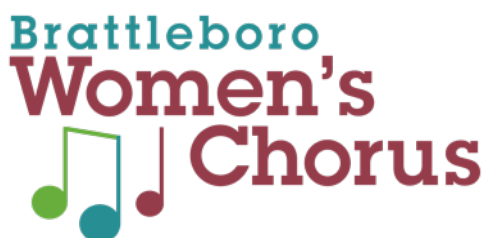


July 2019

Hello Singing Friends!!!



Well, it's hot, it's July, and I love it; this kind of weather pleases me on its own; AND it pleases me because it's time to pull together a letter to all of you singers with dates and details about our fall session!!

This fall's (24th!) session of Brattleboro Women's Chorus begins at All Souls Church on **Wednesday, September 4th, from 6:30 – 8:30** and **Thursday, September 5th, from 10 am – noon**, at the Brattleboro Music Center. Our theme this fall is **"Love Changes Everything,"** which is a Lisa McCormick song we will be singing and a fabulous catch-all theme for the many wonderful songs we'll be singing together this fall.

The songs we're singing will be about all variations of love, not just about romantic love! (though there will be some of those too.) Songs I've settled on include at least one from Ali Burns, who just visited us last week.

When Love Had No Road: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxpYWQGhbfk>

Holly Near's song, Change of Heart: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SC4egRR3YL0>

Two I put off from last spring:

One Day: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwpyDP_PjEM

This exact arrangement of Walking On Sunshine:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyw1w53KpQ8>

We'll do a medley of Beatles tunes for sure; and I'm thinking of all sorts of other possibilities: love songs from the 30s and 40s, or show tunes, or lullabies So many choices!!! **IF YOU HAVE SONGS TO SUGGEST, NOW IS THE TIME!!! Send them my way! I welcome your ideas!**

This fall, our evening rehearsals will be all Wednesday nights, Sept. 4 – Nov. 20, except for October 9, which will change to Thursday night Oct 10 to avoid Yom Kippur; Thursday morning rehearsals will be from Sept. 5 – Nov. 14. We'll have an extra rehearsal Sunday afternoon Nov. 17 and a second weekday evening during concert week. **Our concerts will be at newly named Epsilon Spires (formerly the (Brick) Baptist Church) Nov 23 at 7:30 and Nov 24 at 4.**

The first rehearsals are **Open Rehearsals**, for new singers to come and check out whether chorus is right for them. Spread the word and invite your friends. **YOUR INVITATIONS TO FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS OUR BEST ADVERTISING!** In fact, if everyone were to bring a friend to sign up to chorus, we could decrease our fundraising *significantly*. While many singers enjoy performing, some prefer to sing weekly and choose not to participate in the concerts at the end of the session. This is fine as long as I know.

Some of you already registered at our spring party – Thank you!! Having your timely registration helps me to plan & arrange and purchase music. If you have not registered yet, and plan to sing, the **DEADLINE FOR RETURNING SINGERS TO REGISTER IS AUGUST 16th.**

If you have a friend, co-worker, or neighbor that you think would love chorus, please send this along to her. You are, of course, our best advertisement!

Enjoy the rest of this -in-my-opinion-too-short-in-Vermont season!

Love in Song, Becky

A Note on Music

The music we sing in community is intended to build musical skills in vocal production (singing!) and in listening to ourselves and others. Much of the music we learn, even with multiple and complicated parts, is taught by ear; this is intentional. There is no better way to build skill in listening to each other than learning by ear! Written music is provided on occasion; but practice recordings and word sheets are always provided to help in home practice. The more people learn and sing at home, the better our group sound; we rely on each other.

Registration

Please mail in the form below (last page) along with *at least* a \$40 deposit to Becky at the address below. Deposits or full registration fees must be **received by February 15** to avoid a \$10 late fee. ***YOU ARE REGISTERED ONLY WHEN YOUR DEPOSIT IS RECEIVED!***

****The Registration Fee is: \$120 for individuals, \$70 for students, and \$190 for a family pair – *with a Late Fee of \$10 if I receive your deposit (\$40) or full registration fee AFTER August 16th*! The remainder of your fee and all financial aid applications are due by our third rehearsal (Sept. 19).****

The late fee is for returning singers **ONLY** (if you sang in chorus in the past two years)! ***Brand new chorus members can register at the first three rehearsals with no late fee.***

We work hard with fundraisers to make chorus affordable for all! So if you need financial aid to attend chorus, fill out a form from our website (or write or email to request one): <http://www.brattleborowomenschorus.com>, and include it with your registration.

As always, if you are able to give more to help someone else join chorus, please indicate so on the registration form. All donations are tax-deductible.

Questions? Email info@brattleborowomenschorus.org

Registration Form

Brattleboro Women's Chorus FALL 2019

Send this form with deposit/payment (amounts below) to:
Brattleboro Women's Chorus, c/o Becky Graber, 120 Guilford St, Brattleboro VT 05301

Please make all checks payable to: Brattleboro Women's Chorus or BWC

BY AUGUST 16: Send (\$40) deposit **OR**
Pay in full: Adults \$120, Family \$190, Students (age 15-25) \$70
AFTER AUG. 16 – Returning Singers (within past 2 years) Please add \$10 to your payment
Additional contributions are welcome, and will go to the BWC scholarship fund.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Voice Part _____

How did you Hear about Chorus? _____

Which Rehearsal Will You (Mostly) Sing With? (circle one): Wednesday PM Thursday AM

Do You Have Trouble Finding Your Pitch?

(This helps me know if you might need some extra help, but is NOT a reason not to join!)

Do you have a song/songs to recommend?

The easiest for me is ALWAYS if you have a copy of written music or a recording, or a web link!

Tax-Deductible Contribution (also list below): _____

Other Ideas? Suggestions? Comments?? _____

MONEY ENCLOSED (check those that apply)

_____ \$40 deposit (*remainder due by Sept. 19*) _____ \$70 student (between 16 – 25)

_____ \$120 adult _____ \$190 family _____ Other amount

_____ Additional donation enclosed: Amount _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____