

MILWAUKEE CHORISTERS SCHEDULE AUDITIONS

The Milwaukee Choristers (www.milwaukeechoristers.org) will hold auditions for new members on Wednesday, January 12, starting at 6:30 p.m., at Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church, 1529 Wauwatosa Avenue, where the 80-voice chorus holds its weekly rehearsals. Appointments are recommended and can be made by calling 414/354-1933. Walk-ins will also be welcome and will be heard when the schedule permits. A potential member must be a high school graduate or at least 18 years old.

Dr. James B. Kinchen, Jr., Sturtevant, director of choral activities at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, has been conductor of the Choristers since 1993. He will conduct the private auditions and advises that no prepared material is necessary.

Kinchen said all voices are welcome, but expressed special interest in having baritones and basses attend the auditions.

He pointed out that a knowledge of music or previous choral experience will be beneficial to those auditioning. Kinchen will ask the candidates to sing a familiar song and sight-sing a simple melody. During the audition, he will be testing vocal range and evaluating tonal memory.

Singers accepted will join the Choristers in weekly rehearsals, from 7:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, January 19, for their annual Spring Concert. That concert will be presented on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, at Cardinal Stritch College.

Details and advice about the audition process are also available on the Choristers' website – www.milwaukeechoristers.org.

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