



Welcome to Loveland Choral Society!

We're thrilled to have you join our community of singers dedicated to learning and performing diverse choral music in the Northern Colorado area. This quick guide provides essential information to help you understand your role as a member and our expectations.

Our full Member Handbook can be found at www.lovelandchoralsociety.org/member-resources.

Key Information At-A-Glance

- **Rehearsals:** Mondays, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM at 1445 W 28th St, Loveland (unless otherwise announced)
- **Dues:** \$45 per concert cycle (due by the third rehearsal)
- **Performance Venue:** The Historic Rialto Theater in Downtown Loveland (224 E 4th St)
- **Our Season Consists Of:**
 - **Fall Concert:** Traditional choral concert, usually on risers, occasionally with band accompaniment
 - **Christmas Concert:** Traditional choral concert, usually on risers, with full orchestra
 - **Spring Show:** Full production with choreography, costumes, and live band (auditioned, longer rehearsal)

Membership & Participation

- **Eligibility:** Open to singers aged 16+ with basic vocal skills. New members have a brief voice check for part placement with the Artistic Director.
- **Joining:** New members may join at the start of each concert cycle (i.e. August for Fall, October for Christmas, January for Spring).
- **Spring Show Auditions:** Held in early January. Prepare 32 measures of a song (with sheet music or accompaniment track).
- **Section Leaders:** Each vocal section (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) has a designated leader in their voice placement who acts as the main contact for music questions or attendance issues.

Resources & Communication

- **Google Drive:** A dedicated Google Drive folder is provided for each performance which contains digital sheet music, schedules, and practice tracks. It will also be linked from the LCS website and updated regularly.
- **Communication:** Important information will be provided routinely by lovelandchoralsociety@gmail.com.

Rehearsals & Performances

- **Attendance:** Due to limited rehearsals, it's essential for participants to be present for quality preparation. If more than two rehearsals are missed during a concert cycle, you may be asked to instead join us for the next concert cycle/show. You're expected to notify your section leader if you know you'll miss a rehearsal. All tech week rehearsals (typically every night of tech week) and dress rehearsals (typically the last rehearsal of tech week before the concert) are mandatory.
- **Etiquette:** You're expected to arrive prepared with music and the ability to denote changes in the music. Phones must be silenced, side conversations minimized, and rehearsal space should be kept tidy. Much like in a classroom, respect should be given to whoever is speaking/leading.
- **Fragrances:** Please avoid wearing personal fragrances as they can cause issues for individuals with sensitivities.
- **Guests:** For insurance reasons, only choir members are permitted at rehearsals and in member-only spaces (such as backstage areas of venues).
- **Performance Attire:** What we wear for a performance will be announced during show rehearsal (typically a few weeks prior to performance or more). Resources are available if you need assistance with attire.
- **Professionalism:** Punctuality is important for rehearsals and for performance call times. While we love to have fun doing what we love, it's important to uphold our quality image in the community and respect the time everyone is giving to the creative process. Much happens behind the scenes to make our shows happen and that effort also deserves to be honored.
- **Self-Care:** Practice music between rehearsals, drink lots of water, and do everything you can to stay healthy.

Important Policies

- **Sheet Music:** Music is property of LCS. Please return any original prints provided and destroy any photocopies you make, or delete digital copies after the performance. Any paper edits must be made with pencil only.
- **Visual/Audio Likeness:** Your participation grants LCS permission to use your image and any included audio recording for promotional and archival purposes. If you have concerns, please contact us.
- **Social Media:** Be part of our *virtual* community as well! Follow LCS accounts and share posts. When commenting, please remember to comment as an individual and not as a representative of the organization.
- **Marketing & Tickets:** All members are asked to help distribute marketing materials, promote ticket sales, and solicit donations and sponsorships.

Our Community Culture

Being part of LCS is about more than just singing; it's about building a supportive and positive community. We all contribute to this by:

- **Being Good Role Models:** We conduct ourselves with a positive outlook and supportive behavior.
- **Treating Everyone with Respect:** We believe every member is entitled to be treated with dignity and respect.
- **Encouraging Growth:** We invite friends to join, support learning, and help each other be our best.
- **Asking Questions:** If in doubt, ask! No question or concern is unimportant.
- **Enjoying Ourselves:** Have fun! If you're not enjoying yourself, it shows on your face to the audience.

Questions?

Please email lovelandchoralsociety@gmail.com for additional information.