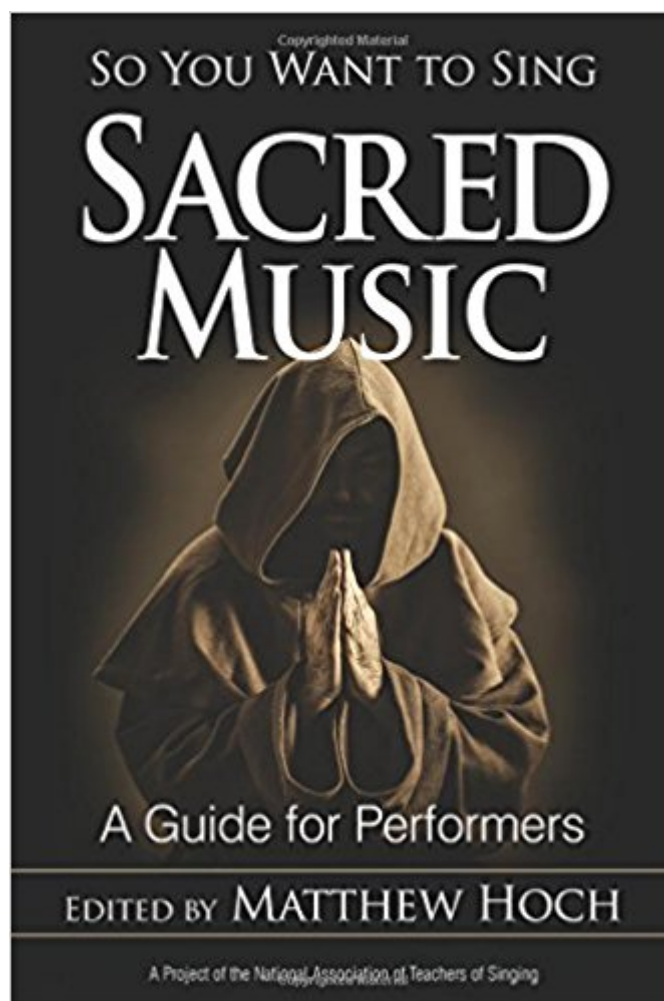


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# So You Want To Sing Sacred Music: A Guide For Performers



## Synopsis

This book addresses the sacred singing traditions most commonly encountered by amateur and emerging professional singers. In each chapter, contributors consider in turn the liturgical origins, musical characteristics, training requirements, and repertoire and resources for each of these traditions.

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I am a music major who was presented with an opportunity to have a music ministry position while in university. Since I had no prior experience leading a church choir and congregation in music, it was hard for me to know where to begin. The sacred music book in the so you want to sing series is an excellent guide to liturgy and traditions throughout multiple denominations and religions (while mostly centered in the Christian faith). The author is well versed in the subject, and gives you a great foundation of information. I will definitely recommended this to music ministers old and young!

Misleading title. So you want to know about Gregorian Chant and see a list of contemporary praise bands would have been more appropriate. It received a third star because I do sing a lot of baroque and classical sacred music, so parts were useful.

A very informative read!

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