



DAKOTA *Choral* UNION

Singer Handbook 2015 - 2016

*Sharing the passion of singing,
Dakota Choral Union entertains, enlightens, and
enriches our Black Hills community
through the performance of significant choral works.
DCU provides the opportunity
for individuals to develop
within a supportive family of non-auditioned singers.*

*We strive to bridge boundaries and touch lives
through our music.*

Dakota Choral Union
P.O. Box 9083
Rapid City, SD 57709

Learn more about DCU at
dakotachoralunion.org



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and funded in part by the City of Rapid City

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2015-2016 CONCERT SEASON

FROST IN AUTUMN

7:30 P.M. Saturday, October 24, 2015
Performing Arts Center (PAC)
Rapid City High School
601 Columbus Street, Rapid City

Christmas at the Cathedral

7:30 P.M. Sunday, December 20, 2015
Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
520 Cathedral Drive, Rapid City
KOTA Care and Share event

7TH ANNUAL TABLES DU JOUR

11:00 A.M. Saturday, January 30, 2016
NEW LOCATION
Youth & Family Services
120 E. Adams Street, Rapid City
A festive, musically-themed luncheon.
BY RESERVATION ONLY

Young Vocal Artists Competition

DCU and BH State University co-sponsor this
annual competition to encourage, honor, and
hear the best young singers in our community.
9:00 A.M. Saturday, April 16, 2016
First Congregational Church
1200 Clark Street, Rapid City

Fern Hill

~ Under the direction of Dr. Jonathan Nero ~
4:00 P.M. Sunday, May 1, 2016
Holy Cross Chapel at Terra Sancta
2102 City Springs Road, Rapid City

Naturalization Ceremony

at Mt. Rushmore
11:00 AM - June 16, 2016

2015-2016 Personnel

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Singer Responsibilities

Rehearsal at Terra Sancta (2102 City Springs Rd)

- Rehearsal 7-9:00 PM Mondays
Terra Sancta (formerly St. Martin's)
- Arrive for rehearsals on time with music, pencils, and name tags.
- Mark your music only in pencil.
- Care for your music and return it to the Music Librarian with all pencil marks erased.

Attendance

- *Attendance is important.* If you miss a rehearsal, make every effort to contact your section leader. Excessive absences may cause you to be sidelined for a performance.
- Concert Performance Rehearsals are crucial.
- Concert week rehearsals are Monday of the week and another day.** See note bottom next section...**

Chorus

- Foster a sense of family by being friendly, encouraging, and supportive.
- Support clear communication between Conductor, Board of Directors, section leaders, and singers. Bring concerns to your section leader.
- Get involved behind the scenes. Volunteer personal time for DCU offices, committees, and activities.
- Recruit new singers.

Financial

- Attend and support our events; **bring your family and friends!**
- Participate your fair share in *Tables du Jour* Fundraiser.
- Support DCU financially according to your means.
- Since DCU is a non-profit organization, a membership fee of \$50.00 is charged to help offset some expenses. This fee does not purchase your music.
- Confidential Scholarships are available.

Performance

- Music must be in a **black folder** – 3 ring binder or other type.
- Volunteer to help with set-up and breakdown of equipment.
- Follow **Concert Attire** guidelines. (next section)

DCU rehears Monday evenings

7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Kantorei: 5:30—6:30 P.M.

Terra Sancta, 2102 City Springs Road

****Specific Week Before Concert Rehearsals****

Mark your calendars NOW

Fall:

Saturday, Sept. 26 Men 9-10 Ladies 10:15

Monday Oct.19 regular;

Saturday Oct. 24 9-11 at the Performing Arts Center

Christmas:

Saturday, Nov. 7 Men 9-10 Ladies 10:15

Monday Dec. 14 regular; Friday Dec. 18 7-9;

Saturday Dec. 19 9-11 AM (both days at the Cathedral)

Call times for each concert will be announced.

Concert Attire

Women

Black DCU concert dress

Black shoes

Black stockings/nylons/socks

Other attire as directed

Men

Black tuxedo (no tails)

White tuxedo shirt

Black bow tie (or red, as directed)

Black shoes

Black socks

Black cummerbund (optional)

Women & Men

- **NO** allergenic products please – Perfumes, hairsprays, etc. make it hard for us all to breathe our fullest.
- Hair pulled away from the face and not falling in the face.
- **No visible jewelry** - If jewelry is allowed for a concert – it will be explained in detail for you.
- Shine your shoes.

