

THE MUSIC

Alt Vox sings pop music from every style and era from the 1950s to today. Our focus is primarily on 70s and 80s rock and pop, and the material is largely up-tempo and fun.

THE SONGS/ARTISTS WE WILL COVER

Our inaugural season contains music by Journey, The Beach Boys, Ozzy Osbourne, Toto, Pointer Sisters, Carole King, etc. We choose artists whose songs have many vocal parts.

We cover a few ballads and medium-tempo songs as well, but those are in the minority.

Alt Vox members are also encouraged to suggest songs throughout the season for the choir to sing.

THE MUSIC & ARRANGEMENTS

Vocal arrangements are created by Donavon and reflect the original version of the song. Any song chosen lends itself well to SATB choral arrangement. Melodies are shared throughout different sections, and are in appropriate ranges as often as possible.

Sometimes everyone sings in unison, and other times it features specific sections within the choir. When certain sections are featured, other sections may be put to work singing back up and/or harmonies, as dictated by the original recording.

Some arrangements are easier/more difficult than others, but all will be a delight to perform. We also do the occasional mash-up or medley, but avoid A Cappella or Glee Club-style arrangements.

Alt Vox's arrangements focus on ensemble singing. If you're a soloist looking for your chance to shine, you might be better served in another choir.

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals are every Tuesday* in the Danforth and Broadview area and are led by Donavon at the piano. Rehearsal begins promptly at 7 pm and ends at 9 pm, with a 10-minute break in the middle. There is new sheet music virtually every week and we sing through 20-30 songs over the course of the season, which runs September to May/June.

*Some exceptions apply. (i.e. March Break, December holidays, etc.)

SINGING WITH A BAND

Every so often, a live band (Guitar, Keyboards, Bass, and Percussion) is brought in to accompany the choir for the songs we've learned. All band members are seasoned professional musicians.

PUB NIGHT/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The rehearsal with the band takes place in a licensed establishment near our regular rehearsal space. This has the added benefit of singing and socializing in a more relaxed atmosphere. This happens several times over the course of the season.

Band and Venue are provided as part of your membership fees, and the only extra cost is what you spend on food & drink!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at weekly rehearsals and the end-of-season concert is **NOT MANDATORY** but is highly encouraged. Alt Vox members who miss rehearsals will be expected to learn the music covered in those rehearsals independently.

ALT VOX IN PUBLIC

Performance opportunities may arise throughout the season and depending on how we sound as a unit, we will explore the possibility of playing public or private gigs. However, the focus of Alt Vox will continue to be singing for our own enjoyment.

CHOREOGRAPHY

Can you clap on the 2 & 4? That's about as much as you'll be asked to do. However, we want people to have fun on stage! Feel free to get your boogie on!

CONCERT

At the end of our season, Alt Vox has a concert to show off the hard work we've put in! Donavon selects 15-20 songs from the season's repertoire and focuses our efforts over several rehearsals leading up to the concert on memorizing and making those songs sound amazing.

The concert is a ticketed 90-minute*, no-intermission performance, and is accompanied by a 5-piece rock band while Donavon directs/conducts. Tickets are general admission, reasonably priced, and will also have an optional student discount.

*Concert length may vary depending on material chosen.

BUT MOSTLY

We gotta have FUN!