



**The Tallahassee
Community Chorus**

2011-2012 Season

\$18 general admission
\$12 seniors (62 and older)
\$5 students

November 20, 2011 @ 4:00 P.M.
Carmina Burana—Orff

December 6, 2011 @ 7:30 P.M.
Seasonal Celebration w/ FSU Choral Dept.

January 28, 2012 @ 8:00 P.M.
Unity Concert

April 22, 2012 @ 4:00 P.M.
Stabat Mater—Rossini

**All performances & dress rehearsals at:
Ruby Diamond Auditorium
FSU Campus, 600 N. Copeland St.**



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**Member Handbook
2011-2012**

PO Box 13083
Tallahassee, FL 32317-3083
www.tcchorus.org



On behalf of The Tallahassee Community Chorus Board of Directors, Administrative and Artistic staff, welcome to the 24th season of your Community Chorus.

As you can tell from the season's repertoire, Dr. Thomas has programmed another spectacular year of 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.

We hope this handbook answers your questions and concerns about attendance requirements, rehearsals, performance etiquette and concert attire. Feel free to ask your Section Leader if you have any questions!

Jan Smith
President of the Board

Dr. André Thomas
Artistic Director

Jen Reece
Dir. of Membership

Emily Brown
Executive Director

About the Chorus

Mission:

The mission of The Tallahassee Community Chorus is 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. 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, Sir David Willcocks and the late Robert Shaw.

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

READ the weekly newsletter, “Monday Night Notes,” and check the web site www.tcchorus.org regularly!

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

EMAIL your Section Leader if you will be absent or late.

TELL your Section Leader, Director of Membership, or Board member of illnesses, death, or causes to celebrate.

CONCERT ATTIRE

(All music must be in a black folder unless otherwise specified)

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.

Artistic and Administrative Staff Board of Directors All email addresses are @tcchorus.org

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2011-2012 Section Leaders

Soprano – **Cindy Huffman** – soprano@tcchorus.org
Alto – **Donna Vacarro-Pollins** – alto@tcchorus.org
Tenor – **Steve McDowell** – tenor@tcchorus.org
Bass – **Steve Mindlin** – bass@tcchorus.org

Rehearsal Location:

Alfriend Hall at St. John's Episcopal Church (Monroe/Call)

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. every Monday unless noted.

Additional rehearsals called at the discretion of the Director.

Parking: See www.tcchorus.org for parking information.

Ticket Outlets:

Beethoven and Company 850-894-8700;

Monday Night Rehearsals; www.tcchorus.org

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

Rehearsal Policies:

1. Be on time and ready to begin at 7:30.
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!

Concert Etiquette:

1. No cell phones on stage
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. Do enjoy the experience – you earned it!

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 and by appropriate Section Leader. 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.)