

**PEORIA AREA CIVIC CHORALE**  
**Joseph D. Henry, Artistic Director and Conductor**

**Audition Information**

**Dates:**

January and August (Please see website for the exact dates)

**Location:**

First United Methodist Church, Peoria  
116 N.E. Perry Peoria, IL 61603

**Introduction**

The Civic Chorale seeks to discover and recruit the very finest vocal musicians in Central Illinois. We are looking for those singers who are both vocally talented and willing to commit to the purpose and mission of the Peoria Area Civic Chorale in a most positive way. You may be one of those singers and we would like to welcome you to our auditions. The audition process is given in the positive spirit of the Civic Chorale so with this value in mind, please enter the audition with eagerness, confidence and sing to your fullest potential. We wish you the very best!

**Audition Process**

The Mission of the Peoria Area Civic Chorale is to perform diversity in repertoire of the highest quality presented in the most professional manner for the enjoyment, entertainment, aesthetic enrichment and education of its members, its audiences, and those who live in the communities it serves.

Auditions are 10-15 minute individual appointments with the music director and consist of four components: (1) vocalization to demonstrate range and quality, (2) music reading, (3) tonal memory, and (4) a prepared piece of music - preferably 2-3 minutes from memory.

Minimum requirements for audition eligibility are: (1) substantial previous choral experiences, i.e. three or more years of any combination of high school, college, church, or other community choirs; (2) good music-reading ability, and (3) good vocal quality.

Very helpful but not required: (1) Individual voice training, (2) instrumental training (piano, band, or orchestra), (3) evidence of vocal solo experience.

**Membership Responsibilities include**

Rehearsal Attendance - Members are expected to be prepared for all rehearsals and performances. Weekly rehearsals are in Wesley Hall at First United Methodist Church in Peoria on Tuesday evenings from 6:50-9:00 P.M. It is expected that you will miss no more than two (2) rehearsals.

In addition to the regular Tuesday night rehearsal the chorale rehearses every evening of the week of the concert performances which has come to be known as PACC WEEK.

### **Home Practice**

Singers are expected to work on their music in between the Tuesday night rehearsals. MIDI generated practice CDs are generally available for singers during the first couple of rehearsals while CDs of later rehearsals utilized to assist in memory work will become available at a later date. Both are available for a nominal fee. As another option, you may wish to use your own cassette tape recorder to record each rehearsal.

Total memorization - Is the way of the Peoria Area Civic Chorale!

Financial Commitment - Singers are responsible for all concert attire as determined by the wardrobe chairperson. Concert wardrobe announcements will be given at the beginning of each performance season.

Choral Music - The music used during each season is the property of the PACC and as such will be given to singers on loan only.