



## Overview for Prospective Members

Chorus life means wonderful barbershop harmony, emotional connection, and tons of fun. At City of Lakes, we believe that our shared love for singing and performing is rewarded by memorable experiences, great performances and lifelong friendships.

City of Lakes Chorus is part of Sweet Adelines International (SAI), the world's largest singing and educational organization for women. SAI is a nonprofit organization with approximately 25,000 members in choruses and quartets worldwide. Membership highlights include:

- ♪ Weekly rehearsals throughout the year with a dynamic and inspiring director
- ♪ Access to our Member Only website (including sheet music, learning tracks and video teaching tools)
- ♪ Regular coaching sessions with International and Regional faculty
- ♪ Opportunities for personal growth (develop skills in musicianship, quartet singing, vocal production, showmanship, stage directing, leadership and chorus management to name a few!)
- ♪ Performances and Chorus Shows in and around the Twin Cities
- ♪ Educational Events
- ♪ Opportunities to participate and compete at SAI annual chorus and quartet competitions.
- ♪ Subscription to quarterly SAI magazine 'The Pitch Pipe', and quarterly Region 6 magazine 'Regional Measures'
- ♪ Life-long Friendships

We believe that the joy and pride of singing with the City of Lakes Chorus inspires every member to embrace our chorus goals with passion and commitment!

## **Member expectations:**

**Attendance:** Although we do not have an attendance requirement we encourage weekly rehearsal attendance. We expect our members will be prepared and ready each week and we go overboard to ensure their success! We provide fabulous online teaching tools as well as archived recordings of rehearsals for every member to prepare and practice during the week.

**Performances:** Participation in chorus performances and competitions is the number one sought after experience of our members! As a championship chorus, our sound and overall performance impact benefit from the participation of the entire membership.

**Travel:** As a Championship chorus we are excited to share our love and pursuit of musical excellence with other SAI choruses throughout our organization by participating in annual chorus contests. Travel expenses are the responsibility of each member. Again, this is not mandatory but one of the most rewarding experiences of being a member of City of Lakes.

**Dues:** Dues are currently \$435 annually for full membership paid quarterly (\$108.75 a quarter). Youth membership (up to age 25) is available for half price, as well as dual membership with other SAI choruses.

**Fundraising:** We provide some fundraising opportunities throughout the year and encourage member participation to help offset some chorus costs.

**Tax Deductions:** Many expenses of being a member are tax deductible and we will be glad to provide you with this information.

We welcome you to join us and feel the excitement that being a part of an award-winning chorus can offer you! We are so confident that City of Lakes is the home you have been looking for that your first month is free!

The Membership Team is happy to answer any of your questions while you visit or by emailing [information@cityoflakes.org](mailto:information@cityoflakes.org).