

MASTERSINGERS INCORPORATED

Membership Information

Rehearsals

Rehearsals start at 7:00 P.M. and usually last two hours. We will be practicing in the Wattenbarger Auditorium 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.

Masks

At this time, members are not required to wear masks. Please feel free to wear one if that would make you more comfortable. We do ask that you refrain from attending rehearsals/concerts if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness.

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 at the end of each semester. Should it be necessary for you to leave the group, please return your music to any board member.

We encourage that you practice your music at home between rehearsals. To help with this, we may at times 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 or emailed directly to you.

Folders

We use black folders for our concerts. You may buy your own or borrow one from our Librarian. Please return borrowed folders at the end of the semester.

Dues

Dues are necessary to partially defray the cost of the music, director, accompanist and other expenses. Dues are as follows:

\$30.00 per person per semester

\$55.00 per person per semester including Masterfest

\$75.00 per person for full year including Masterfest

Please visit our website mastersingersinc.com under the Membership tab for links to register and pay dues.

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 the website to order a dress from is www.stageaccents.com and the name to order for top and skirt is ONYX. You must order both a top and a skirt. Please allow plenty of time to order before a concert. Please limit jewelry to concert pearls and small earrings. Pearls will be provided for those who don't have them. TTU students who are enrolled in Mastersingers as a class are not required to buy their dress. Please see our President, Michelle Wheatley for a dress that you can borrow. Students will be responsible for returning the dress at the end of each semester.

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!