



# WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY CHORUS

2019 - 2020 Program Information



## *Westminster Conservatory*

*Established in 1970, Westminster Conservatory is the community music school of Westminster College of the Arts of Rider University and currently New Jersey's largest community music school.*

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Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:30  
Hillman Performance Center  
Westminster Choir College

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## General Information

### The Westminster Community Chorus

The Westminster Community Chorus enables singers to express a shared passion for choral music through rehearsal and public performance of selections from the diverse choral music repertoire. The chorus is open to adult singers from beginning to advanced skill levels. Westminster is renowned for choral excellence and this long-standing tradition will be shared with the community. Motivated rehearsals that enjoy the full commitment of singers and nurturing support of the Conservatory staff result in thoughtfully conceived musical presentations that challenge and delight chorus and audience members alike.

### Goals and Expectations

Rehearsals provide opportunities for chorus members, whether minimally or extensively trained in music, to review choral singing principles, improve vocal production, hone group listening skills, and enhance ensemble performance, as well as opportunities to socialize with others who possess similar musical interests. The Community Chorus occasionally collaborates with other vocal and instrumental ensembles to further enhance members' musical experiences; and free vocal lessons through the Westminster Vocal Pedagogy courses are typically available on a first-come first-served basis.

Listening, outside practice by the individual and the section, and attendance at rehearsals and performances are considered foundational elements of the Chorus community and commitment to the standard of excellence demonstrated by the Westminster Conservatory programs.

## Materials

### Required Materials

Music	Purchased and distributed by the Conservatory (materials fee covers this)
Pencil(s)	The shortest pencil is better than the longest memory
Black Folder	No stickers, emblems, or colorful designs on the outside cover
Parking Permit	See Page 4
Performance Attire	See Below

### Performance Attire

Unless announced otherwise, attire for concerts is as follows (please do not wear performance attire for dress rehearsals):

- Women: black long-sleeved top; long black skirt or black slacks or long black dress with long sleeves.
  - Men: Black tuxedo with black bow tie.
  - All: Black socks/stocking, shoes, and folders for music; **no perfume, scented lotions, or cologne.**
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## Rehearsal Information

### Rehearsal Schedule

Rehearsals take place weekly on Tuesday evenings in Hillman Hall of Westminster Choir College. Dress rehearsals and performances outside of the usual Tuesday evening time are listed on the season calendar. Alterations to the rehearsal schedule will be communicated within a reasonable time frame.

### Section Leaders

Four section leaders will be appointed who exhibit advanced musicianship and vocal skills. The section leaders will be responsible for: taking attendance at rehearsals, leading section rehearsals, and fielding questions about music and logistics during rehearsals.

### Attendance Policy

Section leaders or their designees will take attendance for all Chorus events. **Two absences** (including illness) from regular rehearsals are allowed without penalty each semester; these may not be used for dress rehearsals and/or performances. Following the second absence (and each subsequent absence), choristers must sing for the conductor at the conclusion of the first rehearsal of their return. Excess tardiness and/or absences from rehearsal may result in a probationary period or the inability to perform in the next scheduled concert.

In case of non-contagious illness or periods of vocal rest, choristers should still attend rehearsal to listen and take notes on the material covered. Please alert Chorus Manager, Kathy Schurzky, of all anticipated absences and extenuating circumstances.

### Rehearsal Cancellations

To determine if a rehearsal is cancelled use one or more of the following resources:

- Call the Rider Inclement Weather hotline at **609 219-2000. Press 1, then press 2.** If the message indicates all lessons and classes are cancelled, then our rehearsal is cancelled.
- Access the Rider University Web Site, [www.rider.edu](http://www.rider.edu). Weather alerts and other messages will be displayed at the top of the home page.
- Listen to 1350 am, 97.5 FM, or 101.5 FM where Rider closings and delays are broadcast.
- Check the Westminster Community Chorus Facebook page.

### Communication

Email will be the primary vehicle to communicate with Chorus members. If you do not have access to email, you will be called at the phone number you listed at the beginning of the year or by mail. The Conservatory information is located on the Conservatory website, <http://www.rider.edu/conservatory>, as well as the Chorus page on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/WestminsterCommunityChorus](http://www.facebook.com/WestminsterCommunityChorus).

