

MASTERSINGERS INCORPORATED

Membership Information

Rehearsals

Rehearsals start at 7:00 P.M. and usually last two hours. We practice in Room 101 (Band Room) on the bottom floor of the Bryan Fine Arts Building on the Tennessee Tech campus in Cookeville, TN. Always bring a pencil and your music to each rehearsal.

Attendance

Attendance at all rehearsals is expected. According to the Mastersingers By-laws, you must attend at least 80% of rehearsals to participate in our concerts. If you cannot attend all of the rehearsals, you simply need to demonstrate competency of the concert music to the director.

Music

Music is expensive! Members are responsible for the music assigned to them. When you receive your packet, you will sign by a number that links you to your music. Please make any notes or marks in pencil. You will be expected to reimburse Mastersingers for lost or damaged music. All music must be returned to the Librarian, Kathy Howard, after each performance. Should it be necessary for you to leave the group, please return your music to Kathy.

Some of the music we use is old. If you receive a piece that is in need of repair (ripped, stained or missing pages) or is unusable, please see our librarian for repairs or replacement.

We encourage that you practice your music at home between rehearsals. To help with this, we will make a practice CD available to you that is specific to your part. These practice CDs usually contain the pieces or sections of music that are more difficult. These practice files may also be available through the Mastersingers website. If you would like to request a CD, please see Kathy.

Most of the Mastersingers concerts performed in Wattenbarger Auditorium are recorded. A burned copy of the concert CD is available through Kathy. Along with the practice CDs, we suggest a \$0.50 per CD "love offering."

Folders

We use black folders for our concerts. You may buy your own or borrow one from the librarian. Please return borrowed folders at the end of the semester. Kathy will assist you with this matter.

Dues

Dues are necessary to partially defray the cost of the music, director, accompanist and other expenses. Dues for a fall semester are \$50.00 per person, for spring semester are \$25, or \$65.00 per person for the full year. Make your check payable to "Mastersingers" and give it to our Treasurer, Frank Vickers.

If the requirement of paying dues makes it impossible for you to participate in Mastersingers, you may submit a written request for a dues waiver to the Mastersingers Board of Directors. Requests may be mailed to Mastersingers at TTU, P.O. Box 5045, Cookeville, TN 38505, or may be given to any board member.

TTU students who are enrolled in Mastersingers as a class are not required to pay dues.

Concert Attire Policy

Women

Women should wear their Mastersingers black concert dress, black shoes, black hose, and a strand of pearls. If you are new or require another dress, our Membership Chair will order a dress for you. You will be responsible for the cost of the dress and the cost for alterations. TTU students who are enrolled in Mastersingers as a class are not required to buy their dress. Students will be responsible for returning the dress at the end of the class. Please limit jewelry to concert pearls and small earrings. Pearls will be provided for those who don't have them.

Men

Men should wear a black tuxedo with white formal shirt, black bow tie, black cummerbund, black shoes, and black socks. Please avoid vests. Red bow ties for our Christmas concerts are available for those who don't own one.

IMPORTANT!

Please **do not** use perfumes, colognes, aftershaves or scented hair sprays as they cause problems for persons with allergies. Thank you for your cooperation. We should look as good as we sound!