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Building community and creating social change by raising our voices in song.

January 11, 2012

Dear One Voice Friend!

Thank you for your interest in auditioning to become a singing member of One Voice Mixed Chorus! One Voice Mixed Chorus unites gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and straight allies to build community and create social change by raising our voices in song. As the largest GLBT chorus in North America, One Voice is known for its musical excellence, diverse programming, and deep commitment to community outreach. The 100 singing members range from ages 17 to 74, and the “Fifth Section” boasts more than 50 non-singing volunteers. Whether performing in schools, at community events, or on stage for marquee concerts, One Voice inspires transformation through passionate, vibrant, creative and surprising performances. The award-winning chorus has performed for thousands of people throughout the Twin Cities, Greater Minnesota and beyond.

Auditions for our 2012 Spring season are scheduled for:

Monday, January 30 and Tuesday, January 31
Unity Church Unitarian
732 Holly Avenue, Saint Paul

One Voice auditions are by appointment and include a **prepared solo** (this may 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. Then **call our office at 651-298-1954 to schedule your audition time**. If you call after office hours please leave your name and complete contact information as a message so we can be sure to return your call. You may also contact us by e-mail at info@ovmc.org.

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

Sincerely,

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. The 5th Section 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.

One Voice Mixed Chorus

Rehearsals: Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm (see calendar)

Auditions: Monday, January 30 and Tuesday, January 31
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Unity Church Unitarian – see attached map.



Auditions are by appointment only. Call **651-298-1954** to schedule your audition if you have not already secured a time. When you arrive, members of the chorus will provide more information about One Voice and will answer any questions you may have prior to your audition with the Artistic Director.

The music audition will take approximately 15 minutes. 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.

2011-2012 Season Programming

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Our 2011-2012 Season concludes with some exciting performances. We were selected from choirs across Minnesota to perform at the opening concert of the national Chorus America conference in Minneapolis in June! Then we head west for the Denver 2012 GALA Festival, July 7-11, 2012!

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 retreats and 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 four 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.

Membership Dues

Your financial contributions assist with the cost of music, staff fees, rental and production expenses. Membership dues are \$85 per concert season 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 Coordinator 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!

Fifth-Section Volunteers

If you are not able to participate as a One Voice singer, we wholeheartedly welcome you to join our Fifth-Section. The Fifth-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 Fifth-Section of approximately 40 volunteers. The Board of Directors meets monthly to guide One Voice Mixed Chorus (OVMC) operations and long-range planning. These meetings are open to all singing and non-singing members.

Executive Director	Craig Coogan
Artistic Director	Jane Ramseyer Miller
Operations Coordinator	Rebecca Merrill
Accompanist	Scott Lykins
Special Events Intern	Carolyn Bruce
OVation Ensemble Coach	Randi Grundahl Rexroth
Board Chair	Tim Bicha

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 us a call.

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

General E-mail: info@ovmc.org

Phone: 651-298-1954

One Voice Mixed Chorus Mission Statement

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One Voice Preliminary Calendar 2011-2012

