

Welcome to Minnesota, Land of ...

1,000,000 choristers¹; 100,000 choir directors²; 10,000 arts organizations³; 1,000 choral composers⁴;
and 1 choral support group.⁵

Choral Composers Anonymous
cordially invites you to an informal reception
Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010
7:00 - 10:00 pm

The home of Abbie Betinis

This invitation has expired. Directions and phone have been blocked.

¹ (one per every 1,000,000 mosquitoes)

² (ten per lake)

³ (ten of them profitable)

⁴ (all above average)

⁵ (anonymous)

What is Choral Composers Anonymous?

CCA was born six years ago when an aspiring choral composer named Greg Schaffner approached David Wolff of the American Composers Forum to see about establishing a small group of choral composers who could support each other to hone their skills, share professional tips about everything from copyright to pricing to engraving, and all in a spirit of warmth, trust and non-competitiveness. It started small and discreetly.¹ The name was chosen because we wanted to be able to talk freely and confidentially about our doubts, our problems, our challenges; and were (for the most part) completely unknown to the wider world, not that we wanted to be. We have been meeting once a month ever since, taking turns as hosts. We keep our group small to allow for extended dialogue and the chance to listen to each other's works (often works in progress, which takes a lot of trust).

And so far so good! Our music has gotten better, our friendships have grown, our worlds have expanded, and we keep hearing from composers around the country that they wish they had similar groups to join. We wish they did, too, and that they will.

¹ The American Composers Forum began life as the Minnesota Composers Forum, which itself grew out of a small collection of local composers with similar intentions.

Come meet these choral composers ²

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² We can't identify which are specifically *Choral Composers Anonymous* members for obvious reasons.