





# *The Mendelssohn Choir of Connecticut*

## *Rehearsals Where and When*

Unless otherwise noted, rehearsals are on Tuesday from 7:30 to 10:00 pm at:

**Staples High School**  
70 North Avenue  
Westport, Connecticut

### **Directions:**

#### **From I-95**

South to Exit 18 – Sherwood Island. Turn right at stop sign and go straight to Rt. 1. At light, turn left. Make sharp right turn onto Long Lots Road. Go straight on Long Lots until the “rotary” at North Avenue (St. Luke’s rectory is on your right). Turn left onto North Avenue. Continue about ½ mile on North Avenue. Staples High School is on the right

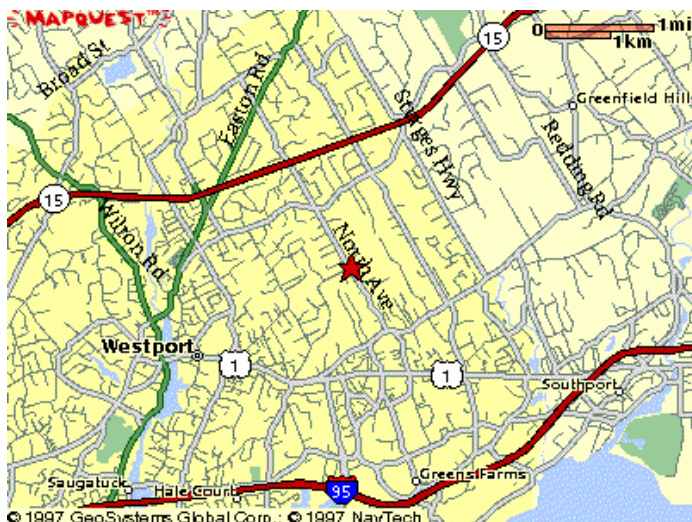
You won’t see the school, but you’ll see tennis courts. There will be a sign for the school. Turn right into the school, take 1<sup>st</sup> left hand turn. Go straight into upper parking lot. Walk down to entrance – off of access road.

North to Exit 18 – Sherwood Island. Turn left at top of ramp. Follow as above (1-95 directions.)

#### **From Merritt Parkway:**

South to Exit 42 – Weston Road Rt. 57. At light, turn right go under Rt. 15. Continue straight to Stop sign (do not bend with the road+ Rt. 136, stay on Weston Road.) Pass Daybreak Nurseries on the right and continue to next Stop sign (a T-intersection with Cross Highway.) Turn left onto Cross Highway and go to 2<sup>nd</sup> Stop sign about ½ mile to corner of Cross Highway and North Avenue. Turn right onto North Avenue and go about ½ mile. Staples is on the left.

North to Exit 42 – Weston Road Rt. 57. At light, turn left. Follow directions as above.





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## *Organizational and Artistic Standards*

The Mendelssohn Choir of Connecticut (MCC) is an organized choral ensemble dedicated to performing serious choral music. Our goal is to be numbered among the best musical organizations in the area. We require our members to be dedicated to vocal excellence and to be fiscally responsible for the future of the ensemble. Membership in MCC means that each member is committed to:

- 1. *Vocal Proficiency*** - In addition to the consistent and timely attendance of normally scheduled rehearsals, it is expected that each member shall increase his/her personal proficiency through such methods as listening to rehearsal tapes, home study and practice of the music and vocal instruction (if necessary).
- 2. *Time*** - Each Member must realize that the MCC cannot exist if the only time allocated by the member is for singing. In addition to our normal rehearsal time, there must be time reserved and allocated to other group activities, whether administrative or social, which will help to ensure the Choir's success in its development as a choral ensemble.
- 3. *Fiscal Awareness*** - Each member must feel personally responsible for his/her fair share of the fiscal health of the organization. A dues payment of \$100.00 is merely the foundation. **Ticket sales are mandatory.** Special projects, fund raising activities, and other revenue solicitation efforts must be considered as part of every member's normal activity.
- 4. *Music*** - The MCC will be known for its professional presentation of a yearly series of concerts, which will usually consist of one each December, February/March, and May/June. The concerts will consist of various selections of secular and sacred music spanning the entire range of choral periods. Typically, the choir will perform with a chamber orchestra, instrumental ensemble or piano/organ.

Musical selection and selection of soloists is done by the Music Director. Featured soloists in a major choral/orchestral work will be contracted from among known professional singers. Choir members may be considered for incidental solos and quartet writings within a choral/orchestral work, where deemed appropriate by the Musical Director.

Without effort and commitment in all these areas, the enormous potential and fun of choral singing cannot be maximized.

In our pursuit of choral excellence, the MCC and its members are committed to maintaining a high musical level of the choir through personal dedication, hard work and an understanding of the team effort needed to attain its goals.



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### *Member Financial Requirements*

The following are the financial obligations of membership in the Mendelssohn Choir for the '04-'05 season. All payments are due on or by the first rehearsal of the season for which they are indicated. Please make checks payable to MCC.

September:	Dues		\$100.00
	Music	approximately	25.00
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	Total	approximately	\$125.00
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In addition to the above mentioned obligations, **each member will be asked to sell a certain number of tickets for each performance and participate in fund raising efforts.** Details, including member quotas, will be announced at the first rehearsal of the season.

