



# Singer's Handbook

## Welcome to The Santa Cruz Chorale

The singers of the Santa Cruz Chorale have a common goal: to perform excellent vocal music of various styles from around the world and from different centuries. This requires dedication to the music, loyalty to the group, and a commitment to punctual and regular attendance at rehearsals and retreats, as well as preparation on one's own of the music.

## About The Santa Cruz Chorale

The Santa Cruz Chorale exists to provide enjoyment, cultural enrichment, and education to the Santa Cruz County community by producing exciting, distinctive and ambitious concerts of the highest possible standards. This coming season promises to be filled with celebration, as we enter our 40th year!

Christian Grube, the Chorale's Artistic Director, is emeritus professor of choral conducting at the Berlin University of Arts. His choirs are known for their exquisite sound, impeccable intonation, broad range of dynamic expression, and ability to interpret the most diverse styles. With Christian at the helm, we have a golden opportunity to refine our musicianship and performance, and we are excited and honored to be working with him.

**Who we are:** The Santa Cruz Chorale, a non-profit organization founded in 1983, performs a wide-ranging repertory including works from the 15th century through music of our time. It was founded and initially directed by Mary Lynn Place Badarak, Lecturer for the Department of Music at UC Santa Cruz, as a community-based volunteer adult chorus, as it continues today. In addition, the Chorale has made two international tours: the first to Northern Italy and Croatia, and the second to Spain, both under the leadership of Paul Vorwerk. Additional conductors during the chorus's evolution have included Murray Walker, the late Gene Lewis, and most recently, Eduardo Mendelievich (2004- 2006).

Since 2006, the chorus has been led by Christian Grube and performs 2-3 concert sets per year from the choral repertory, using the beautiful acoustics of the Sanctuary of Holy Cross Church in Santa Cruz. Over its existence, the Chorale has been able to attract four of Santa Cruz' most able accompanists: Yalenda Listmann, Maria Ezerova, Molly Deich, and Vlada Moran.

Our singers, who live throughout the greater Monterey Bay area, include graduate students, computer mavens, businesspeople, politicians, pastors, attorneys, investigators, consultants, UCSC faculty and staff, high school and grade schoolteachers, physicians, engineers, and parents of small children. Although several members of the Chorale are professional musicians and some

direct musical groups of their own, all volunteer their time, and most are amateurs in the original sense of that word: people who seriously pursue an art for the love of it.

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**Santa Cruz Chorale Online:** We have online resources that you need to know about:

- **www.santacruzchorale.org** — This is our main website. This site has all public information and a place where you or your friends can purchase tickets. If you haven't been to our site yet, please become familiar with the information on the site. This is also where you may pay your required dues, currently \$300, due in two installments of \$150 in September and January. Arrangements will be made for those unable to pay the full amount.
- **<http://www.santacruzmusic.net/chorale/>** – Created by Ron Goodman for Chorale use only, it contains samples of recordings of pieces, PDF downloads of music that can be printed, links to past concerts, and practice tools. Singers may pay their dues via this site, and the Google calendar is also linked there.

- **[sccsingers@lists.santacruzchorale.org](mailto:sccsingers@lists.santacruzchorale.org)** -- This is for active singers only – those that are participating in the upcoming concert. Messages should be limited to information about our upcoming concert: e.g. the concert itself, concert production, rehearsals, and our music. Information about other choral groups, other performances, workshops, personal events, etc., are not relevant. Basically, anything that a singer **\*needs to know\*** belongs in this group.
- **[sccchorale@lists.santacruzchorale.org](mailto:sccchorale@lists.santacruzchorale.org)**-- This group’s members include all of **sccsingers** but may also include singers on leave. Here you can post information that is unrelated to upcoming concerts: e.g. you have a video showing your kids’ musical talent or you are hosting a workshop, or you know of some valuable singing workshop useful to the chorale in general, or there’s a great upcoming Bach concert. Chorale board meeting minutes are posted here.
- **Google Calendar** – The Santa Cruz Chorale has a Google Calendar kept up to date by Jean Laroche. He makes sure that the dates for important Santa Cruz Chorale events, rehearsals, meetings, retreats, gigs, fundraising events, and concerts, are kept current. To gain access to this service, go to the site that Ron Goodman maintains for the link (see above).
- **<https://www.Facebook.com/SCZChorale>** – “Like” and interact on Facebook! If you are a Facebook user, we encourage you to Like our page and use it to create interest in our group and spread the word about upcoming concerts. On the page you can leave feedback and find general concert info as well as links to reviews, photos, and fun stuff. Several weeks before a concert, we create an “event” that allows you to directly invite your social-media-minded friends.

