

August 21, 2018



We Are So Glad You're Here!

Welcome to the FWBCC Family

The Fort Walton Beach Community Chorus (FWBCC) "family" shares 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. 2

Move in Day

Mon., Dec. 3

Ensembles @ 6:30 pm

Chorus on stage @ 7 pm

Tues., Dec. 4

Ensembles @ 6:30 pm

Chorus on stage @ 7pm

Wed., Dec. 5

FULL DRESS RE-HEARSAL!

Chorus on Stage @ 6:45 pm

Thurs., Dec. 6

Ensemble Night -6 pm

Friday., Dec. 7

Show time!

Be on stage @ 6 pm for warm ups!

Sat., Dec. 8

Show time!

Be on stage @ 6 pm for warm ups!

Sun., Dec. 9

Show time!

Be on stage @ 2 pm for warm ups!

**After the show—
TEAR DOWN!**

The Fort Walton Beach Community Chorus
presents



Friday, December 7 @ 7 pm
Saturday December 8 @ 7pm
Sunday, December 9 @ 3pm

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium

Ticket Prices:

\$15 Adults

\$10 Children under 18 / Senior

Citizens / Military Families

\$9 Groups of 10 or more

Ticket Outlets:

Alphy's Catfish House, Navarre

PS Gifts, Fort Walton Beach

Connect With Flowers, Shalimar

Eagle's Nest, Niceville



**CHRISTMAS AT THE
MOVIES**

Christmas is a magical time of year for MANY reasons. It is also the time of year for MOVIES! What is better than snuggling up with your loved ones (or by yourself, whichever you prefer) by a fire, with hot cocoa and a classic Christmas movie?!

This year's December show is titled "Christmas at the Movies". We will be singing classics from movies like White Christmas, Home Alone, and The Grinch.

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 re-
hearsal will be without***

THE FWBCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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.

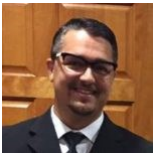
All chorus members are welcome to attend the meetings. Bring your ideas, your willingness to volunteer, and join in on the discussions. Only the board and the section leaders can vote, but your input is valuable!

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS!

Our board members are dedicated volunteers who are happy to help in anyway that they can. If you have any questions or concerns please seek out a board member **BEFORE** going to Katie (director). The board members and the section leaders are your resource for any chorus related needs.



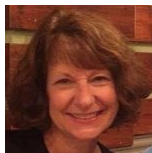
Kim Wolf —President



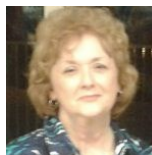
Carter Caywood—Vice President



Andrea Schweim—Treasurer



Deborah Bruning—Recording Secretary



Cecile Lindegren—Corresponding Secretary

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 or to be a sponsor. They will receive tickets, advertisement, and can write off the charitable contribution on their taxes.

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!

Announcements will be made during the first few rehearsals as to what volunteer opportunities will be available during the fall season.

We are currently in need of a chair person for the **Scholarship Committee**. This committee is particularly important because the information needs to get out to the high school band and choral directors, as well as the guidance counselors as soon as possible. If you are interested in chairing this committee and have questions, please speak to Joy Bynum for more specific information.

SECTION LEADERS

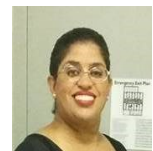
Your section leaders will send you a weekly email with information that you will need for the following rehearsal. There may also be information and dates for upcoming events or singing engagements that the chorus is involved in. Make sure your section leader has your correct email address so you don't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

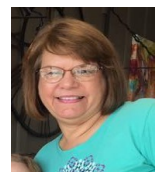
nygal31@hotmail.com



Alto Section Leader

Joy Bynum

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Tenor/Bass Section Leader

Joseph Romano

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CONCERT AND SPECIAL PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

ATTIRE

A Chorus member is responsible for furnishing their basic chorus uniform and also to add to this as required. The Board will insure that in no one year any member will be burdened with heavy expenses for uniforms. Payment for chorus attire is the responsibility of the member and must be prepaid before ordering unless other arrangements have been made with the costume committee.

Black Concert Dress—(dress may have to be hemmed) - \$62.00

Sparkly Red/Green Top (women only) —price TBA

Black Concert Vest and Tie—\$36.00 (Extra tie add \$10.00)

STANDARD ATTIRE

These items are used regularly in concert and for Special Performances. Please remember that if you plan to sing in these special performances everyone must be in standard attire. We strive to represent the FWBCC in a professional manner.

LADIES

BLACK DRESS PANTS—no leggings or stretch pants. WHITE SHIRT—plain long sleeve, button up with collar (think of a men’s dress shirt). If you wear earrings, small PEARL EARRINGS, stud or button, no dangle, no shine. BLACK CLOSED TOE SHOES, heels or flats. Heels can be no more than 2 inches high. Shoes will be inspected one month prior to show. BLACK panty hose or knee highs and proper foundation undergarments. You must have white or black camisoles or tank top and long slips on hand. You will be purchasing our Black Concert Dress.

MEN

It is advisable to have a Black Jacket/Suit Coat even though it is not always worn. This way you will have your BLACK DRESS PANTS or suit pant. WHITE SHIRT—plain, long sleeve, button up, with button down collar preferred. T-shirts are recommended. Black dress shoes, belt, and socks. You will be purchasing our Black Concert Vest and Tie, the tie goes along with the standard attire.

ENSEMBLES

You are responsible for your own costumes, however we have plenty in storage. If you need help with anything please contact Jeanie and she will see what can be done. Please start getting things together as soon as you know what you need.

DUES

Chorus Dues are \$25 per year and are to be paid in full within 30 days from the first day of rehearsal at the beginning of the fiscal year (January).

Seasonal singers, with prior Board approval, are required to pay the reduced amount of \$15.

Prorated dues will only be accepted if a totally new singer is accepted before the cut off date for the second concert.

MUSIC & REHEARSALS

Music Deposit

A significant expense for the Chorus is sheet music, most of which is copyright protected. A \$50 Music Deposit will be required. This deposit will allow the member to take the music packet home. If a music deposit is not given, the music packet cannot be taken home. The checks/cash will not be deposited into the Chorus' bank account unless the music packets are not returned. Music packets must be returned before the last performance.

- All music remains property of the Chorus.
- A Chorus member is assigned a packet of music by number at their first rehearsal.
- Members are responsible for their music, both for maintaining its condition and replacement if lost.
- When marking, please use a soft lead (#2 or under) pencil.
- Please erase any and all marking before returning by the end of the final seasonal show.
- During our concerts (in the auditorium) please return all music to the collection box provided.

Rehearsal Rules

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

Please be on time for rehearsal. Rehearsal begins promptly at 6:30 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.

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 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.



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 up to two monetary scholarships to Okaloosa and Santa Rosa County graduating seniors who will be furthering their musical education. In excess of \$34,000 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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