



**DUAL MEMBER INFORMATION
VIRTUAL MEMBER* INFORMATION**
International Convention, Seattle, WA Oct. 19.-23, 2010

Dear Prospective Dual/Virtual Member,

We are very excited to learn of your interest in becoming a dual/virtual member with City of Lakes Chorus. Singing, performing and competing together in Seattle will be a great and memorable experience for all of us. In the coming months we plan to work hard to achieve our goal in becoming one of the best choruses in Seattle. City of Lakes Chorus is determined to succeed, so we expect a high level commitment from all of our members – dual, virtual and regular.

**our definition of a “virtual” member is an active Sweet Adeline member that resides outside of Region Six and must fly into Minneapolis to attend rehearsals, coaching and retreats.*

Expectations and requirements to sing with us in Seattle

COL expects all members to be an asset to the entire chorus and to take personal responsibility for all aspects of being a contributing chorus member. We will provide great tools and the support you need to be prepared.

Initial Audition to join COL

Dual members should visit a COL rehearsal and request audition materials ASAP. We would like to know your intent by May 1, 2010. Contact: membership@cityoflakes.org
Interested prospective dual/virtual members are expected to audition for the Music Team prior to August 2, 2010.

Music/Performance

We strive for 100% accuracy of notes and words, good tuning and good vocal skills. In addition we look for a certain level of showmanship and the ability to execute our visual plan. We expect you to learn the repertoire/choreography needed for Semi-finals and Finals Round. You may choose to learn other songs from the COL repertoire. We expect all members to pass vocal and visual evaluations determined by the Music Team.

Attendance

Dual members: We would like you to start attending rehearsals as soon as possible and expect all of our members to make rehearsal and coaching session attendance a priority. We also schedule several on-site rehearsals during the convention starting on Tues. Oct. 19th which you will be expected to attend.

Virtual members: Contact the Music Team to make arrangements for your audition and special attendance needs due to your distance challenge. Participation of virtual

members with COL as well as vocal and visual qualifications will be at the discretion of the Director and Music Team.

NOTE: For weekend coaching sessions or weekly rehearsals, we may be able to provide lodging with a COL member.

Absences caused by emergency or unforeseen events will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please notify the membership team.

Costs

Every Sweet Adeline knows that singing in a competitive chorus is not an inexpensive endeavor. City of Lakes Chorus tries to keep costs for joining our chorus as low as possible without straining our budget.

Chorus Dues: A lump sum of \$ 75 (\$ 37.50 for YWIH members under age 26) from the time you join until the close of the International Convention. If you decide to remain a dual member after Oct. 23, 2010 regular monthly chapter dues will apply. If you reside outside of Region Six a regional assessment will apply.

Costume: COL will wear new costumes in Seattle. There are no used costumes available and every dual/virtual member has to purchase the planned outfit. Costs are expected to be around \$200 or below. On return of your costume after International you will receive a refund of 50% of your previous paid amount. Shoes / Make-Up: You are expected to wear chorus shoes matching COL's (check with Costume Chair) and purchase or share Chorus Make-Up.

Convention expenses to plan for:

Transportation to Seattle

Hotel accommodations – Triple /Quads appr. \$160-200 a night

Competition Registration – \$ 140 (early registration), \$ 160 (after 04/01/2010)

Meals

Important Dates:

Initial Audition to join COL	On or before August 2, 2010
Coaching TBD with Pete Benson	July TBD
Coaching with Sandy Marron	August 9, 2010
Coaching with Carole Kirkpatrick	September 20, 2010
Coaching with Judy Pozgay (choreo)	September 13 or 27(TBD)
First Rehearsal in Seattle	October 19, 2010

Additional information will be forthcoming.

Please be flexible as some adjustments and changes are unavoidable.

We certainly hope that you will embrace City of Lakes Chorus' identity and will consider yourself part of our chorus' family after our journey together.

In harmony,
City of Lakes Chorus Membership Team
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