



PERFORMANCE TIPS

Rehearsals

Tuesday nights
7:30 –10:00 pm
Fall & Spring semesters

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Class Rehearsal Tips

- Bring sheet music, pencil(s) with eraser, and water.
- Be on time. Better yet - be early. Warm up your voice before you arrive. We have only a brief tuneup before we sing.
- Please do not talk during rehearsal. If you have difficulty with something, quietly ask your section leader or an experienced singer to help you. The section leader will ask the director for help if he or she cannot resolve your problem.
- Watch the director and mark your music.
- Please refrain from wearing scented products, including perfumes, some hair sprays, etc. Also be mindful of oral hygiene.
- Drink water during rehearsals. Your voice will feel better and last longer.

Dress Rehearsal Tips

- All of the above applies, plus:
- Attendance at dress rehearsals is required.
- The “call” time before a performance is the time you should be in place, warmed up and ready sing, not when you get to the stage.
- Performance attire (see below) is not required at dress rehearsals.

Performance Tips

- We often do not have changing or secure storage facilities backstage. Bring only what you intend to have with you onstage.
- When filing onto stage, climb the risers at the end, and then walk to your place.
- Keep your music at your side while walking.
- While standing, do not lock your knees. If you feel faint, alert the singers on both sides and sit down on your own riser with their help.
- Be careful when stepping off risers. You can easily trip and fall.



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Online

Official Site:
www.nvcc.edu/novachorus/

Yahoo Group
Mailing List:
groups.yahoo.com/group/NOVACHorus/
(Yahoo login may be required)

Unofficial Site:
www.novachorus.org

Performance Tips - continued

- When filing off of the stage, do not walk to one end and jump off.
- Listen carefully for the location of the post performance party. Follow someone there.
- Men's attire: A tuxedo, white dress shirt or formal shirt with black bow tie, black shoes and socks. If you don't own a tux and don't wish to rent one, a black or dark blue suit is permitted in this chorus. You can often pick up used tuxedos at rental stores or secondhand locations.
- Women's attire: A long-sleeved black blouse, long black skirt or trousers, black shoes and stockings.
- Caution: water is not allowed on stage during performances. Cough drops in your pocket are a good emergency measure for performances.

Black music folders can be found locally or online:

Foxes Music; 416 S. Washington St; Falls Church, VA 22046; (703) 533-7393

Online: <http://www.musicfolder.com>

Section Leaders

Each section has an assigned leader to assist members with questions and concerns. They are also responsible for recording attendance and being accountable for members missing from rehearsal. He/she is responsible for emergency notifications to their section, such as schedule changes or building closures. Notify your section head promptly if your information changes. If you must miss a rehearsal, please let your section head know in advance by e-mail or telephone call. If you have any questions, please contact your section leader.