

December 22, 2015

Dear One Voice Friend,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a singing member of One Voice Mixed Chorus. We have an exciting spring season ahead so be sure to read through the details below before your audition.

One Voice Mixed Chorus is Minnesota's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and straight allies (LGBTQA) chorus. Founded in 1988, One Voice has been **"building community and creating social change by raising our voices in song"** for more than 27 years. With 125 singing members ranging from ages 17 to 77, and nearly 50 non-singing "Fifth Section" volunteers, One Voice inspires transformation through passionate, vibrant, and creative performances before thousands each year at concerts, during outreach tours, through our pioneering OUT in Our Schools program now in its 17th year, and with innovative collaborations. One Voice is known for our musical excellence, diverse programming, and deep commitment to community outreach, and is described by Chorus America as **"one of the region's best ensembles."**

One Voice's Spring 2016 season **begins the first week of January** and includes community concerts, our OUT in Our Schools program and our marquee performance, Queer Thunder, this April 16 & 17. Keep reading for more info about our exciting season ahead!

Our audition process works like this:

Monday, January 4: 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm - Open Rehearsal for prospective new singers

If you're thinking about auditioning and are curious as to what we're all about, come see us in action at our normal rehearsal time, in our normal rehearsal space. It's a great way to meet the singers and get a taste of the music we'll be tackling this season!

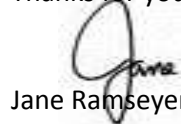
Tuesday, January 5: 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm – New singer auditions by appointment

See details below to sign up and prepare for your audition. **PLEASE NOTE:** This spring we will have openings primarily for tenor and bass singers. Our soprano and alto sections have very limited openings.

Location for rehearsal and auditions: Unity Church Unitarian, 732 Holly Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104 (See page 6 for directions.)

Please review the calendar and attendance requirements below. **Then email Rocky Jones, at Operations@OneVoiceMN.org** or call 651-298-1954 to **schedule your audition time.** If you get our voicemail, leave a message with your name and contact information so we can return your call.

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



Jane Ramseyer Miller, Artistic Director

P.S. If you decide not to audition but want to connect with One Voice you may consider joining our Fifth Section of volunteers. Being part of the Fifth Section is a great way to get connected! Look for more details on page 3.

Preparing for your Audition

Your audition will take approximately 15 minutes. **Please bring a memorized solo no more than two minutes in length.** Choose a song that you are comfortable singing – a simple song is fine (folk song, hymn, pop tune, or classical piece, etc.). Our accompanist will be available if you would like piano accompaniment; **bring extra sheet music for the accompanist.** In addition to your solo, the audition will check your vocal range, ability to carry a vocal part, tonal memory, and music reading skills.

At the audition you will meet singers from our Membership Committee, review the calendar and have a chance to ask questions about the chorus.

2015-2016 Programming

Our 2015-2016 season is filled with powerful music and a message of positive social change. The chorus and small ensemble OVation, perform multiple concerts each year including performances in middle and high schools, faith communities, corporate diversity events and community gatherings, in addition to the regular concert series. Last year more than 11,000 people experienced the music of One Voice!

This spring season we'll perform in area middle and high schools as part of our OUT in Our Schools program. Our marquee performance, *Queer Thunder*, is April 16 & 17. We'll perform with Taiko drummers in honor of the struggle for LGBTQ rights around the world. Finally, we'll cap it all off with a trip to the GALA Festival, an LGBTQ choral festival in Denver, CO, July 2-7, 2016 (which is not required but is going to be incredibly fun!).

One Voice Calendar

Check out the calendar on page 4 for 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 at rehearsals to sign up in 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

One Voice rehearses **every Monday night from 7:00-9:30 pm** at Unity Church Unitarian (732 Holly Avenue in Saint Paul). We also have several Saturday retreats and potlucks during the year. These are times to dig into the music, eat some great food and get to know other chorus and Fifth Section members. Check out the calendar on page 4 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 concert seasons to our year: Sept-Dec and Jan-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 tech rehearsal is mandatory. Please review 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 costs, venue rental, and production expenses. Membership dues are \$85 per concert season and may 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. A work exchange program can be established to assist with dues if need is apparent. Call or email the Operations Coordinator for more information about the volunteer work exchange program.

