



## Albany Pro Musica Apprentice Chorus Program May 3, 2020

Dear Choral Director, Voice Teacher, and High School Choral Singer,

For our 19th year of the Apprentice Program for High School Singers, we again will invite a group of highly motivated and talented high school choral students to extend their choral experience in a professional setting by rehearsing and performing with Albany Pro Musica. This year's apprentices will perform John Rutter's *Gloria* in the second half of the **Sunday, May 3, 2020** performance at **Troy Savings Bank Music Hall**.

This season we are thrilled to be expanding the Apprentice Program by offering these students the additional opportunity of performing as the first ever **Albany Pro Musica Youth Chorus**. This exciting new ensemble, conducted by APM Director of Education, Brendan Hoffman, will rehearse and perform their own set of songs during the first half of APM's performance on May 3 in Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, in addition to rehearsing and performing Rutter's *Gloria* with Albany Pro Musica!

The rehearsals for the **Albany Pro Musica Youth Chorus** will take place an hour prior to the start of each Albany Pro Musica Rehearsal, which takes place on Tuesday evenings at the University at Albany's Performing Arts Center, Room B78, 7:00 – 9:30 PM (*except for the dress rehearsals and concert which are located at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall*).

### SCHEDULE

#### REHEARSALS:

Tue. Mar 31, 2020	6:00-7:00pm <u>Apprentice Chorus</u> ; 7:00-8:15pm <u>APM</u>	@UAlbany
Tue. April 7, 2020	6:00-7:00pm <u>Apprentice Chorus</u> ; 7:00-8:15pm <u>APM</u>	@UAlbany
Tue. April 14, 2020	6:00-7:00pm <u>Apprentice Chorus</u> ; 7:00-8:15pm <u>APM</u>	@UAlbany
Tue. April 21, 2020	6:00-7:00pm <u>Apprentice Chorus</u> ; 7:00-8:15pm <u>APM</u>	@UAlbany
Tue. April 28, 2020	6:00-7:00pm <u>Apprentice Chorus</u> ; 7:00-8:15pm <u>APM</u>	@UAlbany

#### DRESS REHEARSAL:

Sat. May 2, 2020	12:00-1:00pm <u>Youth Chorus</u> ; 1:30-2:30pm <u>APM</u>	@TMH
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#### CONCERT:

Sun. May 3, 2020	3:00pm	@TMH
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\_\_\_\_\_The Albany Pro Musica Apprentice Chorus will be a chamber choir consisting of between 16 and 24 singers. Students will be selected for this ensemble by audition. To secure and schedule an audition, interested students need to fill out and submit an application which includes student information and recommendation from a school music teacher or private voice teacher.

Auditions will take place on **Saturday, March 7th** at Albany High School. These auditions will consist of individual and small group singing. You do not need to prepare a solo piece for this audition! The audition panel will hear each individual sing some vocal exercises as well as a sight-singing example in addition to small group performances of a short section of a choral piece.

There will be a kickoff event for all accepted singers on **Saturday, March 21st** at Albany High School. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to get to know one another and to begin making music together.

The Albany Pro Musica Apprentice Chorus and High School Apprentice program is designed for students who have demonstrated leadership within their programs, a high level of vocal technique and music reading ability, and a passion for choral singing. Singers are expected to practice independently outside of regular rehearsals and come to rehearsals prepared to make music.

Sincerely,

Brendan Hoffman, Director of Education  
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Dr. José Daniel Flores-Caraballo, Opalka Family Artistic Director