



Membership at a Glance

The following information is a quick overview of the Blacksburg Master Chorale and membership. Detailed information can be found in the **2020-2021 Member Handbook** in the “About Us” section of the website.

- About the B.M.C.
 - We are a volunteer, community-based chorus for adults ages 18 and older who want to have fun, sing, and perform contemporary and classical pieces
 - Admission to the BMC is by audition with the Artistic Director. Auditions are held prior to the first rehearsal each semester
- Time Commitment
 - Rehearsals and performances are scheduled around the Virginia Tech academic year
 - In-person rehearsals are held weekly on Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church (701 Church St SE)
 - Additional rehearsals are scheduled on an as-needed basis depending on performance readiness
 - We perform at least two concerts per season with potential collaborations and/or performances with other groups
- Dues and Concert Attire
 - Dues to participate are \$50 per semester
 - Additionally, members are responsible for the cost of music performed. It is ordered by the Chorale and purchased at cost at the beginning of each term
 - Members are responsible for their own concert attire. Please see the **2020-2021 Member Handbook** for information on required attire
- Personal Responsibilities
 - Members must learn their music and sing fully to create a cohesive sectional and group sound
 - Members are encouraged to sell tickets to Chorale performances to share our wonderful music with friends, family, and coworkers
 - Members can also assist the Board and sell program ads, which is an easy way to promote the Chorale to area businesses
 - Members should encourage friends, family, and peers to make financial contributions to the BMC
- Other Ways to Serve the BMC
 - Concert site setup and takedown
 - Promotional material creation (Programs, Flyers, & Posters)
 - Marketing (Social Media and Area Advertisement)
 - Join the Board of Directors
 - Post-concert and member social planning