Dear Mount Desert Summer Chorale Member,

We’re back! We’re planning a full, regular season this summer, with the long-awaited performance of the Mozart Requiem! Here are the details.

**REHEARSALS**

Weekly rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m. at MDI High School. The concert will be held in the AIR-CONDITIONED Criterion Theatre on August 6. Responding to many comments about the desire for more social time, we’ve included a retreat in the schedule that includes an all-MDSC and families barbecue on July 16. Because we are performing in the Criterion, which has a much larger seating capacity than our other venues, we plan only one performance, and because of other events scheduled in the Criterion, our final rehearsal is at an unusual time. We think the advantages of performing in the Criterion far outweigh the inconvenience! Here is the full schedule:

**AT MDI HIGH SCHOOL:**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22        FIRST REHEARSAL, 6:30 – 9 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29        REHEARSAL, 6:30 – 9 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6           REHEARSAL, 6:30 – 9 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13         REHEARSAL, 6:30 – 9 P.M.

**SATURDAY, JULY 16            RETREAT + PICNIC**

2 – 3 p.m.: sectionals

3:15 – 4:15, 4:30 – 5:30: All together

5:30: All-MDSC plus families picnic/barbecue

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20         REHEARSAL, 6:30 – 9 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27         REHEARSAL and ANNUAL MEETING, 6:30 – 9 P.M.

SUNDAY, JULY 31 REHEARSAL, 6:30-9 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 REHEARSAL WITH ORCHESTRA AND SOLOISTS, 6:30 – 9:30 P.M.

**AT THE CRITERION:**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 FINAL REHEARSAL, **5-7 P.M.**

**Concert: Saturday, August 6, 7:30 p.m. (pre-concert talk at 7 p.m.)**

**PRECAUTIONS**

This is all subject to change as circumstances change: The State of Maine has lifted all restrictions for gatherings, but as singing is a super-spreader activity, we need to be cautious. We expect all participants to be fully vaccinated (talk to David about accommodations if there is a medical or religious reason that you cannot be vaccinated).  Read the latest Mask Policy [here](https://summerchorale.org/sites/summerchorale.org/files/Forms/UPDATED%20MASK%20POLICY%2C%202022.pdf).

**MUSIC**

Music will be distributed at the first rehearsal. If you wish to get started sooner, you can find a score of the Mozart Requiem online here:

<https://s9.imslp.org/files/imglnks/usimg/5/5b/IMSLP552289-PMLP2751-mozart_requiem_peters.pdf>

You can find part-learning aids here: <http://www.cyberbass.com/Major_Works/Mozart_W_A/mozart_KV626_requiem.htm>

(There are many other possibilities: use what works best for you!)

**REGISTRATION AND DUES**

To join us this summer, please complete [this form](https://summerchorale.org/sites/summerchorale.org/files/FY2022%20Files/Member%20Registration%20Form%202022.docx) and mail it back to PO Box 887, Mount Desert, Maine 04660 with your dues of $50 per member as soon as possible. (As in the past, scholarships are available for high school and college participants through the Meyer Fund. Contact Dave and Marty Ward, summerchorale@gmail.com, for more information.) Please also consider making an additional contribution if you are able.

I am looking forward to seeing and hearing you in beautiful Maine in just a few weeks!

Best,

David