



Welcome to the 2018 Spring Concert Session!

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Rehearsals: Rehearsals are 7-9 pm on Thursdays, at the First Church of Christ Scientist, 845 NE 10th Street, Grants Pass. Please arrive a few minutes early so you are ready to sing promptly at 7:00 pm. We may take a short break midway through rehearsal for announcements and/or business.

In addition to 7 pm rehearsals, our **Director, Kate Campbell** or your **Section Leader** may schedule "Section Note Rehearsals" (contact list at end of document). If we have a Section Note Rehearsal, the soprano, alto, tenor, or bass section will be asked to come to practice about 30-40 minutes before our regular 7 pm rehearsal. Section Note Rehearsals really make a difference in our progress toward learning the music, and we are more successful when everyone in the section can attend. Talk to your Section Leader if you have questions.

You may make recordings during rehearsals. Please use the recordings to assist your individual practice time outside of choral rehearsal.

- All rehearsals will take place at CCS regular rehearsal space unless otherwise noted.
- Rehearsal Dates: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25
Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22
Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 (no rehearsal on 3/29)
Apr. 5, 19, 26 (no rehearsal on 4/12)
May 3 (last practice before concerts)
- Performance dates will be May 5 in Cave Junction at 3 pm, call time 1:30. May 6 in Grants Pass at 3 pm, call time 1:30.

Membership: It is important to consider a commitment to membership for both fall and spring sessions. Stable choir numbers and section balance is vital to our success. Also, our community choir depends on volunteers; please remember that commitment to membership also implies a willingness to participate in the general duties and work involved to produce a successful performance. Many hands really DO make work lighter for everyone.

Attendance: Attendance at rehearsals is expected, even if you are a fast learner. Regular attendance is necessary for the cohesiveness of the chorale. Please stay home if you are ill. Nothing travels faster than a cold in a choir. However, if you know you will miss a rehearsal, we ask that you notify your **Section Leader** as soon as possible. Please remember, absenteeism affects one's participation in the chorale.

Communication: At the beginning of the Session, **Secretary Merle Berry** will ask for your Name, email address, and phone number, to create a Membership Roster. We make every effort to protect privacy. If you want your contact information to be kept off the Membership Roster, talk to **Merle**. Members will receive a Membership Roster if the membership agrees that it can be shared. Otherwise, the Section Leaders will receive their Section's list. For your privacy we address emails using Bcc format. 3RC has an email policy: "The secretary may forward to the chorale emails pertaining to choir business, activities, events and schedules."

Music: You will receive sheet music from our [Music Librarian, Kim Bibeau](#). Tuition pays for our music. Sheet music may be taken home after tuition is either paid or arrangements are made to pay it. Until then, music can be borrowed for rehearsal only. It must be turned in before leaving the premises. Each piece of music given to you should be marked with the same library number. You may organize your music in a **plain black** binder or music folder. Use **PENCIL ONLY** to make notations in your music. If you prefer to use a pen or highlighter, you may copy the music for **your personal use only**. Keep the copied music and return the originals any time during the session. At the end of the session, **all** original music must be returned to the library. You will be charged for the replacement value of any pieces not returned.

Tuition Fees: Tuition for the Spring 2018 session is \$60.00. Checks should be made out to [3 Rivers Chorale](#). [Treasurer Gerry Watt](#) will be available on January 4th and 11th, 2018: 6:30 pm to 7 pm and after 9 pm. Tuition payments or payment plans/request for scholarship are to be setup with [Gerry](#) **before** or **after** rehearsal. [Gerry](#) will issue a tax-deductible receipt for any contribution over the \$60.00 tuition payment. Contributions will be placed and accrue in our "Scholarship Fund."

Scholarships: The "Scholarship Fund" is a fund supported by generous fellow members' tax-deductible contributions. The goal is needs-based tuition assistance: one scholarship grant to one member applicant, per session. Each scholarship will be limited to 50% of tuition (\$30.00) and the availability of funds in the Scholarship Fund. ALL Requests for Scholarship will be directed to the [Treasurer, Gerry](#). Scholarship assisted tuition balance will be satisfied by one of the following means:

1. The recipient will set up a manageable payment plan for (\$30.00) with the Treasurer; or
2. The recipient will participate within 3RC when able or as requested, "to volunteer for in-kind service;" or
3. The recipient will set up a combination of "manageable payment plan" and "to volunteer for in-kind service," with the Treasurer.

("In-kind service" means simple volunteer work: helping each other to set up and/or take down chairs for rehearsal, straighten up the areas we have used, helping to pass out music, helping to prepare concert site, helping to clean up after concert, running an errand, making copies of something needed, spending a half hour putting up concert flyers, etc. Loosely interpreted, it means agreeing to participate in ways we CAN participate.) The Board may review requests. Any questions or problems shall be reviewed by the Board.

What to bring to rehearsals: Please bring water to drink. Bring your music and a pencil to make notations.

What not to bring to rehearsals/Choral etiquette: Do not bring food into the rehearsal space. Ladies and gentlemen: **PLEASE DO NOT WEAR FRAGRANCES OF ANY KIND** to rehearsal or concert performance. Strong or heavy odors, including from cooking or smoking, would be best left at home. Try to think of our choral venue as a "neutral space" for the senses! We gather together to sing. Personal allergies, courtesy, and differences in preference dictate these rules.

2018 Concerts: Performance dates for the Winter Concerts are scheduled for: [May 5 and 6, and dress rehearsal will be May 3, 2018](#). As we enter the pre-concert preparations, we will review dress rehearsals, performances, program tickets and advertising sales.

Concert Attire: Our official concert attire is:

- [Plain black shirt/blouse](#)-3/4 length or long sleeve (Blouses don't have to be buttoned to the neck, however, low cut blouses are not appropriate.);
- [Dress-black slacks or full-length black skirt](#); [purple satin scarf/tie](#);
- [Comfortable black shoes and black stockings](#).
- [Music binder plain 3 ringed black binder](#) in which the music can be firmly attached.

New Chorale members are required to purchase the satin scarf/tie made by Celeste for a very modest price. (past member [Celeste Laferriere-Smith](#), 541-479-5156.)

Website: Our website at www.3RiversChorale.org contains current, important information, a history of the chorale, and a photo gallery.

YouTube site for music review and prep: Kate will compile a list of music to assist personal practice time.

Access it by going to her YouTube site: [musicbreathoflife](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDPQZYq2jkENUYykIPherQA) and clicking on it. Or, enter the website address:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDPQZYq2jkENUYykIPherQA>

Note: Check to see that the search engine did not separate the words, sometimes the screen will say “did you mean: “musicbreathoflife” or music breath of life?” Click the words that are not separated by spaces. You will end up at the wrong site if the words are not exactly as written. The website address can be saved to your phone contact list: Create a 3RC contact. Enter the address as a “web address” and save.

WELCOME to the Chorale! We hope that singing with us will be a friendly, exciting, and rewarding experience for you!



Administration: Elected Board of Directors:

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