



Metropolitan Choral Festival 2024 Choir Participation Agreement

Welcome to the Metropolitan Choral Festival! We are proud to be Denver's only summer chorus that provides volunteer singers the opportunity to perform choral Masterworks with professional symphony musicians and offer our annual concert to the public free of charge.

This document describes the expectations of MCF choir participation. Your signature is required to participate.

- 1. Eligibility:** MCF is a non-audition choir and singers of all ages (over 14 years) and abilities are welcome. As a volunteer organization open to all, we welcome diversity, value inclusion, and respect the varied backgrounds and differences of our choir participants. We challenge each singer to reach their musical potential, and strengthen our organization with your trust, tolerance, and talent. Our ability to come together in harmony is our greatest strength.
- 2. Fees:** The annual participation fee for 2024 is \$100 and due on or before the first rehearsal. You can mail a check to our office, pay by credit card using the PayPal link on our website or bring cash to the first rehearsal. Fees are not refundable after the second rehearsal.
- 3. Scholarships:** A limited number of scholarships are available to assist those facing financial hardship. Please send an email to metrochoralfestival@gmail.com to inquire about scholarship requirements and availability.
- 4. Attendance:** Although there is no strict attendance policy, you are encouraged to attend as many of the rehearsals as possible. If you miss more than four rehearsals, please have a conversation with your Section Leader about your absences.
- 5. Rehearsals:** Rehearsals are held twice a week for seven weeks beginning the first Sunday after July 4. Practice tracks or links for all parts are located on our website and singers are strongly encouraged to learn parts outside of our scheduled rehearsal times. Rehearsals are for finding balance, learning dynamics, and harmonizing as a group to ensure that the concert is of the highest quality artistic expression.
- 6. Tech Rehearsal:** because of the compressed season, there is only one opportunity to rehearse with the orchestra at the Tech rehearsal on Friday the day before the Saturday concert. Thus, it is critical that singers attend the Tech rehearsal. If you are not able to do so please let your section leader know at the beginning of the season.
- 7. Dress code:** Women wear all black floor length skirts or palazzo pants that look like a skirt, and black tops with sleeves to the elbow or longer. Men wear black tuxedo suits with a white shirt and black bow tie. Please use antiperspirant but do not wear perfume or fragrances of any kind. Womens jewelry should be modest and not draw attention. Both men and women must wear black socks or nylons and black shoes. Singers must wear the appropriate performance attire to the concert or they will be asked to leave the stage and not perform.
- 8. Music:** The annual participation fee includes the music. Printed scores are available at the first rehearsal and are yours to keep and mark as necessary. Electronic scores are available in advance of the first rehearsal.
- 9. Marketing:** MCF has a website and a robust online presence. We routinely post photos and videos of our rehearsals, events and concerts. Being an active MCF participant indicates your agreement for these



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images and videos to be used in this capacity. MCF is committed to only capturing images and videos in the context of MCF activities, and will not use them for any reason other than our online presence (Facebook and the MCF website <https://www.metropolitanchoralfestival.org/>). If you do social media, please follow our page on Facebook and Instagram, and share content with your friends and family.

10. **Singer Conduct:** All MCF participants are expected to conduct themselves in a dignified, orderly, and respectful manner on and off the stage, in person and on social media.
 - a. Please act in the best interests of MCF at all times. Refrain from any behavior that compromises the organization such as exploiting other participants for personal gain.
 - b. Inconsiderate and disruptive behavior, inattention during rehearsals or performances, excessive talking, and inappropriate cell phone usage degrade morale and adversely affect the quality of our artistic expression and will not be tolerated.
 - c. Occasional disagreements may arise. Respectful discussion is the appropriate way to resolve conflicts. Use respect, integrity, and kindness in interactions and communications with each other, both in and outside of rehearsal. If a grievance cannot be resolved, please discuss the situation with a board member.
 - d. If at any time a choir participant feels threatened, harassed, or intimidated by another singer, board member or musician, and feels unable to remedy the situation privately, please discuss the situation as soon as possible with a board member to seek support and remediation.
11. **Failure to comply** with these expectations may result in removal from the choir.

To the MCF directors, singers and musicians:

With my signature below I affirm:

- I have received a copy of the choir participation agreement.
- I have read and understand the expectations.
- I agree to comply with all singer expectations.
- I understand that failure to do so may result in my removal from the choir.

Printed Name

Signature

Cell Phone

Date

MCF Board of Directors

Ricki Moyer, MCF Artistic Director