



**Rackham Choir High School  
Vocal Internship Program  
Auditions for the  
August 2017 - May 2018 Season**

**Tuesday, May 30 4:30- 8:30  
First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak**

The Rackham Choir High School Vocal Internship Program is designed to support students with exceptional vocal talent and commitment who are entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school in fall 2017 and who plan to study music in college. Rackham Choir high school vocal interns:

- Receive a scholarship to partially fund private vocal instruction with an approved instructor
- Enjoy full membership in Rackham Choir with dues waived for the 2017-2018 season:
- Rehearse and perform under the baton of Maestro Suzanne Mallare Acton, RSC's Artistic and Music Director and Assistant Music Director and Chorus Master of the Michigan Opera Theatre;
- Sing diverse, large-scale choral works with the choir, at least one of which will be performed at the Detroit Opera House and accompanied by a professional orchestra
- Receive coaching in vocal literature with Maestro Acton and collaborative pianist Joseph Jackson in preparation for college auditions and master classes
- Perform in a master class with professional artists serving as clinicians
- Be a featured soloist in a spring concert showcasing the RSC High School Vocal Interns
- Be mentored by adult members of the Rackham Choir

To be considered for an audition, the student must:

- Be in good academic standing
- Complete and return the enclosed application and letter of recommendation prior to May 1, 2017
- Provide a recommendation by a school choral director, vocal teacher, principal, or counselor (must be mailed directly to Rackham Choir by person writing the letter)

Rackham Choir will hold auditions for the high school vocal internship program on May 30, 2017 beginning at 4:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. An accompanist will be provided. Each student who qualifies for an audition will be contacted and provided with an assigned audition time. Students should be prepared to:

- Perform two contrasting musical selections—any genre of classical music appropriate for young voices is acceptable. Selections must be memorized. The student must provide an original copy of the music for the accompanist.
- Sight-read an excerpt from a choral selection. (Students will be asked to sing their vocal lines, while the accompanist plays notes)

Singers who are awarded the Rackham 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 voice lessons

Applications and letters of recommendation should be emailed to [administration@rackhamchoir.org](mailto:administration@rackhamchoir.org) (preferred) or mailed to:

Administrator Rackham Choir PO Box 36788  
Grosse Pointe, MI 48236

The Rackham 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.

To find out more about Rackham Choir, visit [www.rackhamchoir.org](http://www.rackhamchoir.org)  
Please contact us at 313-404-0222 or [administration@rackhamchoir.org](mailto:administration@rackhamchoir.org) for additional information.

# Rackham Choir

## High School Vocal Internship Program Application

- Eligible candidates must be high school students (min. age 10th grade) for the 2017-18 school year, in good standing.
- All candidates will be required to audition and should prepare two songs of their choice. See audition info flyer for more details.
- Selected interns will be required to attend all rehearsals.
- Submit a recommendation by school choral director, principal, or counselor - mailed directly to Rackham by writer.
- Submit completed application via email (preferred) [administration@rackhamchoir.org](mailto:administration@rackhamchoir.org), or mail to Rackham Choir, P.O. Box 36788, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236

Last Name	Middle Initial	First Name	Date
Street Address		City	
Student Cell Phone	Student Email		State      Zip
Parent Home	Parent Cell Phone	Parent Email	
Name of School		Name of Music Teacher	
Current Age	Grade in Fall 2017 <input type="checkbox"/> 11th <input type="checkbox"/> 12th	Voice Part <input type="checkbox"/> Soprano <input type="checkbox"/> Alto <input type="checkbox"/> Tenor <input type="checkbox"/> Bass	
How did you learn about this internship program?			
Describe your musical background, including any private vocal or instrumental study or choral experience.			
What are your college plans? Do you plan to study music in college?			
Briefly describe your past performance experience, other than choral, including theatrical, forensics, etc.			
Describe why you want to be in this program.			
Tell us why you should be selected over other candidates for the internship.			
Student Signature			Date

**Parental/Guardian Consent (Required if student is less than 18 years of age)**

I, the undersigned, understand the goals of the program and permit my student to participate. I will do my best to ensure that if selected, my student will attend all rehearsals, events, lessons and programs. There are no fees for the program.

Parent or Guardian Signature	Date
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