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## RVCC CHORALE SEEKS SINGERS, ACCOMPANIST

Local singers are invited to audition for the RVCC Chorale, a performance group composed of both community members and students at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC). All voice types are welcome in the ensemble, which performs choral music from many centuries.

The RVCC Chorale is also seeking a pianist to accompany the chorale in rehearsal and concert. The paid position requires previous choral accompanying experience and good sight reading skills.

The chorale rehearses on Monday nights, from 7:15-10 p.m., in the Arts building (room A-33), at RVCC's North Branch Campus.

The chorale will begin its third season in September under the direction of Dr. John Sichel of Mountainside. Dr. Sichel is a well-known artist who has composed extensively in many genres. His most recent compositions include a clarinet quintet, five piano sonatas and a sonata for piano, four-hands, as well as a number of songs and short choral works. His music is published by Puna Music and Ludwig Music, as well as his under his own label, Great Horned Music.

Dr. Sichel received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Yale School of Music. He teaches theory, composition, piano, music history and rock-and-roll history at RVCC.

The chorale's winter concert, featuring Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* and a variety of traditional Christmas music that includes antiphonal works from the Renaissance, will be held Saturday, December 12, at 8 p.m., in RVCC's Welpe Theatre.

Singers interested in participating in the chorale should contact Dr. Sichel at [jsichel@raritanval.edu](mailto:jsichel@raritanval.edu) or 908-526-1200, ext. 8813. Singers also may come prepared to audition one half-hour before the first rehearsal on Monday, September 14, from 7:15-10 p.m., in the RVCC Arts building (room A-33). Pianists must audition in advance.

RVCC, located on Route 28 and Lamington Road in North Branch, NJ, and serving Somerset and Hunterdon County residents for 40 years, offers more than 90 associate degrees and certificates. For further information, visit [www.raritanval.edu](http://www.raritanval.edu).

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