

ALABAMA CIVIC CHORALE
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“Tradition is always under construction.”

Earl and Frances Clark, Founders

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The 70th annual presentation of Handel’s MESSIAH
November 19th, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
Riverchase United Methodist Church - Hoover, Alabama

- We are **tradition** but it is true that we are always under construction if we are to grow every year. It is exciting to once again have the opportunity to meet and greet our friends in the ACC and work to learn and share this wonderful work with the community.
- Others from around the Southeast have written to say this is the best presentation they have ever heard. It is a wonderful group.
- Please feel free to tell others that would enjoy singing with our group. We would love to have new members that are looking for a place to sing MESSIAH.
- If you have been out a few years or sang last year, we look forward to seeing you at the 1st rehearsal on October 1st.
- Information below will make the time together run smoothly.
- There are other exciting things planned and we will share those with you at rehearsal. Happy singing!
I look forward to seeing all.

Bebe

Rehearsals (Riverchase UMC Choir Room – see map on Member Page)

- Singing Handel’s Messiah the way it was intended is challenging. Each year we learn and prepare different choruses.
- To sing most of the work in a period of 3 years gives all of us the experience of learning the entire oratorio.
- The choruses and interpretations change every year.
- Because each year is different, attendance at a majority of the rehearsals is expected.
 - We also ask that you plan now to be at the orchestra/chorus rehearsal on 11/11 from 8:15 to 11:15am.

Schedule

1:15pm to 1:40 Check in, enjoy some hospitality time visiting.

1:40 pm to 3:45 Rehearsal -- It is helpful to stay for the entire rehearsal if possible.

(Please feel free to bring bottled water to rehearsals.)

Rehearsal dates

10/1	11/05
10/8	11/11 Orchestra & Chorus rehearsal 8:15 to 11:15am
10/15	11/12
10/22	11/19 Performance
10/29	

Publicizing the event to others:

Each person works with the idea of presenting this wonderful work to others. We ask that you invite choirs, churches, friends, and family and on Nov 19th you can welcome at least 10 people who came because of you.

Giving out brochures explaining who we are to others:

We are most unusual in the fact that we are a group that does not require a registration fee. The way we pay for the costs is through donations. When others see who we are and what we give to the community they love to help out with their donation. We list the donors in our program. We will have brochures for you to give to others.

Bringing in new members who love to sing:

This is the 70th year and auditions have never been required. We want you if you are willing to give of your time to follow in Handel's footsteps when he said: "I do not wish to entertain them, I wish to make them better." We continue to change and grow because the veteran members welcome new people who want to become a part of the group. We love it this way. If you know others who can clear their schedules and join us please encourage them to be there at the first rehearsal.

Music: Please furnish your own G Schirmer score. Those can be purchased from the group for \$13. Please let us know when you register if you will need a score. Everyone furnishes their own black folder for performance.

Performance Dress: Men wear dark (pref. black) suits, white shirts, and black bow ties (large)
Ladies wear long black dress or skirt, black blouse and a strand of pearls.

Please register for this season on our website: www.alabamacivicchorale.com

Go to "Members" and "Registration" will drop down.

Would you like to be involved?

The ACC is unique in the number of years it has been in existence. This is due to people like you that like to be involved in its success in small ways. Please see the opportunities when you register on the website and check all areas that interest you.

Scholarship: A scholarship is given to a future or present college student involved in music **in college**. It is based upon rehearsal attendance, and an essay *explaining how you will be involved in music in college*. Contact bebekok@charter.net if interested.