Volunteer Opportunities as a Singer

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 and development. Other members organize the silent auction, plan social events, 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 help with 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 125 singing members and a Fifth Section of approximately 50 volunteers. The Board of Directors meets monthly to guide One Voice Mixed Chorus operations and long-range planning. These meetings are open to all singing and non-singing members.

Artistic Director	Jane Ramseier Miller	Accompanist	Mindy Eschedor
Executive Director	Josh Wise	OVation Ensemble Coach	J. David Ostenso Moore
Operations Manager	Rocky Jones	Production Manager	Anne Hodson

One Voice Spring 2016 Calendar

Updated 12/22/2015



Spring 2016 Schedule

Note: One Voice rehearses every Monday evening from 7:00 – 9:30 pm.

Mon, Jan 4* **Open Rehearsal** (7:00 pm – 9:30 pm) *Unity Church, Parish Hall*
 Tues, Jan 5 New Singer Auditions (7:00-9:30 pm) *Unity Church: Parish Hall*
 Mon, Jan 11* *New Singer Welcome Dinner and Orientation (6:00-7:00 pm) Unity Church*
 Rehearsal (7:00 pm-9:30 pm) *Unity Church: Parish Hall*

Mon, Jan 18	MLK Concert (12:00-2:00 pm) <i>Powderhorn Community Center</i> 3400 15th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55407
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Sat, Feb 6* **One Voice Retreat with Mu Daiko** (10:00 am – 3:30 pm) *Unity Church: Parish Hall*
 Shabbat service (9:15-9:45 am) Unity Church: DeCramer Room

Sat, March 19* **One Voice Retreat with Mu Daiko** (12:30-4:30p) *SpringHouse Ministries*
 610 W 28th St, Minneapolis, MN 55408

March 23 or 24	OUT in Our Schools (daytime) Schools in conversation: Washburn, Barton School, Sanford Middle School, Highland Middle School
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Mon, April 11* Concert Run-through (7:00 pm-10:00 pm) *Hopkins H.S. Auditorium*
 Wed, April 13* Concert Tech Rehearsal (6:30 pm-10:00 pm) *Hopkins H.S. Auditorium*

Sat, April 16* Sun, April 17*	Queer Thunder 7:30 pm <i>Hopkins High School</i> (5:30 pm call) Queer Thunder 3:00 pm <i>Hopkins High School</i> (1:00 pm call) <i>Hopkins High School 2400 Lindbergh Drive, Minnetonka, 55305</i>
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Sat, June 4* **GALA Festival Singers Retreat** (10:00 am – 3:30 pm) *Unity Church: Parish Hall - Tentative*

Sun, June 5	QMC Concert 3:00-5:30 pm <i>Como Pavilion 1360 Lexington Pwky N, Saint Paul</i> (2:00 pm call) tentative date
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June 25-26 *Twin Cities Gay Pride Festival, Loring Park, Minneapolis - parade details TBD. Let's march!!*

Sun, June 26	Pride Concert (3:00-4:00 pm) <i>Saint Mark's Cathedral, Minneapolis</i> (1:30 pm call, 4:00 pm worship service) 519 Oak Grove St, Minneapolis, MN 55403
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July 2-6, 2016	GALA Festival, Denver CO Arrive by Friday, July 1 or early morning July 2.
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* Required Events

Directions and Map to location for Auditions & Rehearsals

Location: **Unity Church Unitarian, Parish Hall**
732 Holly Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104
Please enter through main entrance at Portland & Grotto

Parking: You may park on the street or in the lot at Portland Ave & St. Albans St N (just one block east of the Portland & Grotto entrance). You will find handicapped parking in the lot immediately east of the church on Holly Avenue.

Driving Directions: From Interstate 94, exit south on Dale Street
Travel 10 blocks, turn right on Holly Avenue
Or for the parking lot, continue 1 block past Holly,
Turn right on Portland Avenue (sign not visible) and
Travel 1 long block to the parking lot at Portland & St. Albans
Or 1 block further for street parking

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

Note: **If you are running late or cannot make your audition slot on the day scheduled, please call ahead to let us know: 651-298-1954**

