

Auditions for new singers interested in joining DCJS will take place at First Baptist Church on Wednesday, August 25, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Please encourage interested friends to take part!

DCJS rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 1, at the Varna Community Center, 943 Dryden Road. The change in venue for rehearsals this fall is motivated by the better ventilation system at the Varna site. We plan to have in-person rehearsals for singers who are vaccinated (see complete description of safety protocols listed below); unvaccinated singers, or those who do not yet feel comfortable joining in-person rehearsals, will be able to join over the internet. The chorus members rehearsing in-person will be divided into two SATB groups, and each group will rehearse for one hour, alternating between 7:00 – 8:00 pm and 8:00 – 9:00 pm time slots. It is important that you register as soon as possible so that we know who will be attending the in-person rehearsals. Student Assistants will be expected to attend both rehearsal times.

Protocols for in-person rehearsals of the Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers; Fall 2021

With the high vaccination rates in Tompkins County and among the membership of the DCJS we anticipate resuming in-person rehearsals on September 1. Nevertheless, rates of infection in nearby counties and in other regions of the United States remain high, and there has also been a recent increase in new cases in Tompkins County. About half of the new cases are among people who have been fully vaccinated. With these facts in mind, the Board of Directors, in consultation with Dr. Bill Klepack, Medical Director of the Tompkins County Health Department, has approved the following system of layered protocols for in-person rehearsals for the Fall 2021.

Only vaccinated singers will be allowed to attend in-person rehearsals.

Singers will be required to wear properly-fitted masks¹ when singing indoors.

Singers will maintain appropriate separations of 6 feet, or more.

Singers will not attend rehearsals:

If they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19; or

If they have tested positive for the virus within the past ten days; or

If they have knowingly been exposed to someone who has tested positive for the virus (and not been cleared by a negative PCR test 5 – 7 days after the exposure).;

If they have traveled to areas of substantial or high transmission rates (and not been cleared by a negative PCR test 5 – 7 days after the travel).

Singers are discouraged from close personal contact, including hugs and the shaking of hands.

¹ Singer's masks are available from Hickey's Music Store. They come in adult and youth sizes in beige or black, and cost about \$25.

DOROTHY COTTON JUBILEE SINGERS
Registration and Information – Fall 2021

To register for DCJS, Fall 2021, please return this page with your payment, as described at the bottom of this page. *Better yet, register and pay online on the Home (or Landing) page at dorothycottonjubileesingers.org.*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Part you sing: Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

I plan to rehearse: in-person attending via remote link

1. **Roster:** Every term DCJS produces a list of members that includes the information above. This roster will be available to all DCJS members. It will *not* be made available to anyone outside DCJS, nor will it appear on the public pages of our website, and members agree *not* to use this list for anything other than DCJS business.

I agree to the inclusion of my name in the list of members for the above stated purposes unless I have opted out by checking the following statement:

Check here if you do NOT want to be included in this roster _____

2. **Photos, videos, and other recordings:** DCJS is a choral ensemble that regularly performs in public and may be photographed, recorded, and videotaped both with and without the advance knowledge of the Director and the members of the choir. These photographs, recordings and/or videos may appear in various forms of print, sound, digital, and internet media. As a member of this choir, I agree to the use of my likeness and voice in image and sound without restriction. I understand that whenever a photo-shoot is planned in advance and is under the control of the DCJS, I have the option to step out of the photograph if I so desire.
3. **Music:** I understand that music given to DCJS members during the term remains the property of DCJS and that members are responsible for returning all music in good condition as instructed by the director.
4. **Attire:** I understand that all DCJS members are required to wear our official concert attire when performing.

I have read and agree to statements 1-4 above

Your signature

Date

Fees and Becoming a Friend of the DCJS

** A) No one will be excluded from DCJS because of inability to pay the fee.

_____ Please check here if you are requesting a scholarship at any level for this term.

B) The Director and the Board encourage EVERYONE to become a "Friend of the DCJS" at whatever level they can afford by making an additional donation below. Friends are acknowledged in our concert programs (if desired).

