



WELCOME to a fun-filled term of singing with the Women's Choral Society!
Here are answers to FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the choir.

How do I join?

- Be one of the first 110 women to sign up and pay your \$55.00 dues.
- No audition necessary.

How can I learn the music?

- **Rehearsals** happen every Monday evening, starting at 7pm sharp, and ending by 9:15.
- You will be provided with a packet of **sheet music**, on loan to you. You can mark your music in pencil, but the music must be returned at the end of the term.
- **Recordings** of each part are available soon after the term starts. They can be downloaded or you can ask your section leader for a CD.
- Optional practice sessions (called **sectionals**) are held at members' homes throughout the term.

What happens at rehearsals?

- There is a warm-up period with coaching from the Conductor and an announcement period in the middle, followed by a brief break.
- We are serious about making beautiful music together, so to make the most of our singing time, we ask that everyone stay focused on the requests of the Conductor and the music.
- We are also committed to building a community, so enjoy the break time to talk with your fellow singers.
- **As a courtesy to all, please NO scented products.** (Cosmetics, lotions, perfumes, etc.)

What is GroupSpaces?

- A private way to e-mail members of the whole choir or subgroups and to share files. It is for members only, and we ask that you use the e-mail feature only for WCS choir business.
- If you are new, you will receive an e-mail inviting you to join. It's easy to follow the links and create your own password.
- This is where you will find the recordings of practice music.
- Located at <http://groupspaces.com/womenschoralsociety/>



Other WCS websites?

- www.womenschoralsociety.org is our public face on the internet
 - NOT the same as GroupSpaces.
 - Used for publicizing our events and for ticket sales
 - The Members Only page has links to the Policies, Calendar, and FAQs
- Facebook page (like us, please!) is www.facebook.com/womenschoralsociety

How do I know what's expected of me?

- The Women's Choral Society Policies are included with your music packet and are on the WCS public website at www.womenschoralsociety.org
- **YES, you really do need to read the policies.** You agreed to follow them when you signed up for the choir.

Who can I go to for help?

- **Your section leader**
 - Soprano 1 – Betsy Parry
 - Soprano 2 – Ann Miller
 - Alto 1 – Linda Bourdeau
 - Alto 2 – Judy Fowler
- **At-large Board members**
 - Mimi St.Clair
 - Cecelia Perry
- **Other Board members**
 - Mary Backus, President
 - Anne Ellsworth, Past Pres.
 - Martha Greaney, Vice Pres.
 - Annie Paschall, Treasurer
 - Janis Brew, Secretary
 - Judith Schoap, Marketing
- Mary Brooner, Development Director
- **Committee chairs**
 - Christy McMannis, Music Librarian
 - Robyn Kelly, Historian
 - Kalle Pierce, Registration
 - Nancy Mills, Music Selection
 - Judy Fowler, Name Tags
 - Cora Payne, Concert CDs
- **Our professionals**
 - Greg Sojka, Conductor
 - Vicki Brabham, Accompanist and Grace Notes Director

What can I do to help with choir operations?

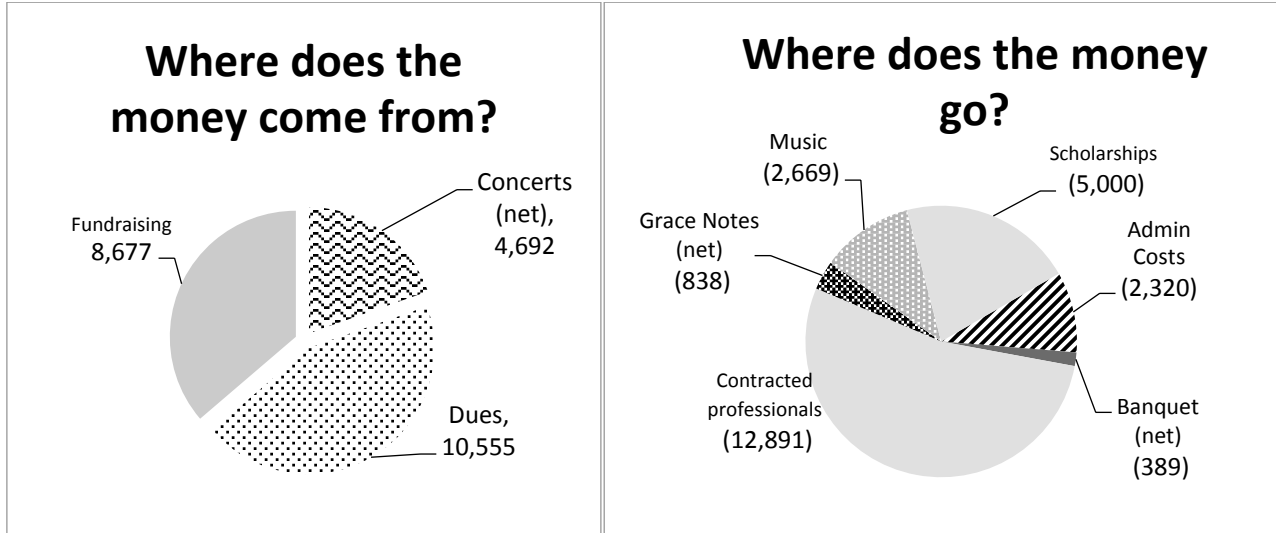
- Join a committee
- Become an assistant Section Leader
- Run for an office on the Board
- Help with fundraising

What is the WCS budget?

- Funds come from dues (44%), concerts (20%) and donations (36%)



- Half the funds go to pay our professional conductor and accompanist



What is Grace Notes and how can I join?

- Grace Notes is a sub-group of the choir. They represent WCS, performing in retirement and long-term care facilities and for community groups and events.
- New members are added in September.

What is the tentative calendar for this year?

- **Fall dates:**
 - Start date: Sept 10—start back 6:30 registration & 7pm practice
 - Fall Tea: Oct 7th (Sunday)—2-4pm, Annie Paschall's house
 - Christmas break (No rehearsals): Dec 24 and Dec 31
 - Dress Rehearsal: January 18 (Friday) Beall Hall
 - Winter Concert: Jan 20 (Sunday), afternoon, Beall Hall
- **Spring dates:**
 - Spring Term: Jan 28th – start back 6:30pm registration & 7 pm practice
 - Spring Break (No rehearsal, but sectionals encouraged): Mar 25
 - Dress rehearsal: May 10 (Friday)
 - Concert: May 11 (Saturday)—afternoon, Beall Hall
 - Banquet: May 20 (Monday)— 5:30pm, Shadow Hills Country Club
- Full calendar details can be found at www.womenschoralsociety.org on the Members Only page