

MORRIS PARK SINGERS

SINGER POLICY



The Morris Park Singers is a non-auditioned mixed voice (SATB) community choir in Minneapolis that seeks singers hoping to (re)introduce a creative musical outlet into their lives through a choral community.

By participating in the Morris Park Singers, singers agree to accept the below policies.

MISSION

To engage the community in choral music that welcomes, celebrates, and encourages the talents of all.

VISION

To provide quality choral music to the community, as well as continued opportunities for individuals to contribute and develop their talents.

VALUES

The Morris Park Singers commit to:

- Develop a welcoming community through a shared love of singing.
- Supporting each singers' development as a choral musician (and singer)
- Providing musicians a lower time commitment creative outlet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Morris Park Singers is under the umbrella of Morris Park Players, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community theater company.

Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in room 403 at Mill City Church (685 13th Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413).

There are two seasons each year (Fall - post Labor Day to mid-December; Spring - late January/early February to mid May). Each season will be around 14 total rehearsals with a concert(s) at the end.

Concert dress is currently all black with a pop of color.

Although the Morris Park Singers is a non-auditioned choir, prior music experience is encouraged. This can be anything from singing in high school choir to playing an instrument (and you want to try singing) to studying music for years or anything in between.

All new singers will be expected to meet with the director prior to the season start. This meeting will include a short range test, consisting of couple warm ups to test voice range and type, and a short pitch matching exercise, followed by a time to ask the director any questions about the choir and season.

REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS

Singers are expected to attend as many rehearsals as they are able and in a timely manner. Virtual attendance will be an option when in-person attendance is not possible, especially for when a singer is ill.

If attendance is not possible (whether just in person or in any form), singers are expected to notify the director and/or manager and their section leader prior to rehearsal. Multiple rehearsals where this notification does not happen may result in suspension from the choir.

If, going into a season, a singer would have to miss more than half of the rehearsals for a season, then they will need to sit that season out.

Singers are expected to bring a pencil to each rehearsal, as they are expected to mark their scores.

Singers are encouraged to bring water to each rehearsal.

Attendance at the dress rehearsal is mandatory.

Attendance at any small group rehearsals (when applicable) is mandatory.

Masking is optional at this time but the choir leadership reserves the right to change this policy when deemed necessary for the health of our singers.

PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS

Some practice outside of rehearsal will be necessary. A practice website is provided to singers that includes performance examples (when possible) and practice tracks for each part. There will also be detailed rehearsal notes for each rehearsal posted the following day. These are to be accessed by each singer, especially if it is a rehearsal that was missed.

We perform with music at our concerts. However, the expectation is to know the music well-enough where it is simply a tool and not a crutch.

MUSIC

Any sheet music used is on loan to the singers. That music (excluding copies) is expected to be returned at the end of the season, along with any binders or folders. Any pencil markings will need to be erased.

As the Morris Park Singers was created under the umbrella of the Morris Park Players, there is a slight focus (usually just under half of the repertoire) on Broadway or popular music. The rest of the repertoire is more traditional choral music. It is important to the director that all of the singers are provided with a well-rounded choral experience which includes a variety of different types of repertoire. Singers are always encouraged to reach out with any questions or concerns about any of the music selected. Programs from our previous concerts are attached for reference.

MISCELLANEOUS

Morris Park Players holds a full general liability insurance policy.

The personal or private information collected from the singers will never be passed to any third party without the express permission of the singer(s) in question.

The Morris Park Singers may take video and photographs of singers during rehearsals and events to use for promotional materials for the choir, either in print, on our website, or social media. Singers are expected to notify leadership if they don't want their picture used.

The Morris Park Singers leadership reserves the right to amend or alter these policies at any time and will communicate such changes to its singers as quickly as possible.