



## METROPOLITAN DETROIT YOUTH CHORUS

### 2017-2018 Membership Packet

#### **Parents Meeting**

The first Parents Meeting of the season will be held at **3:00 pm on Sunday, September 10, 2017** at the Royal Oak Church of Christ, 115 South Campbell Road, Royal Oak. This meeting will be conducted while the chorus members have their first rehearsal. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. The Musical Directors and the Board of Trustees will be introduced and will share the plans for this season. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions of the Board at the end of the meeting. A Notary Public will be at the meeting to notarize medical forms.

#### **Fees**

The flat fee for participation in the 17/18 season is \$325.00 per member. This includes three mandatory camps, music folder rental, equipment costs, musical director's salaries, administration costs, banquet at season's end, pictorial directory, uniform shirt, and the many other costs associated with maintaining the chorus financially. It is important to remember that this is a flat fee and therefore no refunds will be offered for non-participation in camp, banquet, etc. All members are strongly encouraged to participate in all activities. Additional costs include tour, which will be \$625.

There are two options for payment:

1. **A one-time payment of \$950** that covers annual participation fee and tour. (payment due 9-10-2017).
2. **Monthly payment option (8 payments in total):**
  - **\$250.00** - Amount for payment #1 is due by 09-10-17
  - **\$100.00** –due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month from October 2017 through April, 2018 (payments 2 – 8).

For payment arrangements other than those listed above, you must speak with the Treasurer (Billy Nichols).

#### **Attendance**

As a member of MDYC, I understand I **must** attend the fall camp, (Sept. 22-24, 2017), fall day camp (Oct. 28, 2017), and the winter day camp (Feb. 3, 2018), unless **by the Sunday before camp**, the board approves a request from my **parent(s)** in writing.

**Failure to follow this process will result in a penalty of a minimum of two (2) absences being assessed. No exceptions.**

If I must miss a rehearsal or concert, or will arrive late, my parents will contact my board member. I understand my parents will be contacted if a call has not been received before chorus starts.

I will sing in every chorus function I attend. **I will not come to a rehearsal or performance if I am ill.** If I do become ill at a chorus function, or am unable to perform

for any reason, I will stay in the sick room. I also know my parents will be notified and I may be sent home.

**A maximum of five (5) absences will be allowed.** Exceptions to this policy will be on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the board of trustees.

### **Conduct**

I will not bring to, or use drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or weapons at chorus functions. I will not willingly associate with people who participate in these activities while I am at chorus events. I understand that to do any of the above will result in my **immediate** dismissal from MDYC.

I will not participate in any conduct or conversation that could be considered harassment of any kind.

I will treat my fellow chorus members, music director(s), and the board of trustees with courtesy and respect.

I will remain on the property of any rehearsal or concert site from arrival to dismissal of the concert/rehearsal.

I will be respectful of the property of any church building or other facility hosting a chorus function.

### **Attitude**

I will be reverent and participate positively during worship and devotionals.

I will be attentive and cooperative during rehearsals and announcements.

I will perform to the best of my ability.

If I disagree with my treatment, I will respectfully raise the issue with either a junior board member or any member of the board of trustees.

### **Appearance**

I will make adjustments to my appearance if requested by a member of the board of trustees or the music director(s). I will meet all standards of dress as outlined in this packet.

### **Uniforms**

The 2017-2018 chorus uniform will be Choral Robes. Sizes will be determined at fall camp. The required uniform for underneath the robe is: Black dress pants, MDYC polo shirt, black socks, and black shoes. Chorus members provide the uniform to be worn under the robes (with the exception of the polo shirt). Any garment worn under the chorus polo must not show (be tucked in). **Sneakers, moccasins, and slippers are not acceptable.**

### **Dress Code**

The purpose of the dress code is to maintain uniformity among the members as well as appropriate dress as we strive to not bring attention to ourselves but to bring glory to God.

**Practice Season:** During the practice season you are not required to wear your uniform. Appropriate clothing is required. (see list below)

**Concert Season:** Solid black dress shoes or casual dress shoes with no open toes or heels. Sneakers, moccasins, and slippers are not allowed. Black socks, black dress pants, blue chorus polo, men only-black belt. If women choose to wear a belt, it must also be a plain black belt. **DURING CONCERT SEASON, MEMBERS MUST ARRIVE FOR REHEARSAL IN UNIFORM.**

Men: Facial hair is not allowed unless there is a medical reason. Hair must be in a natural color (black, blonde, brown...) no colors. Hair must be neat and not distracting and out of your eyes. If you choose to wear an undershirt it must match the polo or be a v-cut so it cannot be seen. One small stud earring is allowed.

Women: Hair must be in a natural color (black, blonde, brown...) no colors. If you choose to wear any type of hair bow, head band... it must match your hair color. Hair must be neat and not distracting and out of your eyes. Two small stud earrings in each ear are allowed as long as they are not distracting. Hoop earrings must be no larger than a quarter.

**Camps:** During our camps the dress code is more relaxed so you may wear sweats and slippers. You will want to be comfortable.

**Tour:** When we are on tour our dress code will be the same as during our practice season. There will also be more information given to you as tour approaches.

Types of clothing/accessories that are not allowed: If you have any questions please contact one of the board members assigned to the dress code. (Russ or Krista)

- Yoga pants; Leggings
- Stretch pants
- Racerback tank tops
- Visible Tattoos
- Tank tops that have less than 2 finger width straps
- Clothing with inappropriate writing or design
- Shorts with inseam shorter than length of dollar bill
- Any clothing that is deemed inappropriate by the board
- Muscle shirts
- Pajama bottoms
- Slippers
- Facial Piercings
- Pants with writing on the seat
- Shirts that show mid section
- Jeans with rips above the knee

### **Agreement**

If I do not conform to the terms of this membership packet at any time, I understand I may be asked to remain in a designated room for the remainder of a rehearsal or a concert. I may also be sent home (with parent notification). This time will be counted as an absence. Extended, documented refusal to comply with any or all of the terms in this membership packet may result in my dismissal from MDYC.

**KEEP THESE THREE PAGES AS A REFERENCE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.**



**METROPOLITAN DETROIT YOUTH CHORUS**  
**Membership Agreement**

I have read and understand the policies for this chorus year. I agree to comply with all the provisions set forth in this Membership Packet including attendance, attitude, conduct and appearance.

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

As parent(s) of the chorus member, I/we agree to support the membership guidelines, dress code, and fee schedule set forth by the MDYC Board of Trustees.

Parent Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorization for Medical Attention**

*The following gives permission for the MDYC Board, Directors and chaperones to seek whatever medical attention is deemed necessary and releases the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus from liability against personal loss. Please contact MDYC Board of Trustees if you have any questions.*

*I/We the undersigned have legal custody of the student named above, a minor, and have given our Consent for him/her to participate in the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus. I/We understand that there are inherent risks involved in any event and hereby release MDYC, the board, the directors and volunteer workers from any liability for injury, loss or damage to person or property that may occur during the normal course of my/our students involvement. In the event of injury which required the attention of a doctor, I/we give consent to any reasonable medical treatment as deemed necessary by a licensed physician. I/we also acknowledge that we will be ultimately responsible for the cost of any medical care which is not reimbursed by our health insurance provider. I/we give consent for our child's picture to be taken and displayed for promotional purposes by MDYC. I/we also agree to bring our child home at our own expense should they become ill or if deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.*

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation you would like to be announced at: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS COMPLETED PAGE MUST BE TURNED IN  
WITH THE COMPLETED MEDICAL FORM.**