



August 2007

Dear friend,

Thank you for your interest in auditioning to become a singing member of One Voice Mixed Chorus! Auditions for our 2007-2008 season are scheduled for Monday, August 27 and Tuesday, September 4.

For 19 years, One Voice Mixed Chorus has united gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and straight allies in working for social change. One Voice is known for its musical excellence, diverse repertoire, humor, and strong commitment to community outreach. One Voice's eighty singing members span ages 17-69, and its Fifth Section boasts over 40 non-singing volunteers. One Voice is the **largest GLBT mixed chorus in North America**, and has performed for thousands of people in the Twin Cities, greater Minnesota, and beyond.

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One Voice auditions are by appointment and include a prepared solo (this can be something familiar, like a folk song/hymn or a more classical-style solo), tonal memory exercises, sight-reading and singing with another voice. It is not a requirement to read music in order to sing with One Voice, but I test every singer so that we can balance this skill within the chorus.

Please review the enclosed materials especially the calendar and attendance requirements. If you are interested in auditioning, call the One Voice Hotline (612-332-1302) and leave a message with your name and phone number so we can be sure to provide you with the information you need. You can also contact us by e-mail at info@ovmc.org.

Thanks for your interest and I look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Ramseyer Miller".

Jane Ramseyer Miller, Artistic Director

PS. If you decide not to audition but want to connect with One Voice you might consider joining our 5th Section. This is a group of devoted, non-singing volunteers. Being a part of One Voice's 5th Section is a great way to get connected! See the attached document for more information.

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One Voice Mixed Chorus

Fall 2007 Audition Information



Auditions: Monday, August 27 and Tuesday, September 4
from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Unity Church Unitarian – see attached map.

First rehearsal: Monday, September 10 (see attached calendar)

Programming for 2007-2008

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On July 12-19, 2008 One Voice will travel to the GALA (Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses) international **choral festival in Miami, Florida.** This festival is an incredible week of singing, hearing choral music and meeting queer choruses from all over the world! Any singer who has sung through our 2007-2008 season will be eligible to join One Voice to perform at this festival. Our repertoire for the Festival will be drawn from both our fall and spring concerts so singers are strongly **encouraged to sing for the full 2007-2008 season** if you would like to join One Voice at the Miami GALA Festival.

One Voice Calendar

Check out the attached calendar for subscription concert dates and community outreach performances. We want our performances to be strong and hope that you will be able to attend as many as possible. Each season we schedule several community outreach performances and we ask that singers participate in at least 50% of these performances. You'll have a chance to sign up in advance for the performances that fit your schedule. There will be more outreach performances added in the next several months as requests continue to come in but we want to give you these dates in advance.

Rehearsals and Attendance

We rehearse every Monday night from 7-9:30 pm at Unity Church Unitarian, 732 Holly Avenue in St. Paul. We also have several all-day Saturday rehearsals/potlucks during the year. These are times to really dig into the music, eat some great food and get to know other chorus members. Check out the enclosed calendar for those dates.

In addition to being a chorus that has a lot of fun, we also strive for musical excellence. The chorus attendance policy permits a maximum of 4 absences during each concert season (there are two parts to our year: Sept-Jan and Feb-June). This includes attendance at the Saturday rehearsals. Attendance at one outside sectional is also required. Attendance at three of the last four rehearsals before a major concert as well as the dress rehearsal is mandatory. Please consider these attendance expectations before joining the chorus! Members who cannot meet the attendance requirements for a particular season may take a leave-of-absence and re-join us the next season.

Audition Procedure

Auditions are by appointment only, so please call 612-332-1302 to schedule your audition if you have not already secured a date/time. When you arrive, members of the chorus will provide you with more information about One Voice and will be available to answer any questions you may have prior to your audition with the Artistic Director.

The music audition will take approximately 15 minutes. Singers must bring a prepared song so that the Artistic Director can hear you sing through a piece. Choose something that you are comfortable singing - a simple song is fine (folk song, hymn, pop tune or classical piece, etc.). An accompanist will be available if you would like piano accompaniment. In addition to your solo, the audition will check your vocal range, ability to carry a vocal part, tonal memory and sight-reading skills.

