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MY CONCERT SEASON NEW MEMBER COMMITMENT

A concert season is Fall or Spring.

NAME: _____ (please print)

My Attendance Commitment

The goal of this chorus is to have a wonderful time making beautiful music together! To accomplish this, the rehearsals are carefully planned and conducted by the director to make the most of the time when all members are present in order to teach good vocal production & musicianship and create balance and quality. Without a commitment to regular attendance by every member the goals cannot be met.

- I understand that any time I must miss a rehearsal I must notify my Section Leader beforehand.
- Missing more than 3 rehearsals during the season will compromise the Chorus goals - so if I miss more, I may be asked by the director to demonstrate my knowledge of the music.
- I understand that the Run-Through Rehearsal and Dress Rehearsal are both mandatory.
- I realize that undue absences or missing mandatory rehearsals may exclude me from participation in performances.

I understand and accept these commitments: _____ (please initial)

My Practicing Commitment

Weekly rehearsals are not the time to teach individual parts. The goal of rehearsal is to get all members to sing beautifully together with accuracy, expression, and vocal quality.

- It is my responsibility each week to learn my part *before* the weekly rehearsal and to come to rehearsal prepared to sing.
- I am not expected to read music or play the piano but I am expected to practice each piece outside of rehearsal, using the midi files and CDs provided by the chorus.
- Each section is strongly encouraged to hold sectional practices every week to help each member learn their part. Attending will assist me and I, in turn, can help other section members.

I understand and accept these commitments: _____ (please initial)

My Communication Commitment

There is continuous need for sharing information and it is faster, more efficient, and more thorough to provide Chorus communication via email. A weekly emailed newsletter is the cornerstone of our communication. Careful reading of the newsletter is mandatory!

- I realize that ready access to email is a requirement for joining this chorus.
- I recognize the importance of staying connected and informed by reading all Chorus emails - therefore I will check my email at least every two days, if not daily.
- I will reply with some response within 48 hours to requests received by email, or by the deadline indicated.

I understand and accept these commitments: _____ (please initial)

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My Participation Commitment

As members, we are the SUPPORT STAFF! There is a lot to do to create a successful and financially self-sustaining Chorus, and everyone is needed to make it happen. Some examples are: Bring snacks, arrange chairs & carpets; assemble opportunity baskets, decorate the stage, sell program ads, sell (many) tickets, and importantly, serve on the board. As a member of this chorus, I will help in as many ways as I can to make each season successful.

I understand and accept this commitment:_____ (please initial)

My Outside Activity Commitment

To fulfill our mission, the chorus participates in community events to either benefit society or to promote the chorus.

- **Participation in outside events is an important part of membership and is vital to keep the Chorus active in the community. I will make an extraordinary effort to attend as many of these as possible.**
- **Examples: Biannual concert at Chancellor Place Assisted Living Home, Children’s Concerts, annual concert at the San Diego (Del Mar) Fair; annual National Anthem performance at a Storm game in Lake Elsinore.**

I understand and accept these commitments:_____ (please initial)

My Financial Commitment

Season (spring and fall) dues are \$100, NON REFUNDABLE - Payable as \$50 at audition acceptance and \$50 at the initial organizational meeting.

Required one-time expenses:

- **Standardized black folder is required for performance, approximately \$28.**
- **Performances dress, including concert jewelry, between \$70-\$80.**

Desirable one-time expenses:

- **Logo polo shirt for community events, approximately \$30.**
- **Powertracks, a Windows based program (approximately \$33), is strongly recommended.**

I understand and accept this commitment:_____ (please initial)

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Confirmation # _____