

August 20, 2019



## 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. 8**

Move in Day

### **Mon., Dec. 9**

Ensembles @ 5:30 pm

Chorus on stage @ 7 pm

### **Tues., Dec. 10**

Ensembles @ 5:30 pm

Chorus on stage @ 7pm

### **Wed., Dec. 11**

FULL DRESS RE-HEARSAL!

Chorus on Stage @ 6:45 pm

### **Thurs., Dec. 12**

Ensemble Night -5 pm

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### **Friday., Dec. 13**

Show time!

Be on stage @ 6 pm for warm ups!

### **Sat., Dec. 14**

Show time!

Be on stage @ 6 pm for warm ups!

### **Sun., Dec. 15**

Show time!

Be on stage @ 2 pm for warm ups!

**After the show—  
TEAR DOWN!**

## AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

The Fort Walton Beach Community Chorus  
presents

# An Old Fashioned Christmas

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium

December 13, 2019 @ 7 pm

\* December 14, 2019 @ 7 pm

December 15., 2019 @ 3 pm \*

### 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

\* Connect with Flowers, Shalimar

\* Eagles Nest, Niceville

\* Vintage Barn, Fort Walton Beach

Tickets also available at [fwbcc.org/tickets](http://fwbcc.org/tickets) or on our  
Facebook page

Our theme for this year's Christmas show will hopefully remind you of good memories and family traditions. What does an old fashioned Christmas mean to you?

We think you will love the selection of songs we will be singing this year. As always there will be a selection of old and new that will put us and the audience in the mood for the Christmas 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 music! The last 2 weeks will be without sheet music!***

501(C)(3) Non profit organization

All proceeds benefit the FWBCC Memorial Scholarship Fund

## 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 any way 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.



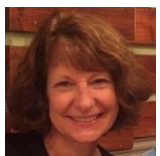
Kim Wolf —President



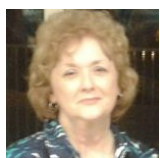
Regina Carlisle—Vice President



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!

We have an URGENT need for someone to handle Publicity, Sponsorship, and Ad Sales. Please see your section leader if you are interested in any of these positions. You don't have to do all of the work yourself—grab a friend and work on it together!

Also, October is ELECTION month! The current board has served for the last 2 years and it is time to elect NEW board members. Please see one of the board members if you have questions about their position or are interested in running for office!

## 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**

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### **Tenor/Bass Section Leader**

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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 ensure that no member will be burdened with heavy expenses for uniforms. Payment for chorus attire is the responsibility of the member and must be pre-paid before ordering unless other arrangements have been made with the costume committee.

Black Concert Dress—(dress may have to be hemmed at the member's expense) - \$62.00

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.

**BLUE CHORUS SHIRTS**—both men and women that plan to perform with the chorus at various events around the area will need to purchase a blue chorus short (has the FWBCC emblem on it). Please see your section leader if you need one.

### 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. Additionally, you will need **BLACK DRESS PANTS**, **WHITE DRESS SHIRT** (plain, long sleeve, button up, with button down collar preferred.), **WHITE UNDERSHIRT**, **BLACK DRESS SHOES**, **BELT**, and **SOCKS**. You will be purchasing our **BLACK CONCERT VEST and TIE**. The tie goes along with the standard attire.

### COSTUMES

Each member will be responsible for his/her own ensemble costume. If a member needs items, there will be a 'costume and staging day' where members will have access to TSC for putting together needed costume items and/or making staging items.

Black dresses for the ladies and black attire for men will be ordered/paid for/payment arrangements made by the 6th week of rehearsals to ensure enough time for hemming and alterations.

### 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 the 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 7:00 pm for the first five rehearsals. There after, rehearsals begin between 6:30-7 pm depending on ensemble rehearsal schedule. Please refer to weekly update email from your section leader for rehearsal time of each ensemble.

**More than three absences from rehearsals could warrant a discussion with director concerning participation in the current show.**

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. Water bottles must have caps that close so water doesn't spill if they fall over.

**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.



## MUSIC & REHEARSALS, CONT'D

### Ensembles

Ensembles will be selected by the fifth rehearsal. The director will assign ensembles based on need and interest.. One person in each ensemble will be selected as the 'leader'. The leader will take roll and report status to director—if anything is needed, attendance to rehearsals, etc. After two missed practices, the director has the authority to remove member from the ensemble. Ensembles will be off music two weeks before tech week.

### Chorus Property

All chorus property will be stored at the storage facility. This includes, but is not limited to, costumes, music, staging items, props, chairs, etc. When going to storage TSC Productions must have at least a 4 day notice.

### Reimbursable Expenses

All purchases must be approved by the board. Purchases under \$50 require approval from the president and treasurer prior to purchase. Purchases over \$50 require full board approval prior to purchase.

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## SAVE THE DATE!      FEBRUARY 15TH

We have been invited to participate in a choir workshop at the University of Florida Gainesville campus on Saturday, February 15th. During this workshop we will participate in four different sessions that will teach us different musical elements to help us improve as individual musicians and as a chorus. We will also be performing approximately 3 songs at a concert later that afternoon. This is an amazing opportunity to learn, show off our chorus, and to meet other choruses in Florida.

We need at least 35 people to attend.

You must be a member in good standing during the Fall 2019 season in order to participate in this workshop.

More details regarding travel, hotel, and the schedule for the day at UF will be coming, so stay tuned!

## 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 at least 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.

Scholarship Application information can be located at [www.fwbcc.org/scholarship](http://www.fwbcc.org/scholarship).

## 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 Memorial Scholarship Fund

