



## **Member Handbook 2016-2017**

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# 2016-17 Concert Season

**Sunday, November 20, 2016 @ 4:00 P.M.**

***O Fortuna!***

*Polovetsian Dances ~ Borodin*

*Carmina Burana ~ Orff*

**Saturday, December 3, 2016 @ 7:30 P.M.**

**Sunday, December 4, 2016 @ 6:00 PM**

*Seasonal Celebration w/ FSU Choral Dept.*

**Saturday, January 28, 2017 @ 7:30 P.M.**

***Unity 12: Praise & Redemption—the power of song***

*Sanctus ~ André J. Thomas (World Premier)*

*Selections: Sacred Concerts ~ Duke Ellington*

**Sunday, April 30, 2017 @ 4:00 P.M.**

***An Evening of Bach***

*With the Tallahassee Bach Parley*

*St John Passion ~ J.S. Bach*

***Season Subscriptions Available until Nov. 19th – a 15% Savings!***

## **Individual Ticket Prices:**

\$22 general admission

\$18 seniors (62 and older)

\$6 students

**Tickets can be purchased online at [www.tcchorus.org](http://www.tcchorus.org)  
and at designated rehearsals**

*Unless otherwise specified, all performances & dress rehearsals at  
Ruby Diamond Concert Hall, FSU Campus, 600 N. Copeland Street.*

## **WELCOME!**

On behalf of The Tallahassee Community Chorus Board of Directors, Administrative and Artistic staff, welcome to another exciting year of filling Tallahassee with song!

As you can tell from the season's repertoire, Dr. Thomas has programmed an exciting, challenging season of great choral music. Your dedication to the whole season, and your willingness to contribute to the long term sustainability of the Chorus, by donating financially or serving through volunteerism, will further enhance your experience.

The Chorus is planning to travel to **Ireland** next summer (June 20-30, 2017) to perform in the Limerick Sings! International Choral Festival, under the baton of André Thomas. We'd love to have a large, balanced ensemble take this trip! Travel information is on our website at <http://tcchorus.org/events/limerick-sings-international-choral-festival>. You won't want to miss this exciting opportunity!!

We hope this handbook answers your questions and concerns about attendance requirements, rehearsals, performance etiquette and concert attire. Feel free to ask any Board member (they are the folks wearing the gold name tags) if you have any questions!

**Jan Smith**  
President,  
Board of Directors

**Dr. André J. Thomas**  
Artistic Director

**Allyce Heflin**  
Director of Membership



### ***Make The Most Out of Your Membership:***

**READ** the weekly email newsletter, "Monday Night Notes," and check the web site [www.tcchorus.org](http://www.tcchorus.org) regularly!

**WRITE** your name & music number on your music and bring your music and pencil to every rehearsal!

**EMAIL** Allyce Heflin or Angela Hooper at [tccmembership365@gmail.com](mailto:tccmembership365@gmail.com) if you will be absent or late.

**TELL** us about important events coming up for you or your Chorus friends/family at [tccmembership365@gmail.com](mailto:tccmembership365@gmail.com).

**LIKE** our Facebook page and share our concert and other events with your friends!

## ***About the Chorus***

### **Mission:**

To present residents of Leon and the surrounding counties with live concerts of choral masterworks of the highest caliber, to provide educational outreach in the schools and community, and to showcase Tallahassee's cultural distinction via national and international travel. The Tallahassee Community Chorus strives to maintain one of the finest non-auditioned mixed community choral ensembles in the nation.

### **Brief History:**

Under the artistic direction of Dr. André J. Thomas, the 200+ voices of The Tallahassee Community Chorus have become the premier choral ensemble of Florida. Formed in 1988, the chorus presents three concerts per year and performs in the annual FSU "Seasonal Celebration" concert. The Chorus is the only community chorus of its size and quality that does not require an audition for membership.

The Chorus has performed with the Tallahassee Symphony, Florida A&M Choral Department, FSU Choral Department, Bethel A.M.E. Church Cathedral Choir, the Leon High School, Chiles High School, and Lincoln High School Choral Departments, the late Billy Taylor and William Warfield, Bobby McFerrin, and under the batons of Krzystof Penderecki, the late Sir David Willcocks, the late Robert Shaw and Simon Halsey.

### **Travel Experiences:**

- 2004 Carnegie Hall Performance, New York City
- 2007 Beijing International Choral Festival, China
- 2008 Kennedy Center Performance, Washington DC
- 2011 Prague Choral Festival, Czech Republic
- 2013 Paris Choral Festival, Paris, France
- 2015 Rome Choral Festival, Rome, Italy



## ***Membership Eligibility & Requirements***

### **Membership Eligibility:**

The Tallahassee Community Chorus shall be open to members of the community who subscribe to the purpose and principles. Membership may be denied or revoked for failure to meet and maintain membership requirements, or for consistent failure to comply with rehearsal policies or participation requirements.

## **Requirements to Maintain Membership:**

1. Attend rehearsals and comply as required.
2. Complete and SIGN the registration form.
3. Pay dues by third rehearsal as mandated by the board.

## **Rehearsal Requirements:**

1. Be on time, ready to begin at 7:30; stay for entire rehearsal.
2. **Pick up your nametag.** Unclaimed nametags are collected 20 minutes after the start of rehearsal and will count as an absence unless prior notification has been given.
3. No gum, candy, or food.
4. No homework.
5. Turn off all electronic devices; **NO texting or posting!** Your phone or device may be held until the end of rehearsal for continued violation.

## **Rehearsal Time & Location:**

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. every Monday unless noted. Additional rehearsals called at the discretion of the Director.

**Location:** Alfriend Hall at St. John's Episcopal Church (Corner of Monroe & Call Streets, entry from Calhoun Street). **Parking:** See [www.tcchorus.org](http://www.tcchorus.org) for parking information.

## **Concert Etiquette:**

1. No cell phones on stage or backstage
2. No gum or candy
3. No perfume or cologne
4. No talking
5. No clapping for fellow performers
6. No waving to the audience
7. No smoking during intermission
8. **All music must be in a black folder unless otherwise specified**
9. Do enjoy the experience – you earned it!

## **Concert Attire Requirements:**

### ***Women***

Regulation long black dress (hemmed to mid-ankle), black, **close-toed** dress shoes, black hose. Please DO NOT wear scented hairspray or perfume. Jewelry: small post earrings. No neckware; No dangling earrings; No flashy or large jewelry or hair-wear.

**Men**

Black tuxedo (regular jacket) with white, wing-collar shirt, black cummerbund, black bowtie, black dress shoes & socks, black cufflinks and studs. **No vests please.**

**Chorus Participation Requirements:**

1. Be a member in good standing.
2. Attend all regular rehearsals with no more than three absences per semester. Additional absences will be excused only at the discretion of the Artistic Director.
3. Be punctual for all rehearsals with no more than five late arrivals per semester.
4. Attend **all** dress rehearsals (those at Ruby Diamond) for the specific performance (unless **prior** approval is granted by Director of Membership).
5. Wear required concert attire.
6. Behave in a manner that is not detrimental or distracting to other performers at rehearsals and performances.
7. Make a musical and artistic contribution to the chorus.

(Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be determined from attendance records of the chorus. Items 5 & 6 shall be determined by the Artistic Director, the President and two other voting members of the Board of Directors. Item 7 shall be determined by the Artistic Director. Any person who does not fulfill all 7 requirements will not be allowed to perform at the discretion of the Artistic Director, and membership may be revoked or denied by the Board upon consultation with the Artistic Director.)



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