represent the rich choral heritage of Minnesota and the upper Midwest.

### CONCERT YEAR

September through April. Summer concerts may be scheduled in which case several extra rehearsals will be held prior to the concert.

### REHEARSALS

Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at University of Northwestern-St. Paul, 3003 Snelling Ave N, in Roseville from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Rehearsals may occasionally be held until 9:45 p.m. and sectionals may be scheduled occasionally from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

### 2018-2019 REHEARSAL AND CONCERT SCHEDULE: Please see Page 3

**\*Please note that a completed registration packet is required for membership in Two Rivers Chorale.** This packet includes your contact information, a waiver/release form, commitment agreement, membership donations agreement and scholarship application. Please email Kathy Tschida at [trcmnoffice@gmail.com](mailto:trcmnoffice@gmail.com) if you would like a registration packet. Or you may view a pdf copy at [www.tworiverschorale.org](http://www.tworiverschorale.org). A summary of the major points is included here.

### COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

Membership in TRC includes the following expectations. Please see the Commitment Agreement Form in the registration packet for the entire list of expectations and policies.

- Commitment is for the entire season, September through April.
- Be prompt and prepared for all rehearsals and performances. Notify the proper TRC leadership in advance of rehearsal absence or late arrival.
- Be responsible for the music, music folder, and any other material distributed. Promptly pay replacement costs on any lost or damaged items.
- Attendance at all regular season dress rehearsals, concerts and recordings is mandatory. The final rehearsal prior to a concert is usually considered the "dress rehearsal" and may occasionally be held on a Saturday. Additional mandatory rehearsals are often held on concert day that can entail an early call time. Please check before scheduling other concert day plans that could conflict with an early call. For any concerts and events scheduled between May and August, participation is voluntary.
- Singers are expected to be at all rehearsals. If you miss more than **two** rehearsals between September 6 – November 11, two between January 4 – March 3 or two between March 7 – April 13, you may be asked to take a leave of absence. Given the sequential nature of rehearsals, absences should not be consecutive.
- Contribute as a volunteer in some way, other than as a singer, to assist in the overall function of Two Rivers Chorale.

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## **COMMITMENT AGREEMENT continued**

- Outside preparation for rehearsals and occasional memorization of music is required.
- Pay all financial donations on time as indicated on the Membership Donations Agreement in the registration packet. If a scholarship is needed, a Scholarship Application is available at the end of the registration packet. All donations are non-refundable.
- A completed registration application packet.

## **MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS**

- An initial donation of \$175 per concert year (September through April). If paying and your donation is received by **July 1, 2018**, you will receive a \$25 discount, for an initial donation total of \$150. Members must pay any PayPal fees. Any donations above this amount are welcomed and very much appreciated! Two Rivers Chorale is a 501(c)(3), therefore, all donations and any fees, including the initial \$175, are tax-deductible.
- Please see the Membership Donations Agreement in the registration packet for more information, including payment options, due dates, PayPal fees, and late fees.

## **CONCERT ATTIRE**

**Men:** Black, single breasted, short tuxedo (no tails) with a black cummerbund, white tux shirt, black bowtie, black shoes. Men are responsible for obtaining their own tuxedos.

**Women:** TRC top and skirt (approx. \$75) hemmed as needed, black shoes, black hose, TRC custom earrings (\$7).

**All:** Black concert folder required, you must provide your own.

## **AUDITIONS**

Prospective members who are accomplished choral singers are invited to audition for the TRC. To do so, send a brief description of your choral experience to Tim Sawyer at [timothyksawyer@gmail.com](mailto:timothyksawyer@gmail.com) . Auditions are by invitation.

