

MANIFESTO

THE VIBE

First and foremost, the material sung by Alt Vox will largely be up-tempo and fun. We do pop music from the 50s to today but our focus is primarily on 70s and 80s rock and pop.

THE TYPE OF MUSIC WE WILL SING

Alt Vox has covered a wide variety of artists (Queen, Boston, Styx, Metallica, Triumph, Boney M, Lady Gaga, Elton John, Robyn). We like these artists because their songs contain many vocal parts.

Any song chosen will lend itself well to SATB choral arrangement.

There will be a few ballads and medium-tempo songs. However, those songs will be in the minority.

Each season will be a combination of new-to-Alt-Vox arrangements as well as repertoire from previous seasons.

THE MUSIC & ARRANGEMENTS

Vocal arrangements (created by Donavon) reflect the original version of the song.

Melodies will be shared throughout different sections, in appropriate ranges as much as possible.

Sometimes everyone sings in unison, other times specific sections within the choir are featured. When individual sections are featured, others may sing back up and/or harmonies, as dictated by the original recording.

Alt Vox's arrangements focus on ensemble singing; There are no soloists.

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

REHEARSALS

Donavon will be leading rehearsals from the piano and will be every Tuesday* from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Prior to each rehearsal, Alt Vox members will receive a link to download and/or print sheet music for the song(s) to be covered.

In any given season, Alt Vox may learn as many as 25-30 songs. Some weeks will be strictly review, and some weeks we may have special "guest accompaniment".

In March/April, Donavon will select ~20 of those songs and the choir will focus their efforts over the next few months on memorizing and making those songs sound amazing for our end-of-season concert.

*Some rehearsals will be skipped/changed due to holidays/vacation (e.g. Winter & March Break)

SINGING WITH A BAND: "PUB NIGHTS"

After the first several weeks of rehearsal, Alt Vox will have several songs in our repertoire.

At that point, we will have a rehearsal accompanied by a live band.

This rehearsal will take place in a licensed establishment near our regular rehearsal space. This will have the added benefit of singing and socializing in a more relaxed atmosphere. This will happen several times over the course of the season.

This will give us the opportunity to hear what we've been practicing in real time with the sound of a band behind us.

Band and Venue space are provided as part of your membership fees, and the only extra cost will be what you spend at the bar!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at weekly rehearsals and at 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 may explore the possibility of playing public or private gigs. However, the focus of Alt Vox will continue to be singing for our own enjoyment.

CHOIR VIDEOS

Alt Vox has produced a number of choir videos over the past few years, and we intend to create new videos each season.

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 look like they're having fun on stage! Feel free to get your boogie on!

CONCERTS

There is usually one casual mid-season concert: a friends & family event, in the vein of an open rehearsal.

The end-of-season concert will be a two-set, licenced event with an after party in the same space.

We will also live-stream the concert for those who are out of town or wish to view from home.

BUT MOSTLY

Let's have FUN!