

A SINGER'S CREED

I am a member of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra Chorus. I do this, not because I like hearing the sound of my own voice, but because I love making great music come to life for others. To do this successfully, I will to maintain the highest standards of musicianship, performance artistry, and personal discipline my talents and circumstances allow. Even though we are not compensated financially, I will strive to be a true professional in all that I do. My reward comes from participating in an inspiring performance that fulfills the audience and brings me pleasure in being a part of something bigger than myself.

To better accomplish this, I will:

- Attend every rehearsal possible
- Be on time and ready to perform or rehearse at the appointed time and place
- Prepare music in advance whenever given the opportunity
- Provide the conductor with the respect of my attention and concentration
- Annotate my music so mistakes are not repeated
- Rehearse problematic passages on my own
- Pay attention to the sound I make and the ensemble in which I participate
- Follow the directions of stage and ensemble managers
- Grant my fellow performers the courtesy of expecting and respecting their professionalism.
- Use my section leaders as my avenue for complaint, concern, and information

In return, I will endure inconvenience and delay, provided I receive:

- Reasonable consideration of my time, effort, and personal expense
- The fullest explanations available at the time
- Maximum accommodation for personal comfort that may be available
- Reasonable notice of changes in schedule
- Adequate appreciation of the limits of my vocal endurance
- Conditions that allow me to perform at my best, given the circumstances
- In short, treatment as an adult professional.

The joy of being allowed to make beautiful, inspiring music with a quality symphony orchestra is a gift from God. I will seek every opportunity to maximize the talent I have been granted, in the company of like-minded individuals. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to do so and am very proud of the reputation of the chorus I am helping to build.

Signed: _____ Date: _____