



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

Currently our registration for Spring 2022 is closed. However, we invite you to consider joining us in the fall. We plan to return from summer break on the first Tuesday after Labor Day, this September.

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 8:00 (Zoom) or 6:30 to 8:30 in person. Our in-person rehearsal venue is Salem Lutheran Church, 2529 Laventure Rd., Mount Vernon.

This winter we have been holding Zoom rehearsals while we ride out the omicron wave. We will go back to in-person rehearsals when the infection rate in Skagit County starts going down. The board will decide when the rate is low enough. At that time, we will also have practice on one Saturday morning per month. The schedule is kept on our website.

To participate in the Chorale, you must have paid your semester dues and be vaccinated and boosted. Our live practices are masked and socially distanced. We have the doors wide open in the rehearsal room during practice, so we must bundle up! The Chorale is non-auditioned and accepts singers of varying experience, but due to the size of our rehearsal hall, we must limit the total number of singers to 77 while the six-foot spacing rule is in place. With this limitation, final acceptance into the group is made by our musical director, Dr. Adam Burdick. You need to contact him via email if you're serious about singing with us. Adam's email is burdicka@frontier.com.

Most of our Chorale communications outside rehearsal come in a "Mailchimp" group email sent by Adam, 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,

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