

REHEARSAL CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS

REHEARSALS

In order to preserve an atmosphere of mutual respect and enjoyment, every Member is expected to conduct themselves in a professional and considerate manner whenever rehearsals are in progress.

Cellphones/Distractions:

- Before rehearsal or during the 20 minute break is the appropriate time to use your cellphone for email and social media. If you need to use your phone during rehearsal for an emergency, work obligation, or family matter please be courteous and step out of the rehearsal room.
- Doing other work, eating, or chatting in the back of the room does not contribute to the rehearsal. Please refrain from other activities during rehearsal time.

Talking during rehearsal:

- Members are expected to show courtesy and respect to both staff members and volunteers, whether in rehearsal or performance situations.
- Excessive talking is strongly discouraged. It not only distracts the person at the podium (Artistic Director, Director of Artistic Operations, or other person making an announcement), but also interferes with other Members' learning process and concentration.
- Talking while others are speaking or conducting from the podium is rude and disrespectful, and repeat offenses may be subject to disciplinary action.

Attendance:

- Members are expected to make every effort to be in their seats by the beginning of rehearsal (6:30 p.m. for regular rehearsals), and remain until the scheduled conclusion of any rehearsal. Excessive truancy may result in a review of a member's attendance.
- Check in with your Section Leader at the beginning of every rehearsal to be sure they know you are present.
- Sit with your section at all times unless you are rehearsing dance or solo parts; make sure your Section Leader knows when you are away from the room or they may mark you absent.
- Once the seating chart has been completed, singers are expected to sit where placed. If you have a problem with your seating assignment, confer with your Section Leader. If you are not in your assigned seat, you may be marked absent.
- Pay close attention to your attendance to be sure you remain inside the requirements and avoid being excluded from performance.
- If you are feeling under the weather, stay home.
- Communicate with your Section Leader when you know you will miss a rehearsal.
- Service animals are permitted at rehearsals; no pets.

Music:

- Put music in a 3-ring binder at the beginning of every quarter. It is recommended that you use tab dividers and put the music in alphabetical order to help you turn to music quickly during rehearsal. If your music is not in a binder, your Section Leader will speak with you about making sure this happens by the next rehearsal.
- If using a tablet for your music, be sure to download all music before rehearsal.
- Communicate with your Section Leader regarding questions about the music. This includes parts you might be struggling with as well as for clarification of what part you are singing. They may already know the answer to your question, and questions can disrupt rehearsal unnecessarily. Your Section Leader will ask the Artistic Director for clarification or instructions and communicate the information to the entire section.