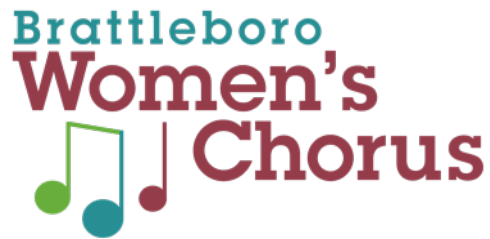


January 2020

Hello Singing Friends!!!

Welcome to "Spring 2020"! It rolls right off the tongue, doesn't it?



I am VERY excited about our spring session this year. We'll be singing songs of strength, of solidarity, of suffrage. We'll be finding ways to share (those who want to) stories of who have been our own personal heroes. And, following our concerts in May, we will reprise several of our pieces at WomenSing100, a singing gathering in honor of women's strength and voting rights, to be held in Worcester MA on August 21 and 22.

I have, as usual, more music than we can use, but here is some of the wonderful music I am considering: *What Happens When a Woman* by Artemisia (look at those rhythms!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwagEIS6NOc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uhh2ZRImBA4>

We Shall Be Known by the Company We Keep by MaMuse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKKRVeCdX7I>

Standing on the Shoulders by Joyce Rouse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6xViB8Gg1I>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ax09Nokve4>

Malala by Joan Szymko

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JOC6-uDli8>

Other sure bets are *Bread and Roses* and *I Feel Like Going On*. Probable maybes are *You Get Proud By Practicing*, *Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, *Walking on Sunshine*, *Rain Come Down*, *We Are....*

THANKS FOR THE IDEAS THAT YOU'VE SHARED, AND NOW IS THE ABSOLUTE LAST TIME TO GET IDEAS TO ME BECAUSE I AM ALREADY WORKING ON PRACTICE TRACKS!

Our spring session will begin **March 4 & 5**. Wednesday night rehearsals will be at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church from 6:30 – 8:30, and Thursday morning rehearsals will be from 10 am – noon at the Brattleboro Music Center located on Blanche Moyse Way, with an entrance across from Memorial Park.

The first rehearsals are **Open Rehearsals**, for new singers to come and check out whether chorus is right for them with no obligation. Even if someone can't sing *this* semester, it gives them the idea of what chorus is about.

YOUR INVITATIONS TO FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS OUR BEST ADVERTISING! In fact, if everyone were to bring a friend to sign up to chorus, we would have a lot less fundraising to do! While many singers enjoy performing, some prefer to sing weekly and choose not to participate in the concerts at the end of the session.

Our concerts will both be at the Brattleboro Music Center this spring, and though we won't spend any more time singing than usual on our concert weekends, we'll be offering three rather than two concerts to fit our audience in! Concerts will be Mother's Day weekend: two on Saturday, May 9 (afternoon and

evening) and one concert Sunday afternoon May 10. Singers are welcome to join us in singing in the spring session even though they are not able to sing in the concerts. There is also an extra Sunday “put everything together” rehearsal likely on Sunday afternoon May 3, and an extra evening rehearsal either Thurs. or Friday before the concert.

Sectionals – extra rehearsals where we meet in smaller groups – will be held Sunday March 22 in the afternoon, Saturday, April 11 in the morning, and maybe Sunday April 26 in the afternoon. Everyone will come probably for between one and two hours during that time.

Some of you already registered at our winter 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 FEBRUARY 14th**.

I so look forward to seeing you once March rolls around. Be well!

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 14** 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 February 14th! The remainder of your fee and all financial aid applications are due by our third rehearsal (March 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 SPRING 2020

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 FEBRUARY 14: Send (\$40) deposit **OR**
Pay in full: Adults \$120, Family \$190, Students (age 15-25) \$70
AFTER FEB. 14 – 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 _____

Email _____

Phone _____ 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 March 19*) _____ \$70 student (between 16 – 25)

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

_____ Additional donation enclosed: Amount _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____