

COLUMBUS SYMPHONY CHORUS TO HOLD 2017-18 SEASON AUDITIONS AUGUST 21 & 22

The Columbus Symphony Chorus will hold auditions for the 2017-18 season at 6:30 pm on Monday and Tuesday, August 21 and 22, at the Ohio Theatre. To schedule an audition, interested parties should contact Chorus Director Ronald Jenkins through the Columbus Symphony website at www.columbussymphony.com. Click on "Orchestra" at the top of the page, then "Chorus" on the drop-down menu.

Each audition will last 8-10 minutes and consist of the following:

1. The auditionee will sing a prepared piece of classical music—a simple piece is very acceptable. The purpose is to demonstrate the person's voice and musicality. An accompanist is provided. Auditionees should bring three copies of the music—one for the pianist, the chorus conductor to follow, and themselves. Memorization is not necessary.
2. Each person will be given ear-training/testing (repeating intervals) and be asked to vocalize.
3. Each person will be asked to sight-read, often a Bach chorale.

Auditionees will be notified by letter the following week.

In the 2017-18 season, the Chorus will perform in Holiday Pops (December 1-3), *Aida* in Concert (in collaboration with Opera Columbus, February 2 & 4), Brahms Requiem (March 23 & 24), and the women of the Chorus will perform Debussy's *Nocturnes* in the CSO's Impressionistic Scenes program (April 13 & 14). All concerts will be conducted by CSO Music Director Rossen Milanov with the exception of Holiday Pops which will be conducted by Ronald Jenkins.

About the Columbus Symphony Chorus

The Columbus Symphony Chorus, now beginning its 58th season, continues to excel under the direction of Chorus Director Ronald J. Jenkins. Under his leadership for 35 years, the Chorus has grown both in the quality of its performances and in the diversity of its classical repertoire. The 130-member Chorus, comprised entirely of volunteer singers from central Ohio, performs major works from Bach through the 21st century.

In addition to their classical concerts, the Chorus's annual Holiday Pops concerts, conceived and directed by Jenkins from their beginning in 1983, have grown into one of the best-loved musical traditions in the central Ohio area, presenting four performances the first weekend of December.

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About the Columbus Symphony Orchestra

Founded in 1951, the Columbus Symphony is the only full-time, professional symphony in central Ohio. Through an array of innovative artistic, educational, and community outreach programming, the Columbus Symphony is reaching an expanding, more diverse audience each year. This season, the Columbus Symphony will share classical music

with more than 200,000 people in central Ohio through concerts, radio broadcasts, and special programming. For more information, visit www.columbussymphony.com.

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