

Welcome to Cantus Novus

We are delighted to welcome you to Cantus Novus and hope that you will enjoy singing with us. Founded as an intimate group of choral friends gathering in homes to share a love of music, Cantus Novus has grown to be an established musical presence in the Delaware Valley. We are honored to be Artists-in-Residence at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, in Yardley, and regularly perform in venues throughout Bucks County and elsewhere in the Delaware Valley. Please see the new member information below including contact information for questions as you start your time with Cantus Novus.

Rehearsals – Weekly rehearsals are held on Sundays beginning promptly at 6:30pm and ending at 8:30pm. Occasionally, rehearsal times change due to weather, events like the Super Bowl, extra preparation or sectional rehearsals. All changes will be shared in advance. You will receive a weekly Da Capo email outlining the rehearsal plan for the week along with other important information. Please take time to read the email, learn your music at home and come to rehearsal prepared.

Attendance – The rehearsal and performance schedule will be emailed out prior to the beginning of each season. If you know you are going to miss a given Sunday night, send Nancy Gibbs an email or text as soon as possible. This information helps Ed plan our rehearsals more efficiently. We understand that last-minute emergencies do happen. All Cantus Novus singers are expected to be at all rehearsals. Consistent attendance and practice are very important for the group to truly come together as one voice to make beautiful music and be in the moment for our performances.

We realize that being at every rehearsal may not be realistic, therefore, everyone is allowed 2 excused absences per semester if necessary for illness/work/family obligations. You are expected to talk to someone in your section or your choir buddy to find out what you missed before the next rehearsal. If you miss more than two rehearsals, Ed will need to assess your concert readiness.

Music – Music will be handed out at the first rehearsal of the season. Once music costs are communicated, you should provide payment within a few weeks. Nancy Gibbs, our administrator, will have remittance envelopes at each rehearsal. On average, music costs run around \$25 – 35.

Dues – Member dues for the year are \$110. Members may pay dues in two installments if they choose -- half in September and half in January. Nancy will have remittance envelopes at all rehearsals. Checks or cash is fine, and payments for dues and music may be combined in a single check. Dues should be paid during the first few weeks of the rehearsal season. Should you have any concerns about paying your dues, please reach out to Amy Falk, Vice President.

Mentorship Program – Every new member will be aligned with a singing member of this committee to answer any questions and help them feel welcomed into the group.

Committee participation – Every member of Cantus Novus is required to serve on one of our committees. We would like you to focus on acclimating to Cantus Novus during your first semester and

encourage you to join one of the listed committees during the second semester. The committee chairs are listed below if you would like more information on the specific duties of each committee.

Development Committee - Steve Rock
Finance Committee - David Taylor
Governance Committee - John Leslie
Marketing Committee - Jim Shute
Membership Committee - Amy Falk
Production Committee - George Achilles

Concert Performance commitment — Concert dates will be provided to all members at the beginning of each season. All members are expected to perform at all concerts and to be on time for the given call time for dress rehearsals and concerts.

Concert Dress — Concert dress for women is our black concert dress, black dress shoes, pearl necklace, and pearl earrings. Contact Amy Falk to order a dress. We will also be arranging a “dress closet” for those who are looking to borrow or try a different size.

Concert dress for men is a black tux, tux shirt with wing collar, black bow tie, black cummerbund, black socks, and black dress shoes.

Black choir folders are required for all performances. There are many online places to order folders such as www.musicfolder.com.

Tickets — You can strongly influence our audience numbers by personally inviting friends, colleagues and family members to support our concerts. We ask that each member do their best to sell at least 10 tickets for both the Christmas and spring concerts. Tickets can be purchased directly through our website (cantusnovus.org) or at rehearsals leading up to each concert.

Concert Venues & Parking Details — Listed below are the addresses and parking information for our concert venues. Please reach out to your mentor for help finding these venues. Trinity can be difficult to find even with GPS assistance.

Trinity Episcopal Church Solebury
6587 Upper York Rd.
Solebury, PA 18963

- Park at the lot furthest up the hill or across the street in the school parking lot on Sungan Road

Morrisville Presbyterian Church
771 N. Pennsylvania Ave.
Morrisville, PA 19067

-Please park in spaces furthest away from the main door

Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church
84 E. Oakland Ave.
Doylestown, PA 18901

- We cannot use the small parking lot directly behind the church. Find street parking--there's plenty of space in the lot by the library, just two blocks down Pine St.

Pennswood Village
1382 Newtown-Langhorne Rd.
Newtown, PA 18940

-Park in the marked visitor lots, not in the numbered spots (which are for residents)

Member Resources – We store membership documents, video links, etc. on the members' page of the website. To access this page, go to "Members Login" in the footer of the home page. Choose a user name and a password (can be anything you wish). Ignore the line that says "secret key;" that only applies to behind the scenes access. If you use Firefox, you may also get a message that states "this application is not secure." You may ignore that as well. Just hit "Enter" to get rid of it. Current roster of members is posted on the members' page.

Contacts – All members will receive a choir roster sent in a Da Capo email at the beginning of each semester. Below is contact information for the members of our board as well as the membership committee.

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