



Invitation to Albany Pro Musica Auditions for 2017-2018

Artistic Director Dr. José Daniel Flores-Caraballo and the singers of Albany Pro Musica welcome experienced singers to audition for its 37th Season, an electrifying and eclectic mix of performances that include some of the finest a cappella repertoire as well as performing some of the exciting works of Ola Gjeilo as we commence his three-year Composer-In-Residence with us.

APM gives singers an opportunity to build meaningful artistic expression with colleagues of similar advanced abilities. We hope you become part of APM and join us in our continuing journey of presenting exceptional musical performances in the Capital Region and beyond.

The Choirs

The *Concert Chorus* is the core group of singers who performs all subscription concerts in addition to occasional extra events. Rehearsals are September to May.

The *Masterwork Chorus* is our oratorio-sized group which performs major concert works with orchestral accompaniment once or twice a year. Rehearsals are 6-8 weeks prior to a performance.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals are held from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. (with one 15-minute break) every Tuesday night from September 5th through the end of May, sometimes to the first week of June. Dress rehearsals are held on Saturday's, the day before the concert. Occasionally, it is necessary to schedule an additional rehearsal on a Sunday afternoon just before a performance.

The group meets on the campus of the University at Albany in Room B78 of the Performing Arts Center for regular rehearsals and at the concert venue for dress rehearsals.

Singers are expected to learn their notes, rhythm and diction at home so that rehearsal time may be spent refining the music. Rehearsals are fast-paced with a focus on serious music-making.

All group communications are conducted through e-mail and singers are expected to check their e-mails regularly. Singers are also expected to manage a personal **Groupanizer** account and to check it regularly.

The Commitment of Membership

We ask our singers to make a full commitment to our organization. This will include:

- *Attendance* at all rehearsals.
- *Participation* in all four subscription-series concerts (Concert Chorus) in addition to the annual APM-sponsored High School Choral Festival (mid -winter).
- *Additional singing opportunities*: During the course of the singing season, we receive numerous invitations to sing. Usually, these events do not require full group participation. We ask for volunteers for each outing, in order to share the responsibility more equitably amongst all of APM.
- *Membership dues*:
 - Concert Chorus \$100 per fiscal year
 - Masterworks \$25 per concert
- *Uniform*
 - *Men*: Black tuxedo, white shirt, black bow-tie, black socks, & black shoes. A merlot cummerbund and merlot bow-tie are required for Christmas Concerts.
 - *Women*: Black shoes & black hosiery. Minimal jewelry. The top and skirt uniform are available through *Stage Accents*. Cost and order information are available on Groupanizer and will also be sent via email shortly after your acceptance.
- A *Vocal Assessment* session intended to provide constructive advice for the singer's vocal progress and technique is performed every three years.
- *Sharing in the tasks necessary to run and fund the group*: Chorus members are encouraged to volunteer their time for administrative duties and to participate in our fundraising activities.
 - If you are interested in volunteer opportunities with the chorus, contact Lara Larsson by email: lara@albanypromusica.org.

Concert Schedule for 2017-2018

Albany Pro Musica 2017-2018 SUBSCRIPTION SEASON

10.29.2017 | **ACROSS THE VAST ETERNAL SKY** *Albany Pro Musica Concert Chorus*

The Artist Series opens Albany Pro Musica's 37th season with an evocative concert featuring the music of Composer-In-Residence Ola Gjeilo. Titles that launched his International fame, such as "Ubi Caritas", "Dark Night of the Soul" and "Across the Vast Eternal Sky" are part of this inspiring program. The American String Quartet will join Gjeilo on the piano after performing one of their signature masterworks: Beethoven String Quartet Op. 95 in F Minor, Serioso.

TROY SAVINGS BANK MUSIC HALL | SUN. 3:00PM

12.17.2017 | **THE MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS** *Albany Pro Musica Concert Chorus*

The annual holiday tradition returns! This year's program features Composer-In-Residence Ola Gjeilo's stunning "Dreamweaver" and the third suite of Robert Shaw's exhilarating collection, "The Many Moods of Christmas." Sing along with the voices of Albany Pro Musica in festive arrangements of favorite carols — accompanied by the Orchestra Pro Musica.

TROY SAVINGS BANK MUSIC HALL | SUN. 3:00PM

3.04.2018 | **BROADWAY RETURNS** *Albany Pro Musica Concert Chorus*

Back by popular demand, Albany Pro Musica and the Pro Musica Pops on a tour de force of some of the all-time favorite Broadway tunes. A stunning show where the fine voices of Albany Pro Musica bring beloved show tunes to a new level of artistry.

TROY SAVINGS BANK MUSIC HALL | SUN. 3:00PM

5.06.2018 | **LUX AETERNA** *Masterwork Chorus and Albany Pro Musica Concert Chorus*

The Albany Pro Musica Masterworks Series presents Morten Lauridsen's exquisite Lux Aeterna and Michael Haydn's moving Requiem. Lauridsen was named "American Choral Master" by the National Endowment for the Arts and received the National Medal of Arts "for his composition of choral works combining musical beauty, power and spiritual depth that have thrilled audiences worldwide." Under the shadow of his famous brother Joseph, Michael Haydn wrote some of the most beautiful music, of which his Requiem is his masterpiece. Two masterworks from two contrasting eras in one memorable performance with the Orchestra Pro Musica.

TROY SAVINGS BANK MUSIC HALL | SUN. 3:00PM

OTHER EVENTS

9.17.2017 | **MUSIC AT THE BARN, 15th Anniversary** *(Selected Small Group of Concert Chorus)*

Relax with APM friends & family while enjoying a glass of wine and dinner al fresco.

JAN WEMP BARN | SUN. 3:30PM

1.14.2018 | **HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL FESTIVAL** *(Albany Pro Musica Concert Chorus)*

Hearts will pound as gifted student musicians join Albany Pro Musica onstage for a transforming experience: the chance to sing with the region's premier chorus at a nationally renowned concert hall. Choirs from local high schools will all perform individually, followed by a grand finale – 260 voices and instrumentalists under the baton of APM Artistic Director José Daniel Flores-Caraballo.

TROY SAVINGS BANK MUSIC HALL | SUN. 3:00 PM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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