Membership Dues

Your financial contributions assist with the cost of music, staff fees, rental and production expenses. Membership dues are \$80 per concert season (\$160 total for the year if you sing both concert seasons), and can be paid in full at the beginning of each concert season, or in installments. Note that your dues may be matched by your employer as a donation to One Voice. One Voice does not turn away singers because of an inability to pay dues. Volunteer involvement can be traded for dues instead. Call or e-mail our Operations Manager for more information about volunteer work exchange.

Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to singing, there are many ways to get involved with One Voice. Each concert season includes choreographed number(s) for members who like to dance. Singing and non-singing members assist with many creative aspects of programming from program design to production to marketing. Other members organize the silent auction, plan social events, write grants and select music for upcoming concerts. All gifts and contributions are welcomed and encouraged!

5th Section Volunteers

If for some reason you are not able to participate as a One Voice singer, we wholeheartedly welcome you to join our 5th Section. The 5th Section is a group of non-singing volunteers who organize One Voice events and concerts, serve on committees and assist with production areas. This is a great way to be a part of the One Voice community and join in the fun!

Organizational Structure, Board and Staff

One Voice is a non-profit organization with 80 singing members and a 5th section of approximately 40 volunteers. The Board of Directors meets monthly to guide OVMC operations and long-range planning. These meetings are open to all singing and non-singing members. Currently our Board Co-chairs are Earl Moore and Kate Reilly. Our Artistic Director is Jane Ramseyer Miller and Philip Everingham serves as One Voice Accompanist. Randi Grundahl Rexroth conducts our a cappella ensemble, OVation and we are currently hiring to fill our Operations Manager position.

More questions about One Voice?

Thank you again for your interest in joining One Voice Mixed Chorus. We are a diverse and fun-loving group that celebrates the joys of making music! If you have further questions about the chorus or your possible involvement, please leave a message on our hotline at 612-332-1302 or info@ovmc.org.

Be sure to check out our web site! www.ovmc.org

General E-mail: info@ovmc.org

Phone: 612-332-1302

One Voice Mixed Chorus Mission Statement

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One Voice Calendar 2007-2008

Updated 7/12/07

Italics indicate tentative events/dates

FALL SCHEDULE

- August 27 & Sept 4 New singer auditions
- Mon, Sept 10** **6:30 pm New Singer Orientation, 7:00 pm First rehearsal & welcome***
- Sept 10 thru Jan 21** **Regular Rehearsals - Monday evenings (7:00 – 9:30 pm) ***
- Sat. Oct. 20** **All-chorus Saturday Rehearsal, Vocal Workshop & Annual mtg (9:30 am – 3:00 pm)***
- November 9 Dynamic Donor Breakfast (7:30 – 8:30 am)
- November 9-11** **Outreach Tour to Iowa (Ames, Des Moines, Iowa City)**
- Mon, Nov 12 Break – NO REHEARSAL!
- Mon, Dec 24 Winter Break – NO REHEARSAL!
- Mon, Dec 31 Winter Break – NO REHEARSAL! New Year's Eve party?
- Saturday, Jan 5 All-chorus Rehearsal with Dr. Vance George & Central HS **(9:30 am – 3:00 pm) ***
- Thurs, Jan 24** **Final Tech Rehearsal: (6:30 – 10:00 pm)***
- Fri, Jan. 25** **Between Dark and Light – with guest conductor, Vance George**
Afternoon Concert at Central HS (2:30 pm?) Central Presbyterian
Dinner with Vance George and Central HS Concert Choir (5:00 pm)
7:30 pm Concert at Central Presbyterian (5:30 pm call)
- Sat, Jan. 26** **Between Dark and Light – with guest conductor, Vance George**
7:30 pm Concert at Central Presbyterian (5:30 pm call)