Updated 1/5/2012



Spring 2012 Schedule

<i>Mon. Jan 30</i>	<i>One Voice New Singer Auditions: 7-9:30 pm</i>
<i>Tues. Jan 31</i>	<i>One Voice New Singer Auditions: 7-9:30 pm</i>
Mon, Feb 6	<i>New Singer Orientation: 6:30 pm, First rehearsal & welcome 7:00 pm*</i>
Mon, Feb 6 -June 11	Regular Monday Rehearsals: 7:00 – 9:30 pm*
Sat, Feb 18	One Voice Retreat: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Unity Unitarian*
Sat, Mar 10	Spring Fever - One Voice Cabaret & Auction* DoubleTree Minneapolis, St. Louis Park: 5:30 pm Singer call, 7:30 pm Cabaret
April 19 or 20	OUT in Our Schools: 7:30 am-9:30 pm (<i>tentative date</i>)
Sat, May 19	One Voice Retreat: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Unity Unitarian*
Mon., June 4	QMC Pride concert at Como Park Pavilion: 6:10 pm singer call, 7:00 pm Concert
Tues, June 5	One Voice Rehearsal: 7-9:30 pm (<i>tentative</i>)*
Mon, June 11	Concert Tech Rehearsal at History Theatre: 7:00 – 10:00 pm*
Tues, June 12	Rehearsal for Chorus America Concert at Orchestra Hall: 7-9:00 pm
Wed, June 13	Chorus America Opening Concert, Orchestra Hall: 5:30 pm call, 7:30 pm concert
Thurs, June 14	Concert Run-through at History Theatre: 7:00 – 10:00 pm*
Fri. June 15	Come Fly With Me: A GLBT Romp Around the World * History Theatre: 5:30 pm call, 7:30 pm Concert
Sat. June 16	Come Fly With Me: A GLBT Romp Around the World * History Theatre: 5:30 pm call and photos, 7:30 pm Concert
Mon, June 18	One Voice End-of-Yr Party & Volunteer Appreciation
Sun, June 24	One Voice in Twin Cities Pride Parade: morning (<i>tentative</i>)
Mon, June 25	GALA Festival 2012 rehearsal: 7-9:30 pm
Wed, June 27	GALA Festival 2012 rehearsal: 7-9:30 pm
Mon, July 2	GALA Festival 2012 rehearsal and send-off concert: 7-9:30 pm
July 7-11, 2012	GALA Festival 2012, Denver, CO

Italics indicate One Voice events that do not involve the full chorus.

*** 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

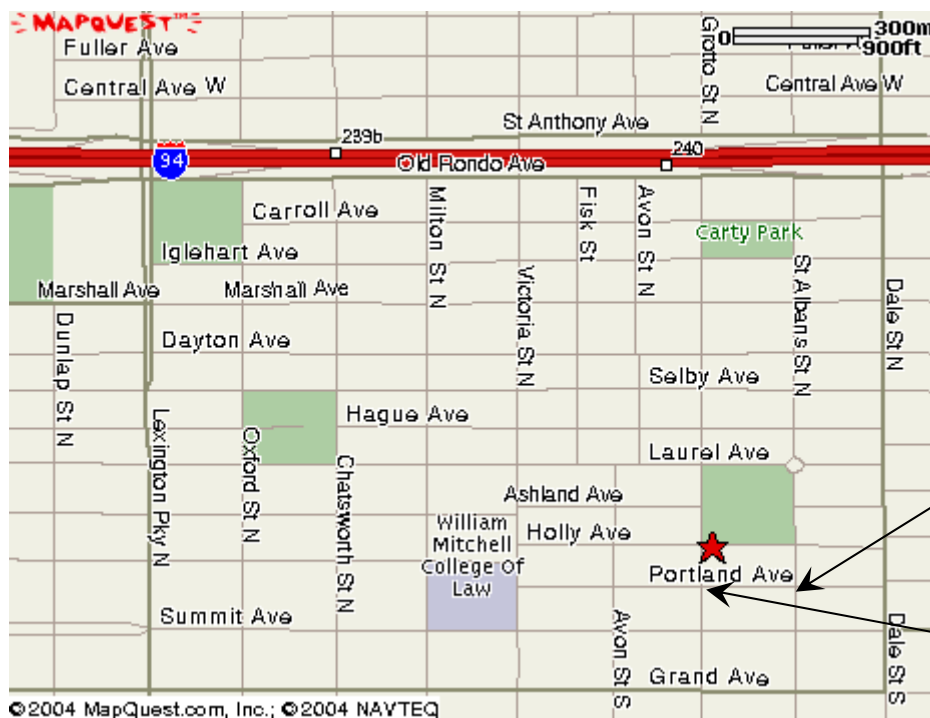
Bus Info: Metro transit bus route 21A services this area.

There is street parking or you can park in the lot at Portland & St. Albans just one block east of the Portland & Grotto entrance.

Please enter through red double doors at Portland & Grotto OR at the front (north) door off of Holly Avenue.

Directions

From Interstate 94, exit south on Dale
Travel 10 blocks, watch for Holly Avenue and turn right.
Or for the parking lot, 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



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.

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