TIME COMMITMENT

The Vocal Arts Ensemble presents three main concerts each year - In December, March and May. A shorter fall concert, in conjunction with the silent auction will take place in October.

Regular Rehearsals: VAE rehearses Tuesday evenings from 7:20pm-10:00pm. Our rehearsal time is valuable. We learn a great deal of music for each concert. Members are expected to arrive on time.

Special Rehearsals: There are also special rehearsals (sectionals, dress rehearsals, etc.) and the dates and times are listed in the calendar for the season. You will have access to the complete schedule of rehearsals, performances, and other important dates. We ask that you can mark your calendar accordingly in order to avoid conflicts.

Absences: Because we strive for the best artistic product possible, VAE has an attendance policy which requires attending at least 75% of rehearsals during each concert period. Sectional rehearsals can be used as make-up rehearsals.

Personal Responsibility for Learning Music: As with all choirs, review and practice of VAE music in between rehearsals is essential and expected of all members. Rehearsal tracks and PDFs with all markings are provided for each singer.

Retreats: There is one retreat scheduled for each concert period. These retreats are an important part of learning our music for the upcoming concert period. Your attendance is valuable and greatly appreciated!

Volunteer Teams: VAE involves more than just music. To keep the Chorus running smoothly, we rely on members to volunteer extra time, whenever possible. The majority of jobs require relatively little time individually. As a whole, they represent a tremendous amount of effort, without which the Chorus would not be able to function. Please consider helping with one or more of these support team efforts. Of course, volunteers not singing with the chorus are always welcome!

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Dues for 2019-2020 Season: The annual dues for VAE membership is $225.00 for returning members and $175.00 for new members. As a volunteer membership organization, we raise all of our own funds from membership dues, advertising, ticket sales, etc. to pay for rehearsal rental space, performance space,
accompanists, additional instrumentalists and all operational expenses. Each singer will purchase their music. Average cost is $25.00 per concert. (Will vary depending on how much music is being used for each concert.)

Financial assistance is available for those who need it.

Fundraising: Fairfax Choral Society is a non-profit organization and fundraising is an essential part of the success and continued operation of the organization. There will be several fundraising events throughout the season to raise funds for general operations and targeted accounts. All participants of Vocal Arts Ensemble are encouraged to actively participate in fundraising activities.

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE
All VAE members are required to procure their own concert attire as follows:

Women: A black dress or black skirt/dress style pants and black top, black hose, dress black shoes and a colorful scarf.

Men: Black, flat-front dress pants, black button dress shirt with black buttons, dress black shoes and black socks.