**Wardrobe:** You are responsible for wearing the wardrobe/concert attire that the organization specifies.

**Women’s Wardrobe** - Basic black; either long black skirt, or dressy black pants. Black three-quarter length or long sleeve blouses. Please pair this with formal black shoes and black knee-highs or tights. (No black tennis shoes or jeans please). Women should see Wendy Wyckoff, the wardrobe mistress, who will provide you with your signature “teal” Santa Cruz Chorale scarf for a very nominal fee.

**Men’s Wardrobe** – Basic tuxedo without tails, white shirt, black shoes, and black bow tie. Cummerbund optional.

**Music and Scores:** The musical scores used by the Santa Cruz Chorale come in several formats:

- Music that is still subject to copyright protection and must be purchased from a publisher.

- Music that is no longer under copyright protection and is either a photocopy, or from an online, downloadable source such as CPDL, or IMSLP.

The music that is handed out to a SCChorale member at the beginning of either each season or each concert set, becomes the property of the singer. Your dues partially cover the cost of purchasing music, and of making copies of scores. The SCChorale does not have the physical space for a 'choral library' and therefore does not store old scores.

Frequently music from past concerts is repeated in following seasons. Therefore, many singers find it helpful to save their scores (which contain important musical markings) for use in future performances.

**How you can help:** The Santa Cruz Chorale is an organization run primarily by volunteers. We are always looking for ways to build our audience, staff, and infrastructure. We are happy to have more people volunteer for the many tasks that it takes to run an arts organization like the Chorale. How can you help?

- We are always looking for new singers. If you know a singer who is interested in singing with us, ask them to fill out the form found on our website at [www.santacruzchorale.org/audition](http://www.santacruzchorale.org/audition).
- Whenever volunteers are needed, please respond to the announcement or request. If you have a skill that you are aware we need, please volunteer as you are able. This includes things like setting up before a concert, bringing refreshments (when this is permitted), writing thank you notes to our Donors, selling program ads to local business, finding friends to usher at concerts, data entry, etc.

### **Expectations of Singers:**

- **Schedule:** Members are asked to commit to the dates on our Schedule of Events, which include:
  1. Weekly rehearsals on Mondays, 7:00 – 9:30 PM at Peace United Church of Christ (PUCC), 900 High Street, Santa Cruz.
  2. One to two Saturday half-day rehearsals per set.
  3. Sectionals when called.
  4. Dress rehearsals and performances.
  5. Occasional fundraising events.
  6. Payment of dues; currently \$300 per year (or half at the beginning of each set). Arrangements can be made for those who need dues relief.
- **Conflicts** must be reported as early as possible. Notify the Musical Director. You will need to listen to the recording of the rehearsal you missed. If you are hoarse, come and listen. If you are infectious, stay home.
- **Preparation** is your responsibility. In your score, mark measure numbers, dynamics, pronunciation, etc. Follow-up and review after a rehearsal and practice the passages where you feel insecure.
- **Support** the organization by volunteering whenever you can and by inviting acquaintances, friends, and family to our concerts.

## **Fine Print:**

### **Release**

By participating with the Chorale, you:  
give permission for the Chorale to use your name, likeness, and voice in connection with Chorale activities without the right of prior review; and understand you will receive no compensation for use of the photos and recordings and that rights, title and interest in the photos and recordings belong to the Santa Cruz Chorale in perpetuity.

**Please sign and return this form to your section's designated person. Keep a copy for yourself.**

**Name (printed)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_