

## Washington Master Chorale

### *Volunteer Singer Membership Dues Policy Effective July 1, 2022*

The Washington Master Chorale (WMC) is partially funded by membership dues paid by volunteer singers at the beginning of each concert performance season. These dues are used to purchase music for the season and to support the operation of the organization. All volunteer singers accepted for membership in WMC are required to pay annual membership dues.

Dues are \$300 per volunteer singer per concert season and must be paid in full either by check, cash, or electronically via the WMC Choral Management website (groupanizer) no later than the last evening rehearsal in September. Cash and check payments must be given to the WMC Chorus Manager.

Because WMC is a 501 (c)(3) organization, the \$300 dues payment amount (minus the cost of the concert season music) can be declared a tax deductible donation at the end of the calendar year that the payment was received to the extent permitted under tax rules.

Volunteer singers who elect not to sing every performance within a concert season must still pay full membership dues no later than the last evening rehearsal in September.

Any volunteer member who leaves WMC before the end of the concert season will not receive a dues refund. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Any volunteer singer with a financial hardship may request to make dues payments in weekly increments. Requests will be made to the WMC Executive Committee through the Board Chair. If the WMC Executive Committee approves the request, the volunteer singer must submit a payment schedule plan to the WMC Chorus Manager. The final incremental payment must be made no later than the last evening rehearsal in October. In cases of extreme hardship the WMC Executive Committee may grant further extensions.

Potential relief from the dues policy requirement may be considered. To seek such relief, singers must submit a letter to the Board of Directors, with full justification provided, via the Board Chair. Recommendations from the Artistic Director for such relief will be considered before the WMC Executive Committee arrives at a decision.

*Approved by the WMC Board of Directors*