

2024 Performance of Handel's *Messiah* by Cary Community Choir Choir Information Sheet

Venue: Westwood Baptist Church, 200 Westhigh St., Cary, NC 27513

Masks: Wearing masks is voluntary during the rehearsals and performance this year. If you wear a mask for the performance it should be solid black.

Tuesday Rehearsals: 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Please give yourself time to check-in and be in your seat 15 minutes before the rehearsals start. You will be seated in pews for the first three rehearsals and in the loft for the last two rehearsals. Voice part section will be labeled on the pews.

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, 12/7, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. Please be in your seat by 9:15 am as rehearsal will begin promptly at 9:30 am. There is no need to wear concert attire at the dress rehearsal.

Rehearsal Attendance: Expectations are that singers will attend each rehearsal, if at all possible.

Performance: Sunday, 12/8, 7:30 pm – 9:30pm. Call time for warm-up for singers in the sanctuary is 6:00 pm. At the conclusion of warm-up at 6:45, singers will congregate in the fellowship hall where water will be available. Singers will need to seat themselves in the choir loft by 7:15. Coats may be left in the fellowship hall, but purses should be brought into the choir loft and stored under the chairs.

Concert Attire: Do not wear perfume, cologne, after shave, shiny jewelry or holiday accessories

Men: Dark suit, plain white dress shirt, solid color necktie. Please no holiday themes or bright colors.

Women: Solid black skirts or pants, solid black top with at least three quarter length sleeves, black shoes.

Musical Scores: You are welcome to bring your own *Messiah* score. If you plan to buy a new score, we are using the Watkins-Shaw edition which is available on-line at Amazon for around \$10. We also have some *Messiah* scores to borrow, so stop by the desk in the lobby to sign-out a copy. You may mark in them but please use pencil, not ink. Please return the score to a designated table in the fellowship hall after the Sunday performance.

Since page numbers for the various *Messiah* editions may not be the same, we will have a sheet with page numbers for the following editions available at check-in: Watkins-Shaw, Van Camp and Schirmer's. This sheet may help when Pepper indicates a page number from his edition and you have a different edition.

Folder and Clips: We ask that you put your music in a black folder for the performance. We will have a few black folders to loan. The choir will sing the following choruses – Part One: Numbers 4, 7, 9, 12, 17, and 21. Part Two: Numbers 44, 53 and 53a. Please clip or flag the appropriate pages of music. Clips are available at the check-in desk along with a demo score for you to review. You can also ask your section leader for help.

Practice: Singers are encouraged to practice their *Messiah* parts in-between rehearsals. One helpful on-line practice site is www.cyberbass.com.

Donations: As you can imagine, there are significant expenses associated with providing this Cary tradition year after year. We receive less than 10% of our annual budget from arts grants and depend on private donations for the rest. We want to encourage all of our singers to contribute as you are able to defray the cost of our concert. \$20 to \$30 per singer would help us meet our budget, but any amount is helpful. To contribute online, please visit our website or our donation table set up at each rehearsal and the performance. Any donation in the amount of \$50 and above will be listed in the program if received by November 29.

Publicity: Please post and send to friends and family the advertising flyer sent to you in the second welcome email. There will also be some flyers available in the registration area. Let Elizabeth Booker (CCC Board President) know if you need the flyer to be sent to you.

Cary Community Choir Board Members 2023:

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New Board Members Needed for 2024:

We are looking for people to serve as board members this next year, so please join us. You do not need to sing in the choir to be on the board. You may email us at carycommunitychoirnc@gmail.com to volunteer or to ask questions.

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