

Dedicated to quality performances of outstanding choral music in the Poconos



NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Now beginning its fourth season, **Pocono Concert Chorale seeks qualified sopranos, tenors and basses for 2019-2020.** Founded by James Maroney, Pocono Concert Chorale is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide area singers the opportunity to perform great choral music for the community.

WHEN/WHERE ARE THE REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES?

Pocono Concert Chorale gives two concerts each season: the first Sunday after Thanksgiving weekend and the last Sunday in April, both at 2:30 pm. Weekly rehearsals take place Tuesdays 7-9 pm starting the day after Labor Day. **The December 8 2019 concert** features music by contemporary female composers as well as distinctive seasonal arrangements; **the April 26 2020 concert** will showcase Brahms' choral masterwork, *Requiem*. Rehearsals and concerts are held at First Presbyterian Church Stroudsburg.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is through a brief and informal meeting with the Conductor. You can contact Dr. Maroney at jamaroney@aol.com to schedule a meeting prior to the beginning of the concert semester, or you can attend one of PCC's two "open house" rehearsals on September 3 & 10 (January 14 & 21 for the spring semester), and meet with him afterward.

COMMITMENT

Continuous membership is essential to the success and growth of the group: all members are expected to participate every semester. A member who will be absent for one semester must notify both the Conductor and the President. A former member absent for two or more semesters who wishes to return must secure approval from the Conductor.

MEMBERSHIP DUES & FUNDRAISING

Like all other independent community choirs, proceeds from our concerts covers only a portion of Pocono Concert Chorale's core operating expenses. We rely on membership dues (**\$40 per half-year**) as well as revenue from various fundraising projects (securing concert program ads, special performances, etc.) in which all members are expected to participate. Financial assistance for membership dues is available to those in need, particularly college students.

ATTENDANCE

For the Pocono Concert Chorale to give quality musical performances, it is imperative that every member attend as many rehearsals as possible. **The maximum number of rehearsal absences may not exceed three for each concert under any circumstance.** A member who has exceeded the absence limit is welcome to rejoin the group the next semester, contingent upon payment of dues.

MUSIC

Each member purchases his/her music. When possible, costs are kept to a minimum by PCC borrowing music and photocopying public domain works. Any music purchased is done in bulk via PCC in order to secure discounted prices.

CONCERT ATTIRE

Women: All black - Dresses or skirts are preferred, but dress pants are acceptable. No leggings, yoga pants, or jeans.
Men: White shirt; Black suit, black shoes and long black tie.