## **CONTACT TRC**

For audition or booking information, please contact:

Tim Sawyer at [timothyksawyer@gmail.com](mailto:timothyksawyer@gmail.com) or by phone at 651-631-525. Or email [info@tworiverschorale.org](mailto:info@tworiverschorale.org)

**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR:** **Timothy Sawyer** has led the Two Rivers Chorale since 2004. He enjoys an active career as a conductor, educator and professional singer with formal musical training at Bethel University (St. Paul), Exeter University (England), the University of Minnesota, and in doctoral-level study at the University of Iowa. In addition to extensive experience as a tenor soloist, he is a veteran chorister with several professional choirs, among them Minnesota's Dale Warland Singers, the Ensemble Singers of VocalEssence of Minnesota under Philip Brunelle, the Oregon Bach Festival Chorus, and the GRAMMY-nominated South Dakota Chorale. Since 1989, Mr. Sawyer has been a member of the music faculty at University of Northwestern- St. Paul where he is director of choral activities, professor of music and conducts the Northwestern Choir and Varsity Men's Chorus. In recent years, he has led numerous choral and vocal festivals throughout the United States and internationally in Ukraine, Hungary, Austria, the Czech Republic and Hong Kong. To read Timothy Sawyer's full bio, please go to [tworiverschorale.org](http://tworiverschorale.org).

**Assistant Conductors:** Tammie Junkans and Bruce Messer

### **Board of Directors:**

Meredith Dahlquist, President · Kyle Biggar, Vice President  
Ann Schulte, Secretary · Bob Johnson, Treasurer  
Luke Erickson · Lynne Hicks · Bruce Messer

**Administrator:** Kathy Tschida [trcmnoffice@gmail.com](mailto:trcmnoffice@gmail.com)

### **Section Leaders**

- Tammie Junkans, Soprano 1 ([tjunkans@yahoo.com](mailto:tjunkans@yahoo.com))
- Meredith Dahlquist, Soprano 2 ([mjdbunny@hotmail.com](mailto:mjdbunny@hotmail.com))
- Barbara Weist, Alto 1 ([lbbweist@comcast.net](mailto:lbbweist@comcast.net))
- Val Behling, Alto 2 ([vabehling@comcast.net](mailto:vabehling@comcast.net))
- Reuben Dahlquist, Tenor 1 ([dahlquistfamily@comcast.net](mailto:dahlquistfamily@comcast.net))
- Brad Halbersma, Tenor 2 ([brad.halbersma@gmail.com](mailto:brad.halbersma@gmail.com))
- Bruce Messer, Baritones ([bmmesser@comcast.net](mailto:bmmesser@comcast.net))
- Paul Moyer, Basses ([paul@pmoyer.org](mailto:paul@pmoyer.org))

For more information visit [www.tworiverschorale.org](http://www.tworiverschorale.org)



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**2018-2019 SCHEDULE** \* = Mandatory attendance

<b>FALL 2018</b>	
September 6, 13, 20, 27	UNW choir room
October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1	UNW choir room
November 8*	Lord of Life Church, Maple Grove
<b>Concert:</b> Friday, November 9 call time 5:30pm • 7:30pm concert	Lord of Life Church, Maple Grove
<b>Concert:</b> Saturday, November 10 call time 1:30pm • 4:00pm concert	Colonial Church, Edina
<b>Concert:</b> Sunday, November 11 call time 1:30pm • 4:00pm concert	Calvary Church, Roseville – Unconfirmed Please reserve this date. We will notify ASAP.
<b>WINTER 2019 - Please note extra rehearsals</b>	
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	UNW choir room
February 7-with Edina Chorale	UNW Carousel F2128
February 12 - Tuesday, 7:00-9:30pm	Edina High School?
February 14	UNW choir room
February 17 - Sunday 1:00-3:30pm	Wayzata Community Church (WCC)
February 21 - 7-8:30pm	WCC
February 23*- Saturday, 2:30-4:00pm	WCC
February 28 TBA if needed	UNW choir room
<b>Concert:</b> Sunday, February 24 call time 1:00pm, onstage 2:00pm • 3:00pm concert	WCC
<b>Concert:</b> Sunday, March 3 call time 12:45, onstage at 1:30pm • 3:00pm concert	Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis
<b>SPRING 2019</b>	
March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4	UNW choir room
April 11* 7:30pm	Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina
Concert: Friday, April 12 call time 5:30pm • 7:30 pm concert	Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina
Concert: Saturday, April 13 call time 1:30pm • 4:00pm concert	Faith Lutheran, Coon Rapids
(April 18 is Maundy Thursday)	
April 25 Potluck End of Year Celebration; 7:00pm	Location TBA