



Be it. Live it. Sing it.

David Edwards, Director

2014-2015 Season

Mission Statement – The Portland Peace Choir strives to exemplify the principles of peace, equality, justice, stewardship of the Earth, unity and cooperation. We sing music from diverse cultures and traditions to inspire peace in ourselves, our families, our communities, and the world. The Portland Peace Choir welcomes all voices.

There are no auditions necessary to join the Peace Choir and all experience and skill levels are welcome. (Please help us grow! Basses and tenors are especially needed. Invite your friends to join us. Become a fan on Facebook.)

Rehearsals – We sing between Labor Day and Memorial Day. Fall term is 9/3 to 12/17. We end the term with a potluck party, which will be in December. Spring term is 1/7 to 5/20 with a year-end potluck in late May or early June. There are opportunities to sing during the summer, which is always optional.

We meet on Wednesdays from 7-9pm at St. David of Wales Episcopal Church, 2800 SE Harrison (97214), between Hawthorne & Division. Doors open at 6:30. Please be seated and ready to sing at 7:00. Parking is available in the church parking lot. We encourage you to car pool or use public transit. (We are not associated with the church or other any religious organization. We simply rent rehearsal and performance space.)

Visitors – Prospective singers are welcome to attend one rehearsal at no charge before joining.

Attendance – Sign in at the beginning of each rehearsal. Singers are expected to attend at least 75% of all rehearsals and to participate in performances.

Young Folks – We welcome middle schoolers (6th grade & up) accompanied by an adult. High school students are welcome to join on their own.

Choir Pals – New singers are paired with established members in their section to help learn what to expect, and to feel welcome.

Happy Half Hour – 6:30 pm, 1st Wednesday of the month. Happy Half Hour is the time we meet for snacking and socializing before a rehearsal. Each month is hosted by a different section that brings food and drink - and often a fun song for the rest of us to hear!

Dues – dues are \$225 for the September - May season, with two payment options. Pay \$25/month, or \$200 for the full year by October 3rd to save \$25. Singers who choose to participate in the June/July rehearsals/performance pay another month's dues. Dues are given to Peter Lofy (Treasurer) or Sandy Lofy at the sign-in table. Checks are made payable to Portland Peace Choir. If you need scholarship assistance, please talk to Peter. So that all can participate, we encourage those who can to give a little extra to the Mike Tinkham Scholarship Fund. (Mike was an original member of PPC who greatly enjoyed the music and the choir community. After he passed away, this fund was set up in his memory as a way to help others experience the same joy.)

Performances – Call time is usually 30-60 minutes before most gigs and 90 minutes before the concert. Bring sure to bring water, and dinner or a snack if needed. Attendance at the four practices prior to our concert will ensure your comfort and the choir's performance confidence.

Performance attire is shades of white with scarves and jewelry of different accent colors. Shoes can be any color.

Fall term: PPC will sing at various events, including:

- PSU Park Blocks Farmer's Market: Saturday morning, September 13th
- Picnic in the Park: Sunday afternoon, September 28th
- Holladay Park Plaza: Tuesday evening, November 25th
- More Community Events To Be Announced

Spring term: PPC will sing at various events, including:

- Annual Joint Peace Choirs Concert: February 15th in Ashland
- PPC Concert: May 16th
- More Community Events To Be Announced

Music Memorization – Performances are off-book. Memorizing songs provides an expanded experience of the music and a greater connection to the audience.

Practice audio tracks for each section are available to download free via the Green Room on our website www.portlandpeacechoir.org . The PASSWORD is _____. For those without convenient computer access, the Music Librarian will burn practice CDs of your tracks on request.

Music Selection – Pieces are selected ahead of time each year by the Music Committee. All choir members are encouraged to submit music at any time for consideration (put in the envelope on the attendance table, ideally sheet music; or send a recording or YouTube link to Music Committee Chair: davedwards72@gmail.com).

Sectional Rehearsals – On most 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays, a different section meets alone with David to go over particular songs that need extra work.

Sectional Schedule - all sectionals from 6:30-6:55pm:

Soprano - 2nd Wednesday

Alto - 3rd Wednesday

Tenor/Bass - 4th Wednesday

In addition, section leaders will organize special section rehearsals outside of our regular Wednesday rehearsal time as needed.

Your Section Leader: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Steering Committee (as of 9/1/14): Mary Tinkham (Chair), Jane Sanders (Vice-Chair), Peter Lofy (Treasurer), Alisa Jackson (Secretary), Mitch Halfpenny, Sima Beitinjaneh, Pam Horowitz, Fred Brown, David Edwards (Music Director, ex-officio).

The Music Librarian is Nicole Kephart. The librarian copies, distributes, collects and manages all music. Librarian can burn CDs with practice tracks on request.

Ways to Help

We are happy you are singing with us and hope you'll share your talents in other ways! We encourage you to consider helping with one of the following:

- Membership - Chair is Sandy Lofy. Responsible for warm welcomes, nametags, attendance, email announcements, and communicating with members.
- Finance - Chair is Peter Lofy. Handles funds collection, bill paying, budgeting, and scholarship requests.
- Operations – Chair is Mitch Halfpenny. Handles all on-site rehearsal and performance logistics such as chairs, lights, set-up, clean-up, risers.

- Publicity – Chair is Sima Beitinjaneh. Responsibilities include publicity, promotion, concert programs, and merchandising.
- Music Committee – Chair is David Edwards. Selects music for the year and records practice tracks. Coordinates and works with Accompanist (Beth Karp).
- Geek – Chair is Pam Horowitz. Maintains website and cyber communications.
- Social – Chair is open at this time. To foster community (sends cards to sick members or when there is a loss), arrange for purchases of flowers for concerts and when otherwise needed, and help plan social events.
- Bake Sale – Chair is Cynthia Feinberg. Coordinates choir contribution and set-up of treats for sale at concerts.

Please contact the chair person or any Steering Committee member to volunteer.

We are happy to have you singing for peace with us!