



Dr. Joseph D. Henry has served as the Peoria Area Civic Chorale's Artistic Director and Conductor from 1994-2011 and again since 2014. Dr. Henry is

also a Professor of Music at Eureka College where he directs the College Chorale and the Chamber Singers. He is also the director of the College's annual Summer Choral Camp for high school singers. He has degrees in Music Education from the University of Southern Maine, University of Maine, and the Conservatory of Music at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Dr. Henry also taught public school music for ten years in Maine. In 2006,

In 2006, Dr. Henry received a Lifetime Achievement Award and was inducted into the Peoria Symphony Orchestra's Hall of Fame. In 2008, he received the Helen Cleaver award for Excellence in Teaching at Eureka College. Dr. Henry continues to serve as a guest conductor, adjudicator, and clinician at various choral festivals, clinics, and music conventions throughout the U.S.

During his tenure as Director, PACC has performed several major choral-orchestral masterworks with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra and the Heartland Festival Orchestra including Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (1997 & 2009), Faure's Requiem (2011), Carmina Burana (2006 & 2016).

Auditions

Aug. 22, Aug. 29 & Jan. 9

Audition criteria:

- A prepared solo of your choice.
- Additional vocalization and tonal memory exercises may be added at the Director's discretion.

To request an audition email or call our office and provide the following information: name, anticipated voice part, mailing address, and a phone number where you can be reached.

Alternative auditions may be scheduled with Dr. Henry at jdhenry@eureka.edu or 309-467-6397. Visit www.peoriacivicchorale.org for more information.

Our 2017-2018 Season

September 9, 2017

Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* with the Heartland Festival Orchestra

November 24, 2017

Yule Like Peoria

December 15-17, 2017

An American Family Christmas

May 4-5, 2017

America's Favorite Songs, Hymns and Anthems

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Our Values:

Artistic Excellence

PACC transforms lives by building upon our tradition of excellence in choral artistry and serving as the region's premier community choral ensemble.

Community

PACC transforms lives by bringing together individuals, families and groups from a host of diverse backgrounds in the shared enjoyment of singing.

Education

PACC transforms lives by inspiring a love of singing that motivates both children and adults to pursue musical excellence.

Mission

The Peoria Area Civic Chorale exists to develop, create, produce and perform a diverse repertoire of the highest-quality vocal and choral music presented in the most professional manner for the enjoyment, entertainment, aesthetic enrichment and education of its members, its audience and those who live in the communities it serves!

History

Founded in 1982, the Peoria Area Civic Chorale began as a small ensemble of singers who enjoyed performing vocal music. This premier choral ensemble of Central Illinois has now grown into an organization of nearly 80 singing voices representing over 30 central Illinois communities. From Renaissance to contemporary and Broadway to jazz, its repertoire continues to encompass a wide variety of styles.

Engaging Passionate Musicians

The Peoria Area Civic Chorale provides singers with a variety of musical backgrounds with an opportunity to engage with other passionate musicians to produce high-quality choral music that we are proud to share with our audiences.

Youth Initiatives

The Peoria Area Civic Chorale Youth Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Beth Rock, is a perfect fit for talented 4th-8th graders seeking extra educational and performance experience. The Preparatory Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Lynn Randolph, helps 2nd-6th grade singers gain musical skills and confidence before joining the PACCYC. Our Young Artist competition highlights area high school students who have achieved musical excellence. Our Festival Chorus programs for 4th, 5th & 6th, and Junior High grades provide children from local schools with an opportunity to come together and perform on stage at a PACC Concert.



Collaboration

The Peoria Area Civic Chorale is known for its excellent musicianship and professionalism. We've collaborated with the Heartland Festival Orchestra, Peoria Symphony Orchestra, Air National Guard Band of the Midwest, and the Central Illinois Jazz Orchestra.

Membership Expectations

The financial commitment for participating in the Chorale for a new member includes a tax-deductible \$50 assessment per semester and the purchase of a dress and jewelry or tuxedo and accessories which would cost less than \$100. Attendance is expected at every rehearsal, and missing no more than two rehearsals a semester is encouraged. The PACC performance week requires Monday-Sunday rehearsal and performance time commitments. Chorale members also commit to total memorization of music and memory aides in the form of midi CDs with voice parts and rehearsal recordings are available during the semester.

