

August 29, 2017



Happy Fall Ya'll!

Welcome to the FWBCC Family

The Fort Walton Beach Community Chorus (FWBCC) “family” share the love of singing with friends, family and neighbors. We present two shows a year; an original production in the spring and a Christmas show during the holiday season. Our goal is to entertain both children and adults alike through our singing and dancing.

The FWBCC welcomes new members (18 yrs. and older) with an ability and desire to sing and who enjoy having fun. Join us! We know you won't be disappointed!

This newsletter will touch on some of the details that you should know as a member. If you have any questions about our Chorus, please don't hesitate to ask another member, a section leader, or one of our board members. A detailed list of contacts are inside.

To our current members—Welcome Back!



Tech Week!

Sunday, Dec 3

Move in Day

Mon., Dec 4

Ensembles @ 6:30 pm

Chorus on stage @ 7 pm

Tues., Dec 5

Ensembles @ 6:30 pm

Chorus on stage @ 7pm

Wed., Dec 6

FULL DRESS RE-HEARSAL!

Chorus on Stage @ 6:45 pm

Thurs., Dec 7

Ensemble Night -6 pm

Friday., Dec 8

Show time!

Be on stage @ 6 pm for warm ups!

Sat., Dec 9

Show time!

Be on stage @ 6 pm for warm ups!

Sun., Dec 10

Show time!

Be on stage @ 2 pm for warm ups!

**After the show—
TEAR DOWN!**

The Fort Walton Beach Community
Chorus Presents

A Christmas Story

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium

December 8 @ 7 PM

December 9 @ 7 PM

December 10 @ 3 PM

Ticket Prices:

\$15 Adults

\$10 Children under 18 / Senior Citizens / Military Families

\$9 Groups of 10 or more

Tickets can be purchased on our Facebook page, at one of our
ticket outlets, or at the door!

Ticket Outlets:

Alphy's Catfish House, Navarre

PS Gifts, Fort Walton Beach

Connect with Flowers, Shalimar

Bayou Book Outlet, Niceville

OUR BOARD.....

The FWBCC is a 501(c)(3) non profit arts organization. In order to continue to operate we must have a board of directors. The board is made up of chorus members who volunteer their time and talents to ensure the business side of the chorus runs smoothly and efficiently. We are grateful for those who volunteer, for without them the chorus cannot exist.

Board meetings are held monthly. Dates and times are announced at rehearsals, listed on our Facebook page, and on our website.

All chorus members are welcome to attend the meetings. Bring your ideas, your willingness to volunteer, and join in on the discussions. Only the board and the section leaders can vote, but your input is valuable!

A CHRISTMAS STORY AND A WORLD TOUR!

A Christmas Story is the theme for our holiday show. No, not the “you'll poke your eye out” story.....the story of the birth of Jesus! There are so many beautiful pieces of music that tell the story from different points of view....angels, shepherds, wise men, Joseph, and of course, Mary. What a wonderful way to remember the “reason for the season”!

If you have ideas for ensembles, or want to perform a special number, please speak to Katie! We have an incredibly talented group, so don't be afraid to be a part of the show!

Memorize your words!! The last month of rehearsal will be without the music!

In addition to preparing for our holiday show, we will also start rehearsing for our 2018 Summer Tour! Wales, Ireland, and London....here we come!! More information will be coming about rehearsal days and times. Stay tuned!

FWBCC WANTS YOU!



The work that our Board of Directors attends to is important and we appreciate all that they do to keep the chorus running, bills paid, and decisions made.

At the end of each year the chorus says thank you to the current board of directors and votes for the new board. Of course if anyone currently serving on the board wants to continue to do so, we accept!

We need volunteers to run for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary.

What is involved? Monthly meetings, keeping the business side of the chorus running, supporting the director, and any other tasks that arise. Don't be afraid of the time commitment. It's not huge, but the chorus definitely needs someone willing to pay attention and put in the time to ensure we are successful, can continue to grow, produce fantastic shows, and keep putting money into our scholarship fund.

If you are interested in becoming a vital part of the chorus or have specific questions about a position, please speak to Denis, Carter, Andrea, Debbie, Cecile, or Katie.



FWBCC 2018 TOUR

In case you haven't heard.....WE ARE GOING TO WALES, IRELAND, and LONDON!!! Yes, we are just a tad excited. Katie is working with A Capella Travel to take us on a whirlwind tour. We will be singing at several different places throughout our tour through Wales, Ireland, and London.

Dates: June 30, 2018 through July 11, 2018

Approximate Cost: \$3000 per person (price subject to change based on air fare and amount of people going)

If you plan to sing with the chorus during this trip, you must be a chorus MEMBER in good standing (dues paid). Chorus members must sing in both shows during the 2018 season (May & December).

Friends and family members are welcome to join us on the trip.

If you are interested in going, please see Elizabeth McNair. A deposit of \$300 per person is due immediately. Additional payments will be due in November, February, and May.

Rehearsals will begin soon, so stay tuned!

OUR HISTORY

The FWBCC was formed in 1975 by founding Director, Steve Johnson along with 50 energetic and spirited singers from local communities. The inaugural choral engagement, the *Testament of Freedom-Writings from Thomas Jefferson*, was held at Lion's Park on Bayshore Drive in Niceville, FL. Since then the FWBCC has produced Spring and Christmas concerts each year blending Patriotic, Contemporary and musical Broadway numbers.