SPRING SCHEDULE

- Feb 4 & 5 New singer auditions (6:30 – 9:30 pm)
- Feb 11 thru Jun 16** **Regular Rehearsals - Monday evenings (7:00 – 9:30 pm) ***
- Sat, Mar 15** **All-chorus Saturday Rehearsal & Story-telling (9:30 am - 3:00 pm) ***
- Sat, April 19 Spring Fever - One Voice Cabaret & Auction - 7:30 pm Saint Joan of Arc
- Sat, May 10** **All-chorus Saturday Rehearsal & Concert run-through (9:30 am – 3:00 pm) ***
- Mon., June 9 QMC Pride concert at Como
- Tues., June 10 Regular rehearsal night*
- Thurs. June 19** **Tech Rehearsal – History Theatre (6:30 – 10:00 pm)***
- Sat. June 21** **Old New Borrowed Q! - 20th Anniversary Concert ***
5:30 pm call, 7:30 pm concert, History Theatre
- Sun. June 22** **Old New Borrowed Q! - 20th Anniversary Concert ***
3:30 pm, History Theatre* (1:30 pm call)
- Mon. June 30 & July 7 GALA rehearsals
- Wed. July 9 GALA rehearsal
- July 12-19** **GALA Festival VII, Miami**

* **Required Events:** Check your schedule, and discuss any possible conflicts with your Membership Committee Rep. At least one sectional is required in each half – all are encouraged!

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Directions and Map to location for One Voice Auditions & Rehearsals



Location: Unity Church Unitarian , parish hall
732 Holly Avenue, St. Paul

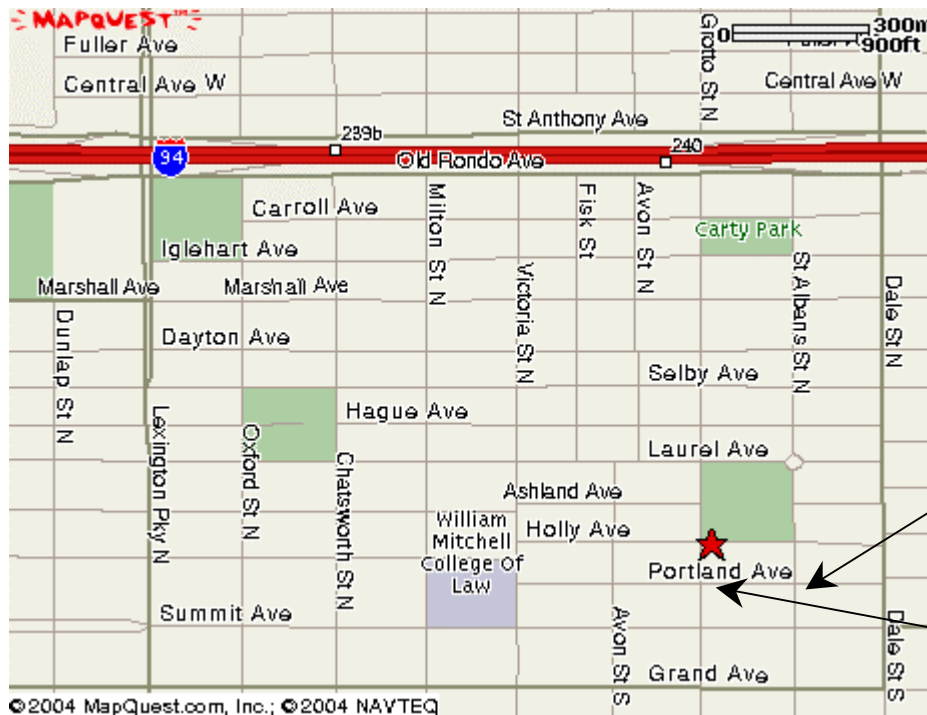
Bus Info: Metro transit bus route 21A services this area.

Park in the lot at Portland & St. Albans
just one block east of the Portland & Grotto entrance.
Street parking is also available nearby the church.

Please enter through red double doors at Portland & Grotto

Directions

From Interstate 94, exit south on Dale
Travel 10 blocks, watch for Holly Avenue.
continue 1 block past Holly, turn right on Portland avenue (sign not visible)
travel 1 long block to the parking lot at Portland & St. Albans
or 1 block further for street parking



Parking Lot

Portland and Grotto, use Red Double Doors

If you are auditioning and will be late, or cannot make your audition slot on the day scheduled, please call ahead to let us know.

Call **612-332-1302** in advance
or **651-228-1456 (Unity Church)** on the evening of your audition.

Thank You!