

## HOW TO HOST A CONCERT



If you are interested in bringing The National Christian Choir or our smaller ensemble, "2nd Edition" to your church or conference for a worship concert or to participate in a special event, just contact the Choir office (see below).

The Choir usually sings in auditoriums seating a minimum of 600, where the platform is large enough to accommodate 150 singers.

"2nd Edition" sings in venues holding 250 or more with a singing group of approximately 35 singers.

We minister on either a free-will offering basis or a pre-determined honorarium basis, and we appreciate the opportunity to offer our recordings for sale before and after the concert. If you wish to host the choir for a benefit or ticket sales concert, contact the choir office to discuss individualized arrangements. We bring our own choral risers, where needed, to concerts that are local to our area and are very grateful for help from the host church in setting up and tearing down. Access to the auditorium is needed approximately 6 hours prior to concert time.

We bring our own sound equipment, although occasionally we tie into the house speakers. Our Concert Engineer works with the church's technical staff to coordinate all sound and media for the event. Most concerts are held on weekend evenings and planned well in advance. Often the host church will provide snacks and beverages for the singers just prior to the service; while not required, it is greatly appreciated!

For <u>tour concerts</u> (requiring an overnight stay), our choir members pay their own travel and hotel expenses, and the following adjusted guidelines apply:

- Auditorium size should be close to 1000 with a platform that accommodates 150 singers.
- Where choral risers are needed, we usually bring our own – unless the distance from Maryland is too great (e.g., U. S. west coast). In those cases, the host church provides risers (which may often be borrowed from local schools).
- A light, simple meal is needed for the singers prior to the concert. This can be something like soup and salad OR sandwiches and chips whatever is easiest.

We look forward to speaking with you about hosting a worship concert with The National Christian Choir.