

WORCESTER



CHILDREN'S
CHORUS

Annual Report

2019-2020

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500 Salisbury St | Worcester MA

Partner in Residence with



Assumption
University

March 31, 2021

Dear Families, Friends, Donors, and Supporters,

Our 2019-2020 season started off like any other. Our choirs came together in September and began practicing for the many collaborations and concerts that would mark a typical season. Appearances included: singing with the Worcester Chorus in November, our annual Holiday Concert at Assumption University, a Broadway celebration, and an appearance at the Worcester Railers to sing the national anthem.

Then came Covid-19. The last two months of our season meant going online.

Performances and a much anticipated trip to the Crescent City Choral Festival in New Orleans were cancelled. With the health and safety of our singers and staff paramount, it was our priority to keep the community together, connected and singing where we could as we attempted to learn new technologies and find the best video-conferencing solution for a choral group. We offered music education activities, as well as coffee houses that gave our singers opportunities to get together virtually and share a song, poem, or piece of artwork.

To bring closure to the season and send our singers off with good wishes, we hosted a drive-by celebration in June and distributed a special WCC Strong - The Music Never Ends t-shirt to each child. If they couldn't attend, we went to them. Board members drove to each child's home that could not attend to drop off their gift and assure them we'd sing again in the fall.

With the pandemic's end nowhere in sight, our artistic staff and board of directors sprang into action and began plans for WCC LIVE Online for the fall of 2020. As our Fiscal Year came to a close that June, plans for the fall were coming together and new committees were formed to support the organization and the staff to ensure the future of WCC.

The hard work of our staff and board of directors since last March will be very evident soon. Great things are on the horizon, including: a rebranded look, a new website, and plans to resume in-person singing. At the Worcester Children's Chorus, we are excited to move forward and can't wait for families, returning and new, to Sing, Shine, and Soar!

Sincerely yours,

Philip Montgomery,
Associate Director and Board President

Worcester Children's Chorus, Inc.
Consolidated Actual Budget
July 2019 through June 2020

Income	
Earned	\$ 54,801.75
Donations	\$ 7,110.47
Grants	\$
Total Income	\$ 61,912.22

Expenses	
Tuition Scholarships and Disco	\$ 5,044.56
Business Expenses	\$ 1,249.20
Contract Services	\$ 1,350.50
Operations	\$ 6,320.56
Insurance - Liability, D and O	\$ 2,659.52
Payroll Expenses	\$ 50,723.06
Events	\$ 1,295.98
Total Expenses	\$ 68,643.38
Net Income	\$ (6,731.16)

Testimonials from our Parents

Of all the things Grace misses since school shut down, I would say that WCC ranks second only to seeing her friends from school. It has been such a great experience for her, and she has learned a great deal about singing from Mr. Montgomery. She has made good friends, and really gained a lot of confidence in herself.

It is an important organization that offers a grounding in music education and a healthy social environment. The teachers are experts in their fields and know how to work with children. We (my husband and I) are always impressed with the faculty's ability to elicit enthusiasm and creativity from each group. Hands down, one of the best learning opportunities for our girls.

2019-2020 Season

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Celebration of Excellence

Bel Canto joined singers from Burncoat Middle School at Mechanics Hall. Worcester, MA

November 3, 2019

Choral Arts New England Awards

Bel Canto and Cantare performed at the annual CANE Awards Ceremony. Old South Church, Boston, MA

November 8, 2019

A Concert of English Music with the Worcester Chorus

Bel Canto and Cantare performed with the Worcester Chorus under the direction of Christopher Shepard. Wesley Methodist Church, Worcester

December 3, 2019

Eisenberg Assisted Living Center

Bel Canto brought holiday cheer and performed for members of the Eisenberg Assisted Living Center. 631 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA

December 8, 2019

Holiday Concert

Seasonal selections from the five choirs of the WCC. Assumption University, Worcester, MA

January 20, 2020

Dreams of Harmony: Music and Reflections for Martin Luther King Day

Collaboration with Pakachoag Music School & All Saints Choir, All Saints Church, Worcester, MA

February 7, 2020

A Broadway Celebration

Our five ensembles presented a collection of musical theater favorites. Curtis Recital Hall, Assumption University.
500 Salisbury St, Worcester, MA 01609, USA

