Hello,

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the Hartford Chorale!

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

[auditions@hartfordchorale.org](about:blank) or 860-462-7285.

I look forward to meeting you!

Steve Cottle

*Audition Manager*

*Hartford Chorale*

**Audition Instructions 2023-2024**

* Sign up for your audition time using the chorale website [www.hartfordchorale.org/join-us/auditions](about:blank).
* Please read the entire package and fill out all fields on the audition forms page 5-6. Please complete the form and bring it with you to the audition.
* For new auditionees, every candidate must provide a recommendation from a musical professional or educator who attests to the candidate’s skills and experience in choral singing. We regret that no audition can proceed without the recommendation. Please have your recommender email your recommendation to auditions@hartfordchorale.org.
* Shortly after registering to audition, you should receive an email from our Auditions Coordinator.
* You will need to come prepared to sing three of the five excerpts provided on the Hartford Chorale website. You may choose any three.
* Results of the audition will be communicated to you via email within a week of your audition and receiving the required documents.
* If you have questions, please email [auditions@hartfordchorale.org](about:blank) or call Steve at 860-462-7285.
* If you are accepted for membership into the Chorale, a membership package including a commitment letter will be sent to your email. The commitment letter must be filled out and returned along with proof of vaccination for COVID 19. All of our members must be fully vaccinated in order to participate in rehearsals or performances.

**Membership Policy – Summary 2023-2024**

Each member of the Hartford Chorale is expected to:

* Return a Commitment Letter (electronic or email) as soon after your acceptance as possible.
* Sing every scheduled performance during the season.
* Attend all rehearsals, not exceeding the maximum allowable number of missed rehearsals per concert schedule. There are no excused absences during production weeks.
* Be musically prepared for each rehearsal, including editing scores in advance.
* Pay dues of $185.00 or request a reduction to $90 where the Chorale makes up the difference (interns are exempt from dues). Singers will not be allowed to sing unless dues are paid or a payment plan is in place.
* Adhere to concert dress code policy.
* Purchase scores for self-produced concerts, return borrowed scores immediately following the final concert of each series for symphony sponsored concert.

Each member of the Hartford Chorale is also expected to support the Chorale in at least one of the following ways:

* Make a donation to the annual appeal
* Fill a volunteer opportunity
* Procure ads for self-produced concerts
* Purchase/sell at least one ticket for each self-produced concert

At the end of each season, the Music Director and Vice President of Membership will review each member’s record, including their fulfillment of the above expectations. Members in good standing who are invited to return on an annual basis will be asked to re-audition every four years.

In exchange for meeting these expectations, members receive:

* A season of several performance opportunities with a premier symphonic chorus, singing with outstanding conductors, professional vocalists and instrumentalists, in prestigious halls, for large audiences
* 40-50 hours of rehearsals with a highly regarded music director, assistant music director, vocal section leaders, and accompanist, in a comfortable rehearsal hall throughout the season
* Personal artistic growth and satisfaction that singing provides
* Enrichment seminars (conclaves)
* Access to a strong Intern program and professional development opportunities
* Multiple opportunities to socialize with friends and colleagues at dinners, rehearsal breaks, after concert gatherings
* The option to participate in Chorale tours.

**Hartford Chorale’s 52nd Season**

**2023-2024 Season**

**Season Opening Social** (optional, but highly encouraged)

**Saturday, October 7, 4 – 6pm at St James**

Hosted by the social committee – RSVP required

Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

***Concert #1 – HSO Halloween Concert***

Hartford Chorale, Hartford Symphony Orchestra

John Jesensky, guest conductor

**PERFORMANCE DATE:**

Saturday, October 28, 3:00pm (1:30pm call)

**LOCATION:**

Mortenson Hall, Bushnell Performing Arts Center – Hartford

**REHEARSALS: (Mondays, 7:00 – 9:45pm, St. James Episcopal Church, West Hartford)**

October 9, 16

Monday, October 23 (Sitzprobe w/Jesensky)

**DRESS REHEARSAL:**

Friday, October 27, 7:00-9:30pm, Bushnell (call for seating, 6:30pm)

**CHORALE REPERTOIRE:** (about 30 mins of music in a 90 min program with intermission)

Suite from *Jurassic Park*

Suite from *The Addams Family*

*Hocus Pocus*

*Tales of Halloween*

**CONCERT DRESS:**

Standard concert attire AND/OR Accessories/Costume of choice

(no part of costume can obstruct view of those around you)

**ABSENCES:** None

***Concert #2 – Christmas Concert***

Hartford Chorale, SATB Soloists, Contracted Orchestra

Jack Anthony Pott, conductor

**PERFORMANCE DATE:**

Wednesday, December 20, 7:30pm (6:00pm call)

**LOCATION:**

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford (CSJ)

**REHEARSALS: (Mondays, 7:00 – 9:45pm, St. James Episcopal Church, West Hartford)**

October 30

November 6, 13, 27 (skipping Nov 20)

December 4, 11

**DRESS REHEARSAL:**

Tuesday, December 19 – 7:00pm at CSJ (call for seating, 6:30pm)

**CHORALE REPERTOIRE:**

*Magnificat in D* – J. S. Bach

*Audience Christmas Carol Sing-along* (3-4 selections with orchestra)

*Messiah, Part 1* – G. F. Handel (ending with *Hallelujah Chorus*)

**ABSENCES:** 2 excused. None during production week.

***Concert #3 –* Dvořák *Te Deum***

Hartford Chorale, Soprano & Baritone Soloists, Farmington Valley Symphony Orchestra

