

Subject: [NOVAChorus] NOVA Community Chorus
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Dear Singers-

The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic, our musical partner, has made some policy changes that affect the NOVA Community Chorus. These changes take effect immediately. Please take note:

1. The orchestra will no longer perform in the Schlesinger Center. This is due to the fact that college ensembles now have to pay full price, and Schlesinger has imposed dramatic price increases. Our October 19 concert with WMPO will be at Bishop Ireton High School (201 Cambridge Rd, Alexandria).
2. Concerts will begin at 3:00 pm. This is to benefit those patrons who prefer driving during daylight. The chorus call will be 2:00 pm.
3. There will be no tickets. This is to draw a larger audience. Hopefully, donations from a much larger audience will match or exceed ticket sales to a smaller audience.

I realize that these are dramatic changes. Moving out of Schlesinger is particularly painful, but necessary at this time. Hopefully, things will change for the better and we will be back in the hall that has been our home since it's opening in 2001. In the meanwhile, it is the music that is important. We have a wonderful group of 96 singers and the fabulous music of Mendelssohn!

I will give you a revised schedule on Tuesday. Until then, practice hard and

Sing Well-DrW

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