

# Convivium Musicum Member Information

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Convivium Musicum is a mixed choir of approximately 20 voices that has been performing sacred and secular early music in the Boston area since 1987. Our history, repertoire, by-laws, concert season info, etc., can be found at our web site, [www.convivium.org](http://www.convivium.org). Our Music Director is Michael Barrett.

## *Rehearsals*

Rehearsals are held Wednesday nights from 7-9:30 PM at United Parish in Brookline, 210 Harvard St., Brookline. A rehearsal and concert schedule will be distributed to everyone at the beginning of each season. Please arrive in time to be ready to start at 7 PM sharp.

In addition, a long rehearsal is held on a Saturday afternoon once or twice during each concert season.

Singers are responsible for learning their parts on their own, so we can spend as much rehearsal time as possible on interpretation, and have more fun!

Singers are expected to attend every concert and rehearsal. Since we are such a small group, every voice counts! If you must miss a rehearsal, or be late, please contact the music director and the attendance person (Dan Schenk) as far in advance as possible. If you miss a rehearsal, you are responsible for contacting someone in your section to review what we rehearsed and get any markings you missed.

Two rehearsal absences per semester are permitted. If you miss more than two or three rehearsals per concert season, you may be asked not to sing in the concerts, at the discretion of the music director.

## *Membership*

Convivium is incorporated, owned, and run by its singers, called "corporate members". Corporate members have life tenure, vote on corporate matters, and elect all new corporate members, the board of directors, and the music director. Singers invited to join Convivium after their auditions are "guest artists", and not members of the corporation. After one probationary concert season with the group, a guest artist will be offered either corporate membership, a second probationary season, or neither of those options.

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### *Membership Dues*

Membership dues are \$200 per year, or \$100 per concert season, and are a crucial part of Convivium's income. Please make checks out to "Convivium Musicum" and give them to the treasurer (Ruthie Miller). You may pay in installments if you prefer. If this cost is a hardship for you, please speak to a member of the Board; something can always be worked out.

### *Concert Dress*

Men: black long-sleeved collared shirt, black pants, black shoes.

Women: Black dress, skirt, or pants; long-sleeved black top with a conservative neckline, dark hose and black shoes. Short-sleeve or sleeveless black top OK in warm weather.

All: Please use a black binder for your music. Feel free to add a creative purple accent—scarf, necktie, top, stockings, etc.! And please don't wear cologne, perfume, or any other scented body care products at concerts.

### *Communication*

We have a handy <http://box.com> account where music and other information is kept, and the login information will be given out.

A list of members' contact information, along with the addresses of group email lists, is distributed to everyone at the beginning of the season. Please keep it in a handy place, such as your music folder.

If a rehearsal or performance must be cancelled on account of weather or for any other reason, you will be contacted. If you are concerned and don't hear from anyone, please call the music director, president, or membership secretary.