Jonathan Colby, conductor

**PERFORMANCE DATE:**

Saturday, February 10, Time TBD

**LOCATION:**

Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford (CCC)

**REHEARSALS: (Mondays, 7:00 – 9:45pm, St. James Episcopal Church, West Hartford)**

January 22, 29

February 5 (Sitzprobe with Colby)

**PRODUCTION WEEK:**

Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 – 8:15pm (at Porter Memorial Hall, Farmington or CCC)

Friday, February 9, 7:00 – 8:30pm at CCC (call for placement 6:30pm)

**CHORALE REPERTOIRE:**

*Te Deum*, Op. 103 – Antonin Dvořák

**ABSENCES:** 0 excused. None during production week.

***Concert #4 –* HSO Masterworks**

Hartford Chorale, Hartford Symphony Orchestra

Jacomo Bairos, guestconductor

**PERFORMANCE DATES:**

Friday, April 12, 2024, 8:00pm, Belding Theater (call 6:30pm)

Saturday, April 13, 2024, 8:00pm, Belding Theater (call TBD)

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 3:00pm, Belding Theater (call TBD)

**LOCATION:**

Belding Theater, Bushnell Performing Arts Center - Hartford

**REHEARSALS: (Mondays, 7:00 – 9:45pm, St. James Episcopal Church, West Hartford)**

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1

**PRODUCTION WEEK:**

Monday, April 8, 2024, 7:00 – 10:00pm, St. James (with guest conductor)

Rehearsal w/Orchestra: Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 7:00 – 9:30pm, Belding Theater

Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, April 11, 2024, 7:00 – 9:30pm, Belding Theater

**CHORALE REPERTOIRE:**

*Make Our Garden Grow* – Leonard Bernstein

*Gloria* – Antonio Vivaldi

**ABSENCES:** 2 excused. None during production week.

***Concert #5 –* Fabulous Fauré**

Hartford Chorale, Soprano & Baritone Soloists, Contracted Chamber Orchestra

Jack Anthony Pott, conductor

James Barry, organist

**PERFORMANCE DATE:**

Friday, May 31, 7:30pm

**LOCATION:**

Immanuel Congregational Church (ICC) - Hartford

**REHEARSALS: (Mondays, 7:00 – 9:45pm, St. James Episcopal Church, West Hartford)**

April 15, 22, 29

May 6, 13, 20 (skipping 27)

**PRODUCTION WEEK:**

Wednesday, May 29, 7:00 – 10:00pm (Dress Rehearsal – ICC)

**CHORALE REPERTOIRE:**

*Cantique de Jean Racine*, Op. 11

*Motets*

Op. 65, No. 1 – Ave Verum (SA)

Op. 65, No. 2 – Tantum Ergo (SA)

Op. 47, No. 1 – *O Salutaris* (Baritone solo)

Op. 47, No. 2 – *Maria, Mater Gratiae* (TB)

2 – 4 solo French Mélodie (Soprano & Baritone soloists)

*Messe Basse* (SA)

*Requiem*, Op. 48

**ABSENCES:** 2 excused. None during production week.

**Audition Information Packet 2023-2024**

*Please fill out the requested sections electronically, then print entire form*

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| **Logistics Please complete this entire page** | | | |
| **Full Name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| **Address:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **City, State, Zip** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Preferred Phone for Chorale Communications:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **Preferred Email for Chorale Communications:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Vocal Information** | | | |
| **Height in inches** | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| **Voice Part:** | Soprano I Soprano II Alto I Alto II  Tenor I Tenor II Baritone Bass | | |
| **Member Status:** | Auditionee  Intern  Active Member – year first joined: Click or tap here to enter text.  Returning from Leave - last year you sang:Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| **If you are auditioning for the first time, how did you hear about the Hartford Chorale?** | Attended a concert - which one?: Click or tap here to enter text.  Choral director referral - Name/Group: Click or tap here to enter text.  Read audition notice - Publication Name: Click or tap here to enter text.  Chorale member referral - Name: Click or tap here to enter text.  Visited website  Other - Please explain: Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| **Briefly describe previous choral and solo experience, beginning with the most recent. Please list the Music Director for each experience.** *(Include a separate page if needed.)* | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| **Have you taken a music course, such as music theory or sight-singing? If YES, please list courses and dates:** | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| **Have you ever studied voice? If YES, for how long, when and with whom?** | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| **Have you ever studied a musical instrument? If YES, which one(s), for how long and when?** | | | |
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| **Audition Information – list pieces in the order you intend to sing them at your audition** | |
| **Full Name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Prepared singing:** *Include “Composer’s Name” and “Title”* | 1. Click or tap here to enter text.  2. Click or tap here to enter text.  3. Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Referral Information:** | Name/title of person providing referral: Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| **Music Director Notes LEAVE BLANK** | |
| **Full Name:** |  |
| **Range** |  |
| **Timbre** |  |
| **Tuning** |  |
| **Diction** |  |
| **Style** |  |
| **Sight-reading: pitch** |  |
| **Sight-reading: rhythm** |  |
| **Learning speed: pitch** |  |
| **Learning speed: rhythm** |  |
| **Pitch memory** |  |
| **Recommendation provided?** | Yes No |
| **Results** | |
| **Status** | Accepted Declined Re-audition in future |
| **Comments** |  |
| **Accepted Voice Part** | Soprano I Soprano II Alto I Alto II  Tenor I Tenor II Baritone Bass |
| **a3 assignment** | H M  L |
| **Date Notified** |  |