



REHEARSAL GUIDELINES

To make this year's performance the best it can be, we must use our limited rehearsal time wisely, both individually and as a chorus. These Rehearsal Guidelines help ensure our success!

AT HOME:

- Use the resources available to practice your part aloud on all choruses. MCS practice tracks are available on CD or through MessiahChoralSociety.org. Cyberbass.com and ChordPerfect.com are also helpful.
- Listen to a Messiah recording, or the practice tracks, any time you can.

ARRIVAL:

- Arrive early to rehearsals. Consider the walk time from the Rollins College parking garages to the Music Building, as well as time to sign in or take care of other business.
- Each member is responsible to sign their section attendance roster before each rehearsal. Do not sign in for any other member. If you are not signed in, you will not get credit for the rehearsal.
- Be seated in your section at least five (5) minutes before each rehearsal begins so that we are ready to sing when the Director arrives. Announcements will also be made at this time.
- Turn off (or silence) all mobile phones and other electronic devices.
- If you are late, enter the rehearsal hall quietly. Do not letting the door slam shut.

DURING REHEARSAL:

- No talking. Save your comments and conversation for after rehearsal.
- During every rehearsal, your focus should be solely on singing and paying attention to the Director's instructions (i.e., no texting, reading, eating, etc.).
- Stay seated unless directed to stand by the Director, you have a medical condition which precludes prolonged sitting, or an emergency arises that cannot wait.
- Each singer must have a score and a pencil to mark any instructions from the Director.
- Hold your score and head up to always maintain eye contact with the Director.
- Sing your section's part only, unless the Director instructs otherwise. It's a distraction to the Director and those around you if you sing another section's part.

ATTENDANCE:

- To be eligible to sing in the performance, a maximum of three (3) absences are allowed during each rehearsal season. Inclusive of the three, only one (1) orchestra rehearsal can be missed.
- Absences begin to accrue as of the first rehearsal.
- If allowed absences are exceeded, you may submit a waiver request to the Board of Directors through your Section Leader. The Board will consider each case on an individual basis.

GENERAL:

- To maintain a healthy environment, do not come to rehearsal if you are ill. If you have minor symptoms like a cough but feel OK, sit away from other singers in a remote part of the hall.
- Do not use scented products such as perfumes, colognes, aftershaves, lotions, body sprays, etc, as they may interfere with someone's ability to sing.