



The State College Choral Society
Russ Shelley, Artistic Director

2023-2024: Our 75th Diamond Anniversary Season

Rehearsals

All regular rehearsals will be held Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Oakwood Presbyterian Church, 1865 Waddle Road, State College, PA 16801. A Master Calendar with all rehearsal and performance dates is available through our chorus management software, *Chorus Connection*. Changes to this schedule will be announced at rehearsals, as well as via email.

Rehearsal Cancellations

We anticipate holding all scheduled rehearsals unless highways are closed. An email notification will be sent if rehearsal is cancelled. Please check your email prior to taking the highway during bad weather events. When in doubt, call your section leader.

Attendance

The Choral Society expects that members will attend all rehearsals and performances. Members may be excused for illness, travel, or other extenuating circumstances; however, SCCS maintains a policy of a maximum of three missed rehearsals for each performance. Pre-concert special/dress rehearsals are mandatory. In light of the community of singers we seek to foster and realizing that a large part of the choral experience is sharing in rehearsals, four weeks prior to the concert, singers have the option to withdraw from attending rehearsals and the upcoming concert without jeopardizing participation in future concerts. This will allow the chorus to make final preparations.

Dues

Dues for new members are \$90 for the season. Dues for returning members are \$120; student dues are \$60. There is no reduction in dues for partial season participation. Per the Choral Society's Standing Rules, any member who has difficulty meeting this financial obligation may make special confidential arrangements with the general manager. The Choral Society does not want finances to hinder your ability to participate; a payment plan can be arranged, or "dues angel" support is also available.

Music

All members must use the specified editions which will be sold at rehearsals by our music sales manager. If you already own a copy of the specified edition, you are welcome to use it. Please write your name on all your music. A black folder, also available for purchase, is mandatory for all performances.

Archival Performance CDs

Prior to concert performances, CD recording orders will be taken by the Music Sales Manager. Extra

copies may be sold after concerts depending upon availability.

Concert Dress

SCCS has a mandatory dress code for performances. Please refer to the Concert Dress Information sheet for details.

Web Site

The SCCS website **www.scchoralsociety.org** contains information about concerts, ticket sales, history of the organization, and more. Visit often! We are also on Facebook and Twitter @SCChoral

SCCS Board Meetings

SCCS board meetings are open to the membership. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm (location varies). The Board is always looking for people willing to serve, either on the board directly, or on a committee in a non-board role. If you are interested in finding out how you could help, please contact the Board Chair.