

Guidelines and Resources for Conscientious Singers

WELCOME all New and Returning Members

ARE YOU READY FOR
AN EXCITING SEASON

November 10, 2009 6:30 P.M. (Dress Rehearsal)
November 14, 2009 7:30 P.M. Alton High School Auditorium
How Mr. Lincoln Got His Whiskers (an original work by Mary Kay Mosby)

December 1, 2009 6:30 P.M. (Dress Rehearsal)
December 5, 2009 7:30 P.M. Cornerstone Church at Bethalto
December 14, 2009 Time TBA N.O. Nelson Complex, Edwardsville
More Carols with the Bells (Upper Alton Christian Handbell Ringers)

May 24 & 27, 2010 6:30 P.M. (Dress Rehearsals)
May 29, 2010 7: 30 P.M. Principia College
Elijah (an Oratorio in Two Parts) by Felix Mendelssohn

CHALLENGING, ENJOYABLE REHEARSALS

- * 6:30 Ready to begin with *warm – ups* designed to help you focus and prepare your vocal folds for a lengthy workout
- * Pencil – to mark breaths, dynamics, etc. in your score
- * Ears - with which to listen and strive toward *Una Voce*

Regular attendance and individual preparation raise the quality of our ensemble.

Please contact your section leader before the rehearsal if you will be absent.

Section Leaders: Soprano – Elizabeth Foley (618) 465-3471

Alto – Jody Hoffmann (618) 786-3842 Cell: (618) 978-9931

Tenor - Max Welch (618) 377-3663, (618) 581-7568

Bass - Gary Witt (618) 946-0168

NEW MUSIC

- * We are fortunate to have **Dr. Robert Hamilton** (Bob) as our *librarian*.
- * He will be happy if you always turn in your *white sheet* correctly filled out and turn in your music after the performances. (Warning: He knows your number - folder that is)
- * It will be helpful if you would pay your music fee (\$25.00 twice a year) to Loretta Mason **before** accepting your music.
- * If you need a black folder, you can purchase one from Bob (\$17.00)

ENTERTAINING WEBSITE COMMUNICATION

Dave Ackmann is our webmaster and provides updated information each week over the Internet. Visit <http://www.grcs-sing.org> and click on “Singer’s Notes” for:

- * Rehearsal notes
- * Announcements for upcoming events
- * Directions to locations for concerts
- * Weather related or other emergency changes of schedule

PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCES

Our goal to share our collaborative efforts with friends, family, and the community completes a large part of our mission. To enhance our performances we have a uniform ***concert attire***.

Men: White, pleated tux shirt, black suit, and black bow tie (full tux is OK).

Women: Black short-sleeved blouse, floor-length black skirt, or black dress slacks
(A uniform pattern is available for skirt and blouse)

GREAT RIVERS CHORAL SOCIETY is a non-profit organization – a true community choir - not reliant on any educational institution for funding. As a result we work as a group to raise our own funds through: Program advertising, an annual auction, grants, ticket sales and private or corporate donations provide the bulk of our funding.

Paul Guccione: is chairperson for advertising

Loretta Mason: is our treasurer and also coordinates ticket sales

David Caires: our sound technician records our performances (CDs are available for purchase)

Margaret Kinder: works diligently as our grant-writer.

We are privileged to have **Ray West** serving as the President of GRCS

We anticipate a unique and rewarding season of music-making and are glad you have committed to being a part of these experiences.