

AKSARA QUESTIONNAIRE for AUDITIONS of POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Ph. _____
E-Mail _____ Website _____

AKSARA is an a cappella ensemble from Southern New Hampshire. AKSARA has been together since 1998 and over the years has had a few incarnations. People's lives change. People change.

To be a member of AKSARA is a wonderful, awesome and humbling experience. Being a member of AKSARA is not simply about joining a singing group, it is about being *a member who is seriously committed and dedicated* to the overall heart, core and Spirit of AKSARA.

It may seem that many of these questions have nothing to do with music, however in order to assure both AKSARA and new member(s) that we have the best fit both musically and personally, we ask the following questions.

VOCAL ATTRIBUTES - Check one (or more if you have a very wide vocal register range)

What **Vocal Range** are you?

- Coloratura _____
- Lyric Soprano _____
- 1st Soprano _____
- 2nd Soprano _____
- 1st Alto _____
- 2nd Alto _____

MUSICAL BACKGROUND (Check as many as apply to your experience)

Have you ever:

- Had voice lessons or any other kind of Vocal Training?
Yes _____ No _____ If so, when, where and from whom?

- Sung publicly? Yes _____ No _____
- Sung in a Choir (church or school choir)? Yes _____ No _____
- Been in a performance or show? _____ Yes _____ No _____
- Been in a small *instrumentally* accompanied ensemble? Yes _____ No _____
- Been in a small a cappella ensemble (10 or fewer members)? Yes _____ No _____
- Have you ever sung SOLO? Yes _____ No _____
- Are you aware of your pitch as you sing? Yes _____ No _____
- Can you read music? Yes _____ No _____
- Have you ever MEMORIZED music and lyrics? Yes _____ NO _____
- Which is easier for you to memorize: MUSIC _____ LYRICS _____ BOTH _____
- Is there a particular STYLE or GENRE of music that you prefer? If so, what is that genre? _____

- Do you play an instrument? Yes _____ No _____
- If so, which instrument(s)? _____
- Can you read *both* Treble and Bass Clef _____ Or just Treble Clef? _____

GROUP & PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- Are you willing to follow and take direction from a director? Yes _____ No _____
- Have you ever been in an a cappella ensemble before? Yes _____ No _____
- How long were you in the group? _____
- How many years ago were you in the group? _____
- What did you *like/dislike* about the group? _____
- Why did you leave? _____
- Do you enjoy working as a member of a team? Yes _____ No _____

PHILOSOPHIES

- Are you open to varied philosophical and religious persuasions? Yes _____ No _____
- Why do you want to become a member of AKSARA?

- Have you ever seen AKSARA perform? When and where? _____

- Why do you love to sing?

SCHEDULING (and miscellaneous) ASPECTS

- Are you willing to commit to weekly 2 to 3 hour rehearsals? (More often when a performance comes up)? Yes _____ No _____
- Are you willing to travel beyond the Manchester area to perform? Yes _____ No _____
- Are you willing to *perform* during week days and evenings? Yes _____ No _____
- Are you willing to perform on weekends? Yes _____ No _____
- Are you willing to invest the necessary time at home to learn the AKSARA repertoire? Yes _____ No _____
- ***Are you allergic to animals? Yes _____ No _____

INTERESTING AND FUN FACTS


- What's your favorite food and/or dessert? _____
- When's your birthday? (Just the month and day is FINE!) _____

***AUDITION CD/TAPE INFORMATION

Please provide a tape *or* CD (*Preferably CD*) of just YOUR voice singing: 1.) *A SONG THAT YOU CHOSE* 2.) *A SONG THAT AKSARA SINGS (A copy of the AKSARA song will be sent to you after reviewing this preliminary application form.)*


If you are notified by AKSARA after submitting this application, a LIVE audition will be held and the date of the live audition will be scheduled. Please come prepared with both pieces of music. You will also be asked to sing with the AKSARA members on the one AKSARA song that you prepared.

***MONEY ISSUES

We need to state that the remuneration we receive from CD sales and performances goes into the Inner Harmony Music account and we do not receive personal remuneration for performances. AKSARA is a member of Inner Harmony Music, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. 

Are you willing to purchase appropriate performance clothing in the AKSARA color scheme?

Yes _____ No _____

***TRIAL PERIOD –  **Inner Harmony Music** reserves the right to request a “trial period” both for the incumbent member and for the established members. If during this trial period established members of AKSARA and/or the Artistic Director feel that a new member(s) isn’t a fit for the ensemble, with all due respect and for the good of all concerned, you will be asked to relinquish your stay with the group.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AUDITIONING FOR AKSARA, ***PLEASE PRINT THIS FORM, FILL IT OUT AND SEND IT BY SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012*** DIRECTLY TO THE INNER HARMONY MUSIC ADDRESS:

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For further questions, please call 603-668-8494

Please visit our website at www.innerharmony.com to listen to AKSARA music samples.