



**Rackham Symphony Choir  
High School Vocal Internship Program  
September 2009 - May 2010**

Description of the program:

For the 2009-2010 season, the choir will accept two students to participate in the **RSC High School Vocal Internship Program**. Selected singers will:

- Receive private professional vocal instruction by an approved instructor at no cost. (If student selects a teacher whose fees exceed voice lesson allowance the balance will be the responsibility of the student)
- Enjoy full membership in **Rackham Symphony Choir** with dues waived for the 2009-2010 season;
- Train with the choir under Maestra Suzanne Mallare Acton, RSC's Artistic and Music Director and Assistant Music Director and Chorus Master of Michigan Opera Theatre;
- Perform large scale choral works with the choir, accompanied by professional orchestras;
- Be mentored by members of the **Rackham Symphony Choir**.

Audition Requirements:

In order to be considered for the program, the student must:

- Be a high school senior for fall 2009; in good academic standing;
- Submit a recommendation by school choral director, principal, or counselor and complete and return the enclosed application prior to audition dates listed below.

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- Perform one song—any genre of classical music is acceptable.
- Sight-read a **very brief** excerpt from a choral selection. (Students will be asked to sing their vocal line, while the pianist plays notes)
- Bring an original copy of the music for the pianist.

Audition information:

- Following the receipt of the completed registration form and recommendation letter, Rackham Symphony Choir will contact each student with their assigned audition time.
- Auditions will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak on June 2 and 16, 2009 between 5:00 and 6:00 pm. Additional dates may be added throughout the summer.
- An accompanist will be provided.

Recipient's requirements:

Singers who are awarded the **Rackham Symphony Choir High School Vocal Internship Program** will be required to:

- Maintain good academic standing;
- Attend all RSC rehearsals (typically Tuesday evenings 7-9 PM) and performances (excused if there is a conflict with a student's mandatory school event.)
- Regularly attend their voice lessons.

Description of the organization:

Rackham Symphony Choir's mission is to bring to the community the power and energy of exciting orchestra-accompanied choral works through quality concert performance. We strive to show artistic leadership by presenting innovative music of diverse cultures, styles and periods, from the great classical compositions to unique and rarely performed works. Musical talent and contribution to the community is promoted through our music presentations, educational outreach programs, and community benefit concerts.

Rackham Symphony Choir's 2009-2010 Season

September 18, 2009 the Lexington Bach Festival.

December 12, 2009 *Too Hot To Handel* sponsored by Mack Avenue Records at the Detroit Opera House.

January 16, 17, 2010 *Too Hot To Handel* in Chicago

March, 2010 Michigan premiere of *Beatitude Mass: A Mass for the Homeless*, Detroit

April 2010 A Night at the Theatre, featuring music from Opera to Broadway

To find out more about Rackham Symphony Choir, visit [www.rackhamchoir.org](http://www.rackhamchoir.org)