## Additional Information and Resources

### General Conservatory Policies

- Food and beverages (except water) are not permitted in teaching studios or rehearsal halls.
- There is no smoking allowed inside any campus building.
- No pets are allowed inside the Conservatory.
- For the safety of our students and faculty, skateboarding, rollerblading or other reckless activity inside any building is not allowed.
- Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



## Photography and Video Release

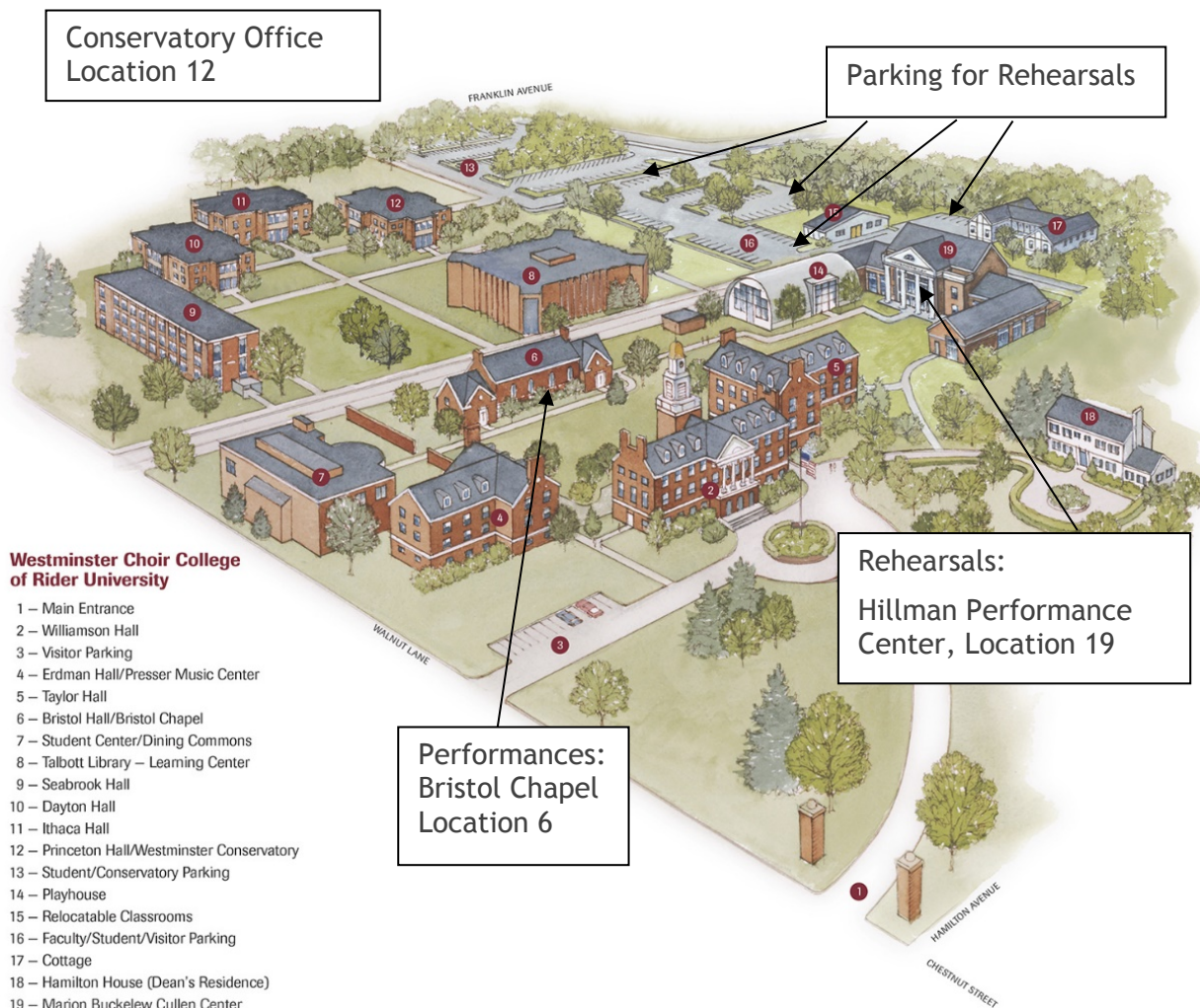
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## Parking Information

Limited parking is available in the faculty lot during the evening (**location 16 on map**). Additional parking is in the Conservatory/student parking area (**location 13 on map**). All cars parked on campus are required to display a parking hang tag (available at no charge in the Conservatory office) on their car. Failure to display this sticker could result in a fine. Parking is available in the faculty lot and student lot of the college.

You must display a current (19/20) parking hang tag in your vehicle by September 30. Acquire tags at the Conservatory Office (see below). Parking tag applications will be available at the first rehearsal. Hang the tag on your rear-view mirror so it is visible through the windshield.

## Westminster Choir College Campus Map



## Registration and Fees

### Registration

The ensemble experience can be one of the most rewarding aspects of music study. Whether in a choir, orchestra or chamber group, joining with others to create music together for the full year builds musicianship, provides motivation for individual study, and continually challenges the performer with new works.

