



*The*



*Ravenna*

*Community*

*Choir*

**Welcomes you!**

Membership Booklet  
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## Welcome

Welcome to the Ravenna Community Choir! We are glad you have joined us, and hope you will enjoy the Choir as much as we do.

Aside from the *obvious* reasons for becoming a member of RCC (performing choral music!), our choir affords other opportunities for rewarding experiences, such as providing quality concerts for the community and surrounding areas, enjoying great camaraderie, and developing enduring friendships (and even a few marriages!) over the years. The more “mature” members of RCC will assure you that the overwhelming response of love and appreciation from our audiences makes all our sacrifices and hard work worthwhile.

Because there is much to do besides learning the music, we strongly encourage each member to take an active part in the activities of the RCC. Thanks for joining and joining in!

## Purpose

The Ravenna Community Choir was established in 1975 exclusively for charitable and educational purposes (according to IRS definitions) to:

1. Provide a community choir in Ravenna for its members to share and develop their vocal talents;
2. Expose Ravenna and surrounding communities to a variety of vocal music through quality performances, thereby enriching the quality of life in the Ravenna community;
3. Share the goals of the choir with other communities through a touring program whenever financially possible.

## Sessions and concerts

The choir year runs from the annual January meeting through December. There are three sessions a year, of approximately three months each: *Spring* (primarily sacred music); *Summer* (light, popular music), and *Christmas* (both secular and sacred). We present a concert at the end of each session.

In addition to the three formal concerts, there may be other opportunities to sing at clubs and community events, depending on members' schedules.

## Concert attire

Concert attire will always be announced in plenty of time for you to acquire clothing. ***If you are not sure, ASK!***

### CHRISTMAS & SPRING concert attire:

Women: Long-sleeved *white* blouse (see color definitions)  
Long *black* skirt at least *ankle length*, (not knee length, not calf)  
Black shoes

Men: Black suit  
White shirt  
Red bow tie for Christmas (purchased from the Choir)  
Black long tie for Spring  
Black shoes

***Ask questions if you do not know what to wear!!!!***

### Color definitions for concert attire:

White: *White* white. Not cream, not ivory, not eggshell, not ecru, not off-white, not almost white. **WHITE.**

Black: *Black*. Not dark gray, not smoky, not navy. **BLACK.**

### SUMMER concert attire:

Top: Red polo shirt with RCC logo, purchased through the Choir.

Bottom: Long black dress slacks/trousers (No jeans)

Shoes: Black shoes (not flip-flops, shower shoes, etc.)  
Again, ***ask questions*** if you are not sure.

### Informal activities:

For fundraisers, group outings, informal performances, etc., the attire is more casual, and will be announced.

### Do NOT wear at concerts:

Because some members have allergies, do not wear perfume, cologne, after-shave, scented hair products, etc. Do not wear glitzy jewelry or anything else that would call attention to *you* and detract from the group

### DO wear at concerts:



**A SMILE!**



*and . .* **Remember to bathe or shower, and use unscented deodorant!**

## Leadership

We are extremely grateful for the leadership provided by our Director, (Assistant Director) and Accompanist, who provide the expertise, dedication and talent to enable us to develop, enjoy and share our God-given musical abilities.

In addition, RCC has an Executive Board consisting of a President, Immediate Past President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five Members-At-Large.

## Talents

We already know you love to sing, or you wouldn't be here, but what else can you do? Can you play guitar, flute, sax, trumpet, piano/organ, drums, or other musical instruments? Are you good at narration? Can you make good cookies and snack foods? There are many ways for you to let your light shine and contribute to our organization. Let us know!

## Fun-d raisers:

Yes, these events are fun! Each year we have a patron drive and at least one other fundraiser.

Once again, we're glad you have joined us, and we hope this booklet helps answer most of your questions. Any Choir member or officer will be glad to answer further questions or address your concerns.

## Requirements for Membership

RCC by-laws state that members must be adult (at least 18 years of age or a high school senior), must participate in rehearsals and must begin attending by the third rehearsal of each session.

## Rehearsal time and place

During each session the Choir meets on Monday nights from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, which is located at the corner of Freedom and Highland Streets in Ravenna. Rehearsals are sometimes extended to 9:30 p.m. as concert time approaches and/or the need arises.

## Attendance and Music Purchase

There are no auditions, so if you like to sing you are encouraged to participate! Regular attendance is expected. Participation also includes the purchase of music by each member. Music costs can run from \$20 to \$40 per session, and music payment sheets will be provided. Payment for music is due *before* the dress rehearsal. If a financial hardship exists, arrangements can be made to pay in small amounts.