



Frequently Asked Questions

Who are the Master Singers of Worcester?

The Master Singers of Worcester (MSW) is a chorus of approximately 40 singers under the direction of Artistic Director Edward Tyler. We specialize in, well — not specializing. MSW is a versatile group of community singers who are equally at home with Bach, Bartók, or The Beatles!

MSW performs 3 concerts a year plus occasional outreach events. Rehearsals run weekly, September–May: Tuesdays in Manchester, CT, and Wednesdays in Worcester, MA.

Do I have to be a great sight-reader to join?

No. Music for each piece is taught at the start of the rehearsal period, but singers are expected to review and practice on their own between rehearsals and continually work to improve their skills.

What are the financial obligations?

- Season dues: \$225, payable in full or via auto-debit at \$25/month, September–May, plus a \$35 music fee per concert due at that concert's first rehearsal.
- Payment methods: cash, check, or monthly auto-debit set up on the website. Dues must be paid in full to participate in a concert.

Are there attendance requirements?

- Attend at least 1 rehearsal per week (CT or MA); attendance is tracked weekly, and up to 2 absences are allowed per concert. Beyond that, the Artistic Director's permission is needed to perform. (Attending both rehearsals in the same week removes one absence.)
- Communicate unforeseen absences to a board member before rehearsal.
- The combined Wednesday rehearsal and Saturday AM dress rehearsal before each concert are mandatory.

Is there a concert attire requirement?

- Women: all black — ankle-length dress slacks or skirt/dress, no sleeveless tops, black shoes.
- Men: black long-sleeve button-down shirt, black dress slacks, black shoes, tie or bow-tie.
- All members: a pop of color is encouraged via a statement jewelry piece, tie, or scarf.

Am I expected to help with fundraising?

Yes. Members are expected to sell concert tickets and participate in fundraisers — a wreath sale, popcorn sale, and raffle baskets at the February concert — or donate the amount of their expected contribution instead. Since dues and ticket sales cover less than half of operating costs, fundraising is essential.

How else can I support MSW?

Tax-deductible donations are always welcome and can be made on the website. Members with a talent or skill to share are encouraged to attend a monthly board meeting to contribute their ideas.

How do I join?

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