

TAKE NOTE !

INFORMATION FOR THE SPRING 2026 SEMESTER OF THE 5280+ SENIOR CHORALE AT PARKER

WELCOME to our 5280+ SENIOR CHORALE family!

This document, along with our website - 5280Chorales.org - will provide numerous details, guidelines and group norms that our Co-Founders have established to make your experience both educational and enjoyable.

Please read and keep this with your music for reference throughout this Spring 2026 Semester.

PROGRAM ARTISTIC STAFF:

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ORGANIZATION CO-FOUNDERS:

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REHEARSAL and PERFORMANCE DATES & TIMES - all held in the Parker United Methodist Church Sanctuary:

Weekly rehearsals on 10 consecutive Wednesdays from February 4 - April 8, 2026; 12:00 - 2:00 pm

SPRING CONCERT - free & open to the public, so please invite your family and friends to attend!

- Pre-Concert Rehearsal #11 - Saturday, April 11, 2026; 12:00 - 2:00 pm
- Concert - Sunday, April 12 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm

MEMBER EVENTS:

NEW MEMBER MEETING with Chorale Pals immediately after Rehearsal #2 on February 11, from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

POTLUCK LUNCHEON for singers immediately after Rehearsal #5 on March 4, 2026.

PLEASE CONTACT your CHORUS MANAGER, SUE REAMS (bsreams@icloud.com) or see one of our CHORALE PALS with your questions regarding:

- Performances	- Change of Contact Information or Other Personal Updates
- Rehearsal Absences, Going on Vacation	- Rehearsal Cancellations (weather & other)
- Lost or Missing Music	- Concert Attire
- Seating Location, Vision/Hearing Concerns	- Website & Communications from Program Presenters
- Interest in Volunteering	- Sponsorship Interest or Referrals

ATTENDANCE POLICY: While we have no specific requirement for your attendance at rehearsals, our presenting sponsor, Parker ARTS, does require that we have you sign in each time you attend a rehearsal. We are happy to accommodate this, as it relates to their reporting obligations to the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) for important grant funding.

ABOUT YOUR MUSIC:

The music you are receiving is yours to keep, so feel free to make any notations on it as you desire. If you do not want to keep your music at the end of this semester, we will advise if a donation opportunity is available.

OUR WEBSITE CONTAINS LOADS OF INFORMATION, TOOLS and ONGOING UPDATES, including:

- **PRACTICE TRACKS** are available here and are included in your registration fee! Go to **5280Chorales.org**, click on the **MEMBERS** tab, select **PRACTICE!!!**, then enter the password **SINGON** (all one word and all letters capitalized). Scroll down to the song you want to work on, locate your voice part and click on the Play arrow; songs will play in a continuous loop until you stop them.
- Use the **TUTORIALS** sub-tab to mark your scores at home so you are prepared & can SING MORE at rehearsals.
- Among our 3 choirs, we will also record at least one rehearsal per week and post that recording on the **REH VIDEOS** sub-tab. We know you are busy people, so NOW you never have to miss a rehearsal!

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Please **PARK in the lots north of the church and enter the building at the lower level NORTH doors into the sanctuary**. If you require a handicap space, there are several right outside the upper level east side office entrance; this door is secured, so you'll need to intercom to request access into the area with elevator.
- **NAME BADGES for NEW MEMBERS:** As soon as possible after the close of registrations on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, we will provide you with a 5280+ SENIOR CHORALE at PARKER name badge. Please keep this with your music and wear it at all of our rehearsals and social events so we can get to know you!
- **BLACK MUSIC FOLDERS:** You will need a black choral music folder for our performances and rehearsals to organize your music in concert order. Our online source for purchasing is www.MusicFolder.com where we recommend **Choralex Compact Choir Folder with 10 elasticized cords starting at \$23.95 + tax + shipping**.
- **ATTIRE GUIDELINES:** We wish to present a unified and professional appearance without requiring our members to purchase one or more expensive "costumes". For most of our performances, we will ask our singers to wear what we refer to as our "REGULAR CONCERT ATTIRE". For complete Performance Attire Guidelines, please refer to the **MEMBERS / PERFORMANCE ATTIRE** sub-tab of our website.
- In addition to the above "PERFORMANCE ATTIRE GUIDELINES" under the **MEMBERS** tab, we ask that you carefully read the document entitled "EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATION."

KEY GUIDELINES & NORMS:

- **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE...NO** fragrances or scented items of any kind at rehearsals and performances, i.e. colognes, lotions, perfumes, hairspray, detergents, fabric softeners, dryer sheets or other!
- Please wear your 5280+ issued name badge at all rehearsals and social events.
- Please bring your own black pencil to all weekly rehearsals and performances.
- Please bring your own water (in a closed container!) to all weekly rehearsals & performances...hydrate, hydrate!
- Please make sure your cell phone is turned off during rehearsals and performances; if you must keep it turned on for emergency situations, make sure it is on the vibrate setting.
- To ensure that optimal instructional time is provided to all participants, **please do not converse when Conductor Chris is speaking**, when a fellow singer is asking a question, or announcements are being made.

ONGOING COMMUNICATIONS:

While most of our communication is done via the website, we may send periodic notifications & updates via email, so be sure to add the Artistic Staff's email addresses (see pg 1) to your Approved Senders list. If you do not use email, please arrange with a friend or our Chorus Manager to get the info in printed form or by other means. **Be sure to regularly visit our website at 5280Chorales.org for program details and updates and be sure to REFRESH every time!**

WEATHER ALERTS & OTHER ADVISORIES:

Your safety and well-being are our primary concerns! Since our CO weather is sometimes "uncooperative", we have a procedure to keep you informed. Your travel/attendance is always up to you, based upon your personal assessment of conditions in your area. Rehearsal status will be posted in the upper right hand corner of our website HOME PAGE at <https://5280Chorales.org> no later than 2 hours before rehearsal. **NO guesswork: the information there will tell you if rehearsal is on or is canceled for that day and will be posted for the 5280+ Senior Chorale at Parker by 10:00 am.** Please Bookmark our website address for easy future reference.