After 40 years the chorus has entered a new era. Our new director, Katie McGuire Menges (pictured below), began directing the chorus in August 2015. We have a cast of long-standing and newer members who are dedicated singers and performers. Our objective is to continue to provide quality and enjoyable entertainment to everyone.



WHAT DO WE NEED?

BUTTS IN SEATS!!

ADVERTISERS!!

SPONSORSHIPS!!

Selling tickets to our shows, asking companies to advertise in our program, and asking people/companies to sponsor our scholarship fund are the ways we raise money to support the cost of our show and to keep money flowing into our scholarship fund. We are a non-profit, so every little bit counts!

Make sure you tell your friends and family about the show! Sell tickets!!

Ask a business that you frequent to buy an ad in our program.

Encourage your friends and family to not just come to the show, but become sponsors for our scholarship fund.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

There are A LOT of things that need to be done to put on a show. We need your talent, your leadership skills, your able bodies! If you are interested in volunteering, or want to know more about what is entailed for a specific committee, ask a board member!

We need volunteers to take charge of the following committees:

Advertising/Publicity

Ticket Sales

Sponsorships

Social Event Planner

SECTION LEADERS

Your section leaders will send you a weekly email with information that you will need for the following rehearsal. There may also be information and dates for upcoming events or singing engagements that the chorus is involved in. Make sure your section leader has your correct email address so you don't miss out on important information and updates.

Please notify your section leader if you are unable to attend a rehearsal. DO NOT go directly to Katie.

Soprano Section Leader

Aicha Bartley

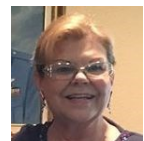
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Alto Section Leader

Vicky Kreis

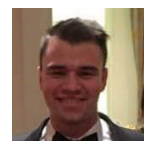
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Tenor/Bass Section Leader

Joseph Romano

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KEEP CALM & FOLLOW THE RULES

There is always going to be rules, right? Unfortunately it is a fact of life. These are rules that will help keep everyone safe, happy, and **pre-prepared**.

Please be on time for rehearsal. Rehearsals begin promptly at 7 pm. If you are part of an ensemble, rehearsal will begin at 6:30 pm or after rehearsal at 9 pm.

More than 3 unexcused absences from rehearsal could result in your membership being revoked. Please make sure you let your section leader know if you will not be able to attend a rehearsal.

No gum, candy, food, or drink is allowed in any rehearsal space. Only water is allowed.

For insurance/liability purposes, children are not permitted to attend rehearsals or during tech week at the auditorium.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in any location that we rehearse or perform. Failure to follow this guideline will result in you being asked to leave the rehearsal/event and membership being revoked.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Dues are Due! If you are a new member, dues for half of the year is \$15. Please give your cash or check to Andrea.

Music Deposit

You will be assigned a music packet with a number on it. A \$50 music deposit is required before you can take your music home. You can pay with check or cash. If you pay with a check, it will not be cashed unless your music is not returned by the last day of the show. Cash will be returned to you when you turn in your music packet. This process is repeated for each show whether you are a new member or not.

Costumes

If you are brand new to the FWBCC family, see Jeanie Caughman about costumes. Ladies will need to purchase a dress (\$59) and gentlemen will need to purchase a vest/tie (\$33). Ladies may also need to purchase a black skirt and sparkly shirt for a minimal cost or there might be some available to borrow.

Tech Week (aka “opportunity week” or “hell week”)

It’s only hell week if you don’t know the music! Tech Week dates and times are listed on the front of this newsletter. Any changes will be announced as the time gets closer. **It is very important that you attend the entire week of rehearsals.**



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OUR MISSION

- ◆ To establish and maintain a tradition of choral excellence
- ◆ To promote and stimulate a knowledge of, and appreciation for music throughout the community
- ◆ To present performances of choral literature accompanied and unaccompanied, secular and sacred, of general interest to the community
- ◆ To provide a challenging and rewarding experience for our members through active participation in rehearsals, performances, and related social activities
- ◆ To raise funds for the FWBCC



FWBCC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The FWBCC Memorial Scholarship was established in 1993 and is dedicated to the numerous chorus members who have passed before us. Just as music was a large part of their life, this meaningful scholarship will continue the musical experience and education of recipients pursuing what our members cherished dearly...The love of MUSIC!

The FWBCC has raised additional funds from donations and ticket sales to provide two monetary scholarships to Okaloosa and Santa Rosa County graduating seniors who will be furthering their musical education. In excess of \$30,000 in scholarships has been gifted thus far.

Scholarship recipients are invited to perform at the annual spring concert. The caliber of the scholarship winners musical talent is excellent and attendance at the concert will show how deserving they are.

STAY INFORMED

Join the Remind App! We use this app to communicate upcoming events/gigs/important information.

How to sign up:

Download app to phone, code you need is @fwbccn

OR

Text @fwbccn to 81010

Find us on

Follow us on Facebook:

Announcements and important information will be posted on our Facebook page.

#fwbcc

Use this hashtag if you take any pictures at events or rehearsals!



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