

Palace Acappella Choir Membership Agreement

Definitions:

'The choir' means Palace Acappella Choir.

'Member' means you, the choir member.

'MD' means Musical Director.

A 'choir month' runs from the 1st of the upcoming month to the last day of that month

1 – Membership begins when the member has received their email with the payment link and have activated their direct debit via our secure online payment system. By activating the payment, the member agrees to adhere to these terms and conditions. Payment is taken in advance on the 1st day of each month.

2 – If the member wishes to cancel their membership they may do so by giving the appropriate notice as follows:

New members:

a) No notice is required during the first month of membership, however no refunds will be given.

b) After one month, one 'choir month' notice in writing to Palace Acappella Choir.

c) After two months, two 'choir months' notice in writing to Palace Acappella Choir.

Existing members:

Two 'choir months' notice is required in writing to cancel Palace Acappella membership

3 – Palace Acappella Choir holds the right to terminate membership for any kind of breach of membership conditions.

4 – Choir membership entitles members access to all choir rehearsals, online and/or face to face, social activities and performances as decided by the MD. Where there are costs, charges or expenses related to performances or social activities these are to be borne by the member. Additional workshops, courses and projects run by the MD which incur further costs are optional, and will be charged separately for those wishing to take part.

5 - Choir members must join the WhatsApp Announcement group; the WhatsApp chat group is optional

6 – Members must be able to sing at the standard set by the MD who has the right to withdraw membership at any time.

7 - Members agree to audition at any time if asked by the MD

8 – The MD holds the right to change the rehearsal venue, times and days if necessary, but will not do so without good reason and will endeavour to give as much notice as possible.

9 - Should the MD be indisposed for whatever reason, they have the right to either i) find a suitable deputy to cover their absence ii) reschedule the rehearsal or performance for an alternative date iii) add or extend any rehearsal(s) at their discretion iv) cancel the rehearsal or performance.

10 - If changes need to be made to the schedule due to force majeure we will strive to hold alternative rehearsals.

11 – The member's property is their responsibility whilst at rehearsals and performances. Palace Acappella Choir is not responsible for any losses or damage.

12 – By becoming a member, you have given your permission for photographs and recordings to be taken and used as the choir wishes for media and promotional purposes.

13– Sheet music use:

- a) Any music supplied to a member is only permitted to be used while a member of Palace Acappella Choir
- b) Any arrangements supplied to the member which have been written by the MD remain the property of the MD, and the copyright thereof, and may not be used outside of Palace Acappella at any time, except with the express written permission of the MD.

14 – Eligibility to perform - if a member intends to take part in any performance they must have attended enough rehearsals and done their own work separately to be at a standard that is competent, as well as attended any obligatory rehearsals. This is at the sole discretion of the MD.

15 – If a member has signed up to sing at an event they must attend unless they have good reason not to. It is essential members keep the MD informed and give as much notice as possible for absence.

16 – Palace Acappella Choir T-shirts, folders and matching colours (purple, pink, blue, black, white) are to be used for all performances and arranged photo opportunities unless otherwise stated. Clothing, folders and other accessories acquired for choir use are bought at the member's expense.

17 - the MD has the right to prohibit members performing if venue space limit necessitates or a smaller group is required

18 – The Choir will not share any personal details with a third party without direct permission from the member.

19 – The member is expected to make the choir aware of any changes to their personal details that may affect their membership.

20 - If a member has any medical condition which could affect their membership or singing in the choir it is essential they advise the MD as soon as the condition is known.

21 – It is the member's responsibility to ensure that they are behaving in a morally acceptable fashion at all times. Palace Acappella Choir strives to foster an environment of positivity, inclusivity and respect, and thus any behaviour that may infringe upon others' rights, or cause distress will not be tolerated.

Membership from January 2024:

Membership fee - £40, includes complimentary choir T-shirt

Monthly subscription - £30/month, payable on the 1st of each month

Resources pack - £15 every 6 months, includes access to printed sheet music and rehearsal tracks

Any changes to this Agreement, including membership fees, will be notified at least 2 months in advance.