

Songs of Liberty at Old North Church

The Old North Church Boston welcomes singers of all ages to join in a musical discussion on the meaning of Liberty in our time. We invite you to offer your words in song and begin a conversation that many have difficulty articulating. The Old North is offering a place to begin a discussion about how liberty and the values the Old North symbolizes are best represented in contemporary society. Are we living up to the ideals of liberty for which so many have struggled for long or do we need a new call to action?

Come and join us and fill this church with music the world needs to bear.

How to participate:

- 1) We ask that groups choose **three** songs that best interpret the meaning of liberty in today's America and the world.
 - These songs, when sung together should last no more than 12 minutes.
 - Songs do not need to be sacred or religious in nature, but should contain lyrics that are appropriate to being sung in a church.
- 2) Fill out the attached sheet:
 - List which songs you have chosen, including composer
 - Write a short explanation of why these songs best represent the theme (No more than 500 words)
 - List all of the names of the participants, including conductor and/or musical director and support personnel.
 - This information will become part of the permanent Historic Records of the Old North Church.
- 3) Call to schedule your performance with the Lead Guide: 617.523.6676 x108
 - Reserve your place early to ensure that we may accommodate you
 - There is no cost to participate in the *Songs of Liberty* program, but we ask a *donation of \$1 per person*, which may be sent in advance or given the day of the performance. If this donation is a hardship, you may still participate in the program without it.
- 4) The day of the performance:
 - Groups should arrive by 11:45 AM
 - Groups will perform at 12:00 noon
 - On days when the church is full, groups will be seated in the side aisles and listen to the brief historical presentation about the church.
Please be sure to arrange your sections before entering the church, as you will be seated accordingly.
 - Upon completion of the church presentation, the group will be introduced and invited to assemble at the center altar.
 - Upon completion of the performance, the group will depart down the center aisle.
 - Groups wishing to pose for pictures may briefly remain at the altar or assemble in one of our outdoor gardens (to the right as you exit the church)
 - For a fee, Behind the Scenes tours are available for groups visiting the Old North, which visits the second floor gallery, the bell ringing chamber and the church crypt. (Group Rates for Behind the Scenes tours: \$6 per adult, \$4 per student.)

PLEASE NOTE: There is not a piano in the church; all songs must be sung *a cappella*.