	<u>Amount Paid</u>
1) Fall Registration & Music Fee: Please <u>circle membership category</u> and fill in amt. paid: Regular - \$50; College Student - \$15; High School Student - \$10	_____
2) Additional Donation: a) To become a "Friend of the DCJS" at <u>any</u> level (\$1 & up)	_____
TOTAL	_____

Paid by: Cash _____ or Check # _____ (Please make checks payable to "Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers") and

Mail to: DCJS

P. O. Box 61, Ithaca, NY 14851-0061

Or online: **See instructions for paying online on Members page of our website:**

<https://www.dorothycottonjubileesingers.org/>

Please retain this page for your future information:

****Concert Attire of DCJS**

All members of DCJS are required to wear our official concert attire when performing as an ensemble, unless told otherwise by our director. New attire (other than tuxedos) are purchased by DCJS and individual items become the property of chorus members when each pays the \$30 fee (scholarships are available) for a new dress or \$20 for a used dress. One of the 3 options listed below must be worn by every chorus member.

- 1) a black tuxedo, white shirt, black bow tie, and black closed-toe dress shoes.
- 2) a long Catherine floor-length red, green or black dress with sleeves (a specific item purchased through DCJS, and black closed-toe dress shoes
- 3) long Palazzo black pants and a plain black Amanda top with cowl neckline and sleeve, (both specific items purchased through DCJS), and black closed-toe dress shoes.

We strive to perform in concert in the tradition of the Fisk Jubilee Singers of the late 1800s (see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fisk_Jubilee_Singers), and *therefore informal attire or flashy jewelry* (except for a simple necklace of pearls, when possible) is **not** appropriate.

***Our DCJS website:** At: <https://www.dorothycottonjubileesingers.org/> you'll be able to get the latest news from DCJS about Jubilee, see our performance schedule, order CDs, register and pay, etc. The password for the Members Only page is "MoralRevival".

DCJS has 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. Thus, any donation to the group can be made directly to "Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers" and is fully tax-deductible as a charitable contribution.

Rehearsals

In-person rehearsals are Wednesday evenings 7:00 – 8:00 or 8:00 – 9:00 P.M. at the Varna Community Center. Singers are asked to arrive **a few minutes early** for their rehearsal time and to leave promptly to allow the next group to start on time. Important announcements pertaining to the group generally will be made at mid-rehearsal.

Although we want to encourage group members to get to know one another, we also ask that you **do not talk** during rehearsals in order not to disturb the rehearsal process. **Always bring a pencil** to make Director's notes and/or changes in the music. Also, **please turn off your cell phones during rehearsals** – texting or checking your phone is distracting to other chorus members.

Other items of importance

Please be sensitive to the allergies of others and **do not wear scented products of any kind** (deodorants, after-shave, perfume, etc.) to rehearsals or to concerts. Even slight scents can sometimes set off the allergies of people with sensitivities.

We also suggest that individual members bring water with them for their comfort and convenience.

DCJS Board of Directors

If you could contribute some time to helping with the tasks of Jubilee, just ask – we'd love to have your help. In addition, please feel free to ask questions or bring up ideas/issues with any of these Board members.

Current DCJS Board of Directors for 2021-2022:

- Josephine Allen, alto (elected term ends 2022)
- Ken Brown, bass - Treasurer (elected term ends 2021)
- Dave Caughey, tenor – President (elected term ends 2020)
- Millicent Clarke-Maynard, tenor – co-Vice-President (elected term ends 2020)
- Jan Morgan, soprano (elected term ends 2020)
- Asha Sanakar, soprano, (elected term ends 2022)
- Moriah Tebor-Shaw, soprano (elected term ends 2022)

Note: Election for new Board members to succeed those whose terms expired in 2020 will be held as soon as DCJS resumes in-person rehearsals.