



# 2025-26 Auditions

Hearing all voice parts!

**Caritas Vocal Ensemble** is hearing auditions for all voice parts with definite openings for tenor and soprano. Ideal candidates will have excellent ensemble musicianship and the ability and interest to collaborate as part of a chamber ensemble. Singers must be available for weekly rehearsals Sundays from 4-6 pm at First Lutheran Church, Columbia Heights and for performance weekends, TBD. Singers must be vaccinated against Covid-19.

## AUDITION PROCESS

Artistic Director Paolo Debuque will conduct first-round auditions individually throughout June, July, and early August. Callback auditions with members of the ensemble will follow in August (exact date and time TBD). We appreciate your patience and understanding as we engage in this multi-stage process, which is essential to building a cohesive and artistically excellent ensemble.

**To schedule an audition, or for more info, please reach out to [caritasvocalensemble@gmail.com](mailto:caritasvocalensemble@gmail.com)**

**First-round auditions:** ~20m each, at Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer, 5440 Penn Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55419.

- Prepared solo in a style of your choice (the style in which you feel most confident and expressive). A cappella selection preferred (no accompanist provided)
- Vocal exercises to determine range, flexibility, accuracy, and memory
- Two brief musical excerpts - prepare your own part. Prioritize excellent rhythm and intonation, then expression/style
  - The Coolin by Samuel Barber, mm. 10-19. [Marked score](#)
  - I'll Be Seeing You, arr. Darmon Meader, mm. 43-54. [Marked score](#)

## Callback auditions:

- Callback auditions with the existing Caritas ensemble will take place in mid- to late- August.
- Will focus on ensemble skills and fit with current members.
- More details to come

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*Caritas Vocal Ensemble is a 12-voice mixed volunteer chamber ensemble with a wide repertoire and high musical level which performs unique and surprising concerts to benefit the community in collaboration with partners that share our values. In its first 20 years, the group performed benefit concerts that raised money for local non-profit organizations, raising over \$200,000 for others. Visit [www.caritasvocalensemble.org](http://www.caritasvocalensemble.org) or contact [CaritasVocalEnsemble@gmail.com](mailto:CaritasVocalEnsemble@gmail.com) for more information.*