

Audition Sheet for the Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers

Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

Voice Part:

Soprano Alto Tenor Baritone Bass

I can Read Music I Cannot Read Music

Tell me about your singing experience:

Description: The Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers (DCJS) was founded in 2010 by Dr. Baruch Whitehead, associate professor of music education at Ithaca College, and is dedicated to the preservation of the Negro Spirituals. This group of community singers, directed by Dr. Whitehead, was named in honor of current Ithaca resident Dorothy Cotton, civil rights pioneer who served as education director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Currently, the DCJS perform at two semi-annual concerts, as invited participants for numerous community events and organizations (in both Ithaca and beyond), and as part of formal programs at Ithaca College and Cornell University. The programs at Ithaca College and Cornell have often been in conjunction with celebrations of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and Black History Month.

We have an active performance schedule and our rehearsals are a priority. We know from time to time members will need to miss a rehearsal or performance; however, the expectation is that all members will be committed to the group's mission of spreading social justice through music, therefore making all rehearsals and performances.

Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7-9:15 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. We are not affiliated with any religious organization and strive to maintain a cross-section of Ithacans to participate, regardless of one's religious belief, sexual orientation or ethnicity. Although the Negro Spirituals are a large part of our repertoire we explore other forms of African-American Sacred Music from field songs to gospel. We welcome all who make it with open arms.