



Greetings! Thank you for your interest in singing with the Skagit Valley Chorale. My name is Ruth Backlund, and I am currently the president of the Chorale.

Let me extend my heartfelt invitation from our Chorale family and tell you a bit about the current rehearsal structure. We practice every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 9:00 and usually on the third Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30. The schedule is on our website. Our in-person rehearsal venue is Salem Lutheran Church, 2529 Laventure Rd., Mount Vernon. Although we no longer require vaccination to participate in the Chorale, if you feel ill or sniffly, please stay home! You can participate in the rehearsal via Google Meet.

To participate in the Chorale you must have paid your semester dues (\$60 dues payable by check, cash, or GiveButter) and be accepted into the group by our artistic director, Dr. Yvette Burdick. The Chorale is non-auditioned and accepts singers of varying experience, but due to the size of our rehearsal hall, the total number of singers is limited. If you're interested in joining us, please fill out our [Chorale Interest Form](#) or, if you have questions, contact Dr. Burdick via email at yvette@skagitvalleychorale.org. Registration for each semester is open online or in person at our first three Tuesday-night rehearsals.

Most of our Chorale communications outside rehearsal come in a "Mailchimp" group email sent by Yvette, so if you join, we will ask you to allow us to subscribe you to that email list. We will also ask that you sign up for the Members section of the Chorale website to access all our practice materials and other important information. Only currently subscribed members may access these pages.

We are looking forward to singing with you!

In harmony,

Ruth Backlund

President, Skagit Valley Chorale

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