

# Prospective Member Information Sheet



Harmonic Relief is an adult show choir that has been performing in the Twin Cities area since the year 2000. Our group has built a reputation for providing outstanding vocal music through its repertoire of folk, rock, show tunes, jazz and contemporary songs. Our performances are complemented with solos, movement, staging, and small group songs. Music is memorized and performed in a manner typical of show choirs. Membership is typically between 24 and 30 members.

Harmonic Relief performs an annual Spring Show in April/May, and also performs annually at such local venues as Como Park Pavilion in St. Paul, Lake Harriet Band Shell in Minneapolis, Central Park in Roseville, Edinborough Park in Edina, and Central Park in Woodbury.

Harmonic Relief is unique in that it's run by its members. Members annually elect a Governing Board which manages the organization. A Vocal Coach is employed by the group to assist in rehearsals and performances.

## **Member Responsibilities**

Since the group is run by its members, active participation in all aspects of the group is required. Responsibilities include the following:

- Good attendance at rehearsals and performances
- Selling tickets for the Spring Show
- Active participation in committees, which can include publicity, social event planning, music repertoire selection, and equipment set-up/take-down.

## **Rehearsal Schedule**

Below are general guidelines on Harmonic Relief's rehearsal schedule:

- Regular rehearsals are held September through mid-December and January through mid-May, on Tuesdays from 5:45 PM to 8:00 PM. Regular rehearsal location is Parkview United Church of Christ, 3737 Bellaire Ave, White Bear Lake.
- June, July, August and the last half of December are non-rehearsal periods. However, a few summer rehearsals are scheduled to support our summer performances at local parks.
- Two to three vocal workshops are held during the season, typically on a Saturday morning.
- Dance and movement rehearsals are typically held on Saturday mornings during the second half of the rehearsal year as the group prepares for the Spring Show.

## **Costs**

Harmonic Relief is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Dues are collected from members to help pay for the accompanist, vocal coach, music, and other miscellaneous expenses. Dues are currently \$235/year. New members are required to pay \$35 in September and the remaining \$200 can be paid over the nine months of the standard rehearsal year. New members are also required to purchase performing clothes for both the Spring Show (formal costume) and local performances (casual costume). This cost can range from \$50 to \$150, depending on what clothes can be utilized from the new member's current wardrobe.

## **Examples of Typical Songs**

Recordings of typical songs can be found on our website at <http://www.harmonicrelief.org/#!music/n98cc>. A few examples include "This is the Moment" (Broadway), "Listen to the Music" (Doobie Brothers), "Seven Bridges Road" (Eagles), "Rock This Town" (Funk/Jazz), "Lullaby of Broadway" (Broadway), "I've Got a Crush on You" (Gershwin), "Yesterday" (Beatles), "September" (Earth, Wind and Fire).