That being said, all participants must register in order to be a fully active member. Those starting in September must pay for the entire year. New members who join in January will pay for ½ year.

2019-2020	Member Type	Registration Fee	Materials Fee	Tuition	Total
Starting in September	Chorus	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$288.00	<b>\$373.00</b>
	Chorus Senior (60+)	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$244.80	<b>\$329.80</b>
Starting in January	Chorus	\$50.00	\$17.50	\$144.00	<b>\$211.50</b>
	Chorus Senior (60+)	\$50.00	\$17.50	\$122.40	<b>\$189.90</b>

### Payments

Families must pay in full when the first bill is due or make monthly payments with payment in full being received by the due dates listed below. Families who do not make their monthly payments or who have not paid in full by the due date may not be able to continue their lessons at the Conservatory. There will be a \$30 charge for all returned checks.

Accepted payment methods include cash, check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express by mail, online, in person or over the phone.

### Financial Assistance

Westminster Conservatory offers financial aid to qualifying families in the form of reduced tuition. Financial aid is determined on a sliding scale that considers family financial resources, the number of dependent children, the number of family members studying at the Conservatory, and the programs in which the student(s) are enrolled. Recipients must maintain reasonable progress and attendance and keep all payments current. Financial aid application forms are available online and at the Conservatory office.

Available discounts include:

- Family Discount: Families enrolled in 4 or more Conservatory offerings receive a 5% off their tuition.
- Senior Citizen Discount (age 60 or older): Receive a 15% discount off their tuition.
- Theory Class Discount: Students enrolled in private lessons will receive a 50% discount toward their theory class tuition. This does not apply to students enrolled in the Honors Music Program.
- College Student Discount: Non-Westminster college students a 50% discount toward their tuition.
- Westminster Community Discount: All current students, staff, and faculty of Westminster Choir College and the Westminster Conservatory receive full Conservatory tuition benefits for participation in the Westminster Community Chorus.

## 2019 - 2020 Season Calendar

### Fall Semester

Date	Subject	Notes
September 3	Open House	Westminster Choir College Playhouse
September 5-7	Choral Hearings	Westminster Conservatory Recital Hall
September 10	Rehearsal	
September 17	Rehearsal	
September 24	Rehearsal	
October 1	Rehearsal	
October 8	Rehearsal	
October 15	Rehearsal	
October 22	Rehearsal	
October 29	Rehearsal	
November 5	Rehearsal	
November 12	Rehearsal	
*November 19	*Dress Rehearsal	“Vespers by The Sea”; Bristol Chapel
*November 22	*Performance	“Vespers by The Sea”; Bristol Chapel
December 3	Rehearsal and Potluck	
December 10	No Rehearsal	

No Rehearsals: November 26; December 10, 17, 24, 31

This fall, the Chorus will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the historic Apollo 11 mission with the fall concert, “Vespers by the Sea: featuring NASA media and Ola Gjeilo’s ‘Sunrise Mass.’” This piece was recently recorded by GRAMMY-nominated Williamson Voices under the direction of choral conducting legend, Dr. James Jordan, who will workshop the community chorus in January on choral artistry.

## 2019 - 2020 Season Calendar

### Spring Semester

Date	Subject	Notes
January 7	Rehearsal	Open Rehearsal for New Members
January 14	Rehearsal	
January 21	Rehearsal	
*January 28	*Workshop: Sunrise Mass	Dr. Jordan and Williamson Voices
February 4	Rehearsal	
*February 9	*Faculty Recital	La Nuit, Rameau, Urška Haule Fegus
February 11	Rehearsal	
February 18	Rehearsal	
February 25	Rehearsal	
March 3	Rehearsal	
March 10	Rehearsal	
March 17	Rehearsal	
March 24	Rehearsal	
March 31	Rehearsal	
April 14	Rehearsal	
April 21	Rehearsal	
April 28	Rehearsal	
May 5	Rehearsal	
*May 9	*Dress Rehearsal/Performance	With Continuo Arts Foundation, Summit, NJ
May 19	Rehearsal	
May 23	Rehearsal - Rutter	Location TBD, New York City
May 24	Rehearsal - Rutter	Location TBD, New York City
*May 25	Dress Rehearsal/Performance	John Rutter, Carnegie Hall, NYC
May 26	Rehearsal	
*May 27	*Dress Rehearsal	WC Chorus/Orchestra, Princeton Meadow
*May 31	*Performance	WC Chorus/Orchestra, Princeton Meadow

**No Rehearsals: April 7**