



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.

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***Please note that a completed registration form is required for membership in Two Rivers Chorale.** This form includes your contact information, a waiver/release form, commitment agreement, membership donations agreement and scholarship application. A registration form will be sent to you from Kathy Tschida at trcmnoffice@gmail.com or from Becky Sather at Becky.Sather@comcast.net following a successful audition. A summary of the major points is included.

COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

Membership in TRC includes the following expectations. Please see the Commitment Agreement Form in the online registration form 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 5 – November 7 or two between January 9 – April 16, 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.
- 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 form. If a scholarship is needed, a Scholarship Application is available at the end of the registration form. All donations are non-refundable.
- A completed online registration form which will be available around July 1, 2019.

MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS

- An initial donation of \$175 per concert year (September through April). If paying and your donation is received by **July 15, 2019**, 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 form 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. Auditions are by invitation. To request an audition, please go to our website, tworiverschorale.org and click "Auditions" to fill out the audition form.

CONTACT TRC

For booking information or to contact us, please email us at 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.

Assistant Conductors: Tammie Junkans and Bruce Messer

Board of Directors:

Meredith Dahlquist, President · Kyle Biggar, Vice President
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Section Leaders

- Meredith Dahlquist, Soprano 1 (mjdbunny@hotmail.com)
- Tammie Junkans, Soprano 2 (tjunkans@yahoo.com)
- Barbara Weist, Alto 1 (lbbweist@comcast.net)
- Val Behling, Alto 2 (vabehling@comcast.net)
- Reuben Dahlquist, Tenor 1 (dahlquistfamily@comcast.net)
- Michael Scherb, Tenor 2 (singingservants@comcast.net)
- Bruce Messer, Baritones (bmmesser@comcast.net)
- Paul Moyer, Basses (paul@pmoyer.org)

For more information visit www.tworiverschorale.org



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2019-2020 SCHEDULE

*** = Mandatory attendance**

FALL 2019	
Sept 5, 12, 19, 26	UNW
Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	UNW
November 7*	Possibly at the venue
Concerts: Friday through Sunday, November 8-10* Please reserve the whole weekend. We will get back to you once venues are set.	Venues to be determined
SPRING 2020	
Jan 9, 16, 23, 30	UNW
Feb 6, 13, 20, 27	UNW
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2	UNW
No rehearsal April 9 due to Maundy Thursday	
April 16*	Possibly at the venue
Concerts: Friday through Sunday, April 17-19, 2020* Please reserve the whole weekend. We will get back to you once venues are set.	Venues to be determined
April 18 or 19, 2020 End of Year Celebration	Location TBA following the concert