

Frequently asked questions and answers for prospective OCWC members

When do you hold auditions?

We typically hold auditions on two Tuesday nights in August, scheduled annually prior to the beginning of rehearsals in September. All auditions are scheduled by appointment, and are conducted at our rehearsal venue in Newport Beach.

When and where do you rehearse?

We rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 to 9:45 in Newport Beach, with extra rehearsals as needed before performances or tours. Attendance is very important and singers are expected to devote some time during the week to music-learning as well.

You mentioned tours. How often does the OCWC tour?

We plan to tour domestically or internationally approximately every three years. Tour costs range from \$2,500 - \$5,000 per singer, depending on length and destination. Tours are optional, but we hope as many singers as possible will travel with us, and we are committed to raising funds for tour scholarships.

What kind of music do you sing?

We perform a broad range of repertoire, including classical, folk, contemporary, and the occasional Broadway tune! We are especially interested in singing music that speaks to relevant contemporary themes. Visit our YouTube channel to get the best idea of our music!

Is there a financial commitment to be in the chorus?

We ask singers to make an annual contribution of \$250, payable in installments of as little as \$25 per month. These contributions are tax-deductible, and we offer scholarships for singers with financial needs.

Are there financial commitments beyond the suggested singer contribution?

Singers are expected to pay for their music for each performance, as well as for their concert attire. Music costs range from \$30 - \$50 per concert. Our formal performance attire is currently approximately \$140, and our informal OCWC t-shirts range from \$15 - \$20 based on sizing. Scholarship assistance for performance attire may also be available for those with financial needs.

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Do I have to be able to read music?

Yes, we ask that singers be able to read music. We perform challenging music and we generally do not provide learning tracks. This is a fairly advanced chorus for experienced choral singers.

Is the chorus LGBTQIA+-friendly?

Yes, very! Our membership is diverse and welcoming, and all singers who identify as women or non-binary are invited to audition.

I want to sing but auditions terrify me. What should I do?

Don't despair—most people feel that way, and we ensure that our auditions are friendly and non-scary! You'll only be singing for one or two people, and it won't take more than about ten minutes.

Ready to request an audition? [Click here!](#) More questions? Contact us at auditions@ocwomenschorus.org or leave a message at (949) 451-8590.