



Annual Impact Report

2018-2019



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"Not only did WCC improve my sight-reading and vocal skills tremendously, but WCC also filled a gap in music and the arts that my high school could not fill, giving me an outlet to express myself creatively and expand my music knowledge in an environment that I otherwise would not have access to. Furthermore, being in WCC greatly improved my self-confidence when it came to making friends and building connections. Through the WCC was able to build a community with many of the singers in the group, forming long-lasting friendships for life.."

- Lauren W, WCC Alumni



Foreword

Dear Friends,

Thank you for making our 2018-2019 season a remarkable one. This year marked our 11th year of enriching the lives of aspiring young singers in Worcester county by providing professional choral instruction. Our dedicated staff and board have done a phenomenal job at strengthening our programs and facilitating collaborations within the local community.

A few program highlights include:

- Participating in **10 performances** throughout Worcester County.
- Providing over **\$7,000 in financial assistance** to singers who otherwise would not be able to participate in our chorus due to financial circumstance.
- Participating in **collaborations with 7 local ensembles**

Our ongoing goal is to ensure that every aspiring young singer in Worcester County can share in the joy of music, and our supporters truly make this possible. The Worcester Children's Chorus is stronger than ever due to our ever-expanding community who comes together to support our mission as patrons, donors, sponsors and volunteers.

Providing accessible choral programming is critical to ensuring the positive development of our children and creating a vibrant arts community in Worcester County. Our 2018-2019 season was our best season yet. Thanks to every single one of you who helped make it all possible.

Sincerely in song,

Philip Montgomery

Associate Director

Worcester Children's Chorus



The WCC's 2018 Holiday Concert



Patriot's pride during a WCC rehearsal



WCC singers at the Worcester Braveheart's game



WCC's 2018-2019 Baritone Ensemble



WCC Singers participating in ACDA Big Sing Central.

Season Highlights

Performances

The WCC's live performances are powerful and moving concert experiences found in Worcester County. This season, our singers performed in ten different concerts at venues in Worcester, Southborough, Hudson, and Fitchburg. Once again, the WCC held our signature Holiday and Spring concerts, which had unprecedented patronage.

Festivals

Performing at festivals provides WCC members opportunities to be part of a broader community of choral singers. This season, our singers participated in the Massachusetts ACDA 2019 "Big Sing" Central at Fay School in Southboro.

Scholarships

Providing equitable access to music education is part of the WCC's core values. Scholarships ensure access for all children who wish to sing. The number of scholarships awarded each season reflects our community's need. In FY19, 17 singers received financial aid totaling \$7,800.



Collaborations

Collaborating with local ensembles encourages our singers to help foster a vibrant arts community in Worcester County. This season, the WCC came together with Trinity Choir and WPI's Festival Chorus to perform MacMillan's "St. Luke Passion". The performance was the first time the "St. Luke Passion" was heard in New England!

Curriculum

The WCC offers five different choirs at a variety of skill levels which rehearse at Assumption College in Worcester from September through May. Our curriculum provides singers with professional-level instruction in vocal technique, music theory, sight-singing, ear training, and presentation. The program also offers exposure to a variety of choral styles that celebrate the music of diverse cultures. During the program, singers attend weekly rehearsals, perform in concerts, collaborate with local ensembles, and participate in regional, national, and international tours.

While music is the heart of the WCC program, our curriculum is also designed to build confidence and foster positive character qualities that are associated with success throughout life. Through music education and performing, our singers learn valuable lessons of responsibility, discipline, compassion, teamwork, and integrity.

By the Numbers

SEPTEMBER **2018** – JUNE **2019**

5 CHORAL ENSEMBLES

Da Capo, Young Artists, Bel Canto, Cantare, Baritone Ensemble

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: **90** SINGERS

AGES 8-18

COLLABORATIONS WITH **7** LOCAL ENSEMBLES

New England Symphony, Worcester Youth Orchestra, Master Singers, Symphony Pro Musical, New World Chorale, Trinity Choir and Orchestra, WPI Festival Chorus

18% OF WCC SINGERS RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID

10

PERFORMANCES

200

INSTRUCTION
HOURS

FINANCIAL AID

AWARDED: **\$7,800**

8 MAJOR SEASON AND CONCERT SPONSORS

Harvard Pilgrim, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, Schwartz Charitable Foundation, Sigel Family Foundation, Country Bank, MCPHS, Main Street Group Foundation



"I can confidently say that WCC is most welcoming and nurturing environment that I possibly could have gone as a young singer. Not only did I get so much better at singing, I got to take unforgettable trips and preform amazing music. But most of all, WCC provided me an encouraging and non-toxic place to explore music that I could not be more thankful for today. "

- Zoe D., WCC Alumni

Our Supporters

Thanks to our patrons, donors, and sponsors, the WCC is enriching the lives of young aspiring singers in Worcester County. We'd like to extend a special thank you to Assumption College and the following corporate, foundation, and individual donors.



The WCC's Associate Director and Board President, Philip Montgomery, graciously receives a generous donation from The Main Street Group Foundation



The Sigel Family Foundation

Annual Fund Donors

We're so grateful to our Annual Fund donors whose ongoing support is critical to our ability to provide high-quality, affordable choral programming in Worcester county.

Maestro

Abigail Childs

Composer

Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy &
Khoa Kennedy
Philip C. Montgomery
Pamela Mindell
Chris & Marc Wychorski

Soloist

Barbara & Edward Cronin
Edward Cronin
Maureen Curley
Glenn C Demallie
Michael Guilfoyle
Alfred & Gail Hargrave Jr.
Jay & Janet Montgomery
William & Sharon Powell
Kejian & Shixia WangFirst

Section Leader

Christine Dolat Bartlett & Peter
Bartlett
David & Nicki Piersol-
Freedman

Singer

Jennifer Cronin & Bret Riley
Kelley A. Willard



Meet Our Team

WCC Staff



Philip Montgomery
Associate Director



Pamela Mindell
Assistant Director



John F. Delorey
Conductor, compose,
performer, teacher

2018-2019 Board of Directors

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