

TAKE NOTE !

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

WELCOME to our 5280+ SENIOR CHORALES 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:

Christine (Chris) Guarente - Conductor - Chris@5280Chorales.org or 215-760-5596

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ORGANIZATION CO-FOUNDERS:

Cindy Runkel - Executive Director & Principal Accompanist - Cindy@5280Chorales.org or 720-255-1860

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REHEARSAL and PERFORMANCE DATES & TIMES:

Weekly rehearsals on 10 consecutive Fridays from February 6 - April 10, 2026; 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

- Pre-Concert Rehearsal #11 - Friday, April 17, 2026 at Parker United Methodist Church - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Concert - Sunday, April 19, 2026 - 3:00 - 4:30 pm in the Parker United Methodist Church Sanctuary

MEMBER EVENTS:

NEW MEMBER MEETING with Chorale Pals immediately following Rehearsal #2 on February 13, 2026.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON for singers immediately after Rehearsal #4 on February 27, 2026.

PLEASE CONTACT your CHORUS MANAGER, SARA VAN HORNE (quiltersara73@gmail.com) or see one of our CHORALE PALS regarding:

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

ABOUT YOUR MUSIC:

The music you are receiving is yours to keep, so please 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 session, 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 find 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 conductor tutorials under the **TUTORIALS** sub-tab to mark your scores at home so you can SING MORE at rehearsals!
- Among our 3 choirs, we will record at least one rehearsal per week and post that recording under the **REH VIDEOS** sub-tab. We know you are busy people, so you never have to miss a rehearsal!

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **NAME BADGES for NEW MEMBERS:** As soon as possible after the close of registrations on Friday, February 13, we will provide new members with an official 5280+ SENIOR CHORALE at HIGHLANDS RANCH name badge. Please keep this with your music and wear it at all of our rehearsals and social events so we can greet you and 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 the **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 Guidelines, please refer to the **MEMBERS / PERFORMANCE ATTIRE** sub-tab of our 5280Chorales.org website.
- In addition to the above “**PERFORMANCE ATTIRE GUIDELINES**” found under the **MEMBERS** tab, we ask that you carefully read the document entitled “**EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATION**”.

KEY GUIDELINES & NORMS:

- **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 pencil to all weekly rehearsals and performances.
- Please bring your own water (in a closed container!) to all 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 the conductor is speaking**, when a fellow singer is asking a question, or announcements are being made.

ONGOING COMMUNICATIONS:

We will send out periodic notifications and updates via email, so be sure to add this program's Artistic Staff email addresses (see pg 1) to your Approved Senders list. If you do not use email, we ask that you arrange with a friend or with our Chorus Manager to get the information in printed form or by other means. **Please be sure to regularly visit our website at 5280Chorales.org for program details and updates, and be sure to REFRESH every time!**

WEATHER ALERTS:

Your safety and well-being are our primary concerns! Since our CO weather is sometimes a concern, 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. We will post rehearsal status in the upper right-hand corner of our website HOME PAGE (<https://5280Chorales.org>) no later than 2 hours before the rehearsal. **There will be NO guesswork: information there will tell you if rehearsal is *on* or is *canceled* that day and will be posted for Highlands Ranch by 8:30 a.m.** (for Littleton by 11:00 am and Parker by 10:00 am on their respective rehearsal days). Please Bookmark our website address for easy future reference.

THANK YOU for being a part of our 5280+ SENIOR CHORALE at Highlands Ranch...now let's SING ON!

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