

2025 City Carolers Audition Information

Hello,

My name is Ray and I am the music director for the The City Carolers. Karen and I are very excited you are going to join us for this year's audition process. Below I will tell you what music to prepare, as well as how the audition will proceed, etc. Once again, welcome, we are looking forward to a prosperous season for us all!

AUDITION PROCESS

For the auditions we would like you to prepare three song selections, which are listed at the bottom of this letter.. Please come to the auditions prepared and ready to sing your parts. We will start off with a little meet and greet followed by a quick run-through of each song, together as a group, so we can all get comfortable with one another. Then we will randomly pick quartets to sing together. Be prepared to sing with several different combinations of voices. After we finish the quartet portion of the audition, Karen will run through any admin. details with you and then you can go on your merry way:)

EXPECTATIONS

We are looking for a few specific skills:

- 1) BLENDING CHOPS: Although there are some random solos, this is mostly a "blending" gig. So, please be prepared to blend throughout several different musical styles, and with various types of voices.
- 2) STYLE FLEXIBILITY: Our music ranges from choral, classical, vocal jazz and modern a cappella styles. We all come to the table with different strengths, but the ability to blend together and lean on each others stylistic strengths, with the purpose of authentically singing in these various styles, is a very important skill we need in our singers. Plus, it's fun!.
- 3) PERFORMANCE CHOPS: We are looking for singers who are great on their feet. So acting chops and good customer relation skills are a must. A huge part of our success relies upon your ability to perform and relate to your audience. As a matter of fact, we often book new gigs during the caroling season, because of the ability of our singers to relate well with our customers and connect them to our booking office (we will give you QR codes:).

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Under the [audition tab on the website](#) you will see the download link for the PDF and mp3 of each song below. You can also access them [here](#). Please download the charts and bring them to the auction. Please come prepared and ready to perform. We are looking forward to meeting you!

- 1) Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella (FULL SONG)
- 2) Hark! (in 7/8) (FULL SONG)
- 3) Christmastime Is Here (FULL SONG)

Well, that is pretty much it. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at ray@citycarolers.com. Thanks for auditioning. We are looking forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,
Raymond Schnurr
Music Director | The City Carolers