February 9, 2020

WCC Sings at the Worcester Railers Game

DCU Center
50 Foster St, Worcester, MA 01608, USA



The Following Performances & Tours were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

March 14, 2020

ACDA “Big Sing” Choral Festival

Fay School, Southborough, MA

May 6, 2020

Spring Concert

Assumption University

Tsotsis Performance Hall

June 2020

Tour to Crescent City Choral Festival

Concert at St. Louis Cathedral

New Orleans, LA

DONOR AND PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

We are grateful for the generous and sustained support of donors, sponsors and partners who share our goal of enriching the lives of children in Worcester county through choral music! Donors and partners make it possible for the WCC to provide students with a strong choral education that helps them to develop qualities of self-reliance, personal integrity, responsibility, compassion, and confidence.

FY 2020 (July 2019-June 2020)

Maestro - \$500 & Up

Abigail Childs

Pamela & David Mindell

Composer - \$250 & Up

Maureen Curley & Ken Stone in Honor of Sammy Johnson

Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy & Khoa Kennedy

Philip Montgomery

Chris Wychorski

Soloist - \$100 & Up

Susan & Steven Almy

Glenn DeMallie, Morgan Stanley

Alfred & Gail Hargrave, Jr.

Sarah Johnson

Christopher & Cindy Kardos

Jay & Janet Montgomery

Shixia Wang & Kejian Yang

Peter & Christine Dolat Bartlett

Andres Barraza

Kenneth & Judith Gorsuch

Singer - \$25 & Up

Paula H. Getnick

Denisa & Andrea Nasto

Friend - \$10 - \$24

Nicole Patterson

We do our very best to include all of our individual donors on this list. If you discover an error or an omission, please let us know so that we can correct the oversight. Each and every one of our donors is important and dear to us.

Our 2019-2020 Sponsors

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THE SIGEL FAMILY FOUNDATION - \$1,000

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ROCKLAND BANK TRUST - \$250



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ENSEMBLES

At WCC's core is our Choir Program, a music education and performance program for students ages 8-18 in Greater Worcester. With the goal of developing independent and confident musicians, the WCC offered five choirs in the 2019-2020 season for students with varying levels of ability.

DA CAPO

Entry-level choir for students in grades 3 – 5 that participates in 2 -3 scheduled performances per year. Students do not need to be able to read music, they must just love to sing!

YOUNG ARTISTS

Choir for is for students in grades 5 – 7 who have completed a year in Da Capo, or who demonstrate the ability to sing at an intermediate level. Young Artists participate in several scheduled performances per year. Children develop healthy vocal habits while learning the basics of reading music and making new friends.

BEL CANTO

The Bel Canto ensemble is primarily for students in grades 6-8 who have completed either at least one year in Young Artists or who demonstrate the ability to sing at a high intermediate level. Students sing in a variety of different musical styles under the larger Classical umbrella. Bel Canto typically has 1-2 performances each semester, ideally with at least one large collaboration with orchestra and/or an adult ensemble. The group does tour occasionally.

CANTARE

Open to high school-aged singers with a good deal of prior musical experience. Students are continually challenged to improve their music literacy skills and develop their vocal technique in a healthy way. Cantare has 1-2 concerts each semester, ideally with at least one large collaboration with an orchestra and/or an adult ensemble

BARITONES

The Baritone ensemble is open to boys in Middle and High School who have changed voices. Throughout the year, singers perform challenging repertoire in a variety of styles under the larger Classical umbrella (Classical pieces, folk songs, spirituals, world music, etc...). Students are continually challenged to improve their music literacy skills and to develop their vocal technique in a healthy way, with the ultimate goal of developing independent, confident musicians.

WORCESTER CHILDREN'S CHORUS

STAFF

Pamela Mindell, Artistic Director
Philip Montgomery, Associate Director
John Delorey, Baritone Director
Ilana Cady, Accompanist
Chris Wychorski, Program Manager

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OUR PARTNERSHIPS



ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

The WCC is "In Residence" at Assumption College. We are so appreciative for the resources, support, and rehearsal and performance spaces Assumption College provides the WCC.



PAKACHOAG MUSIC SCHOOL OF GREATER WORCESTER

The WCC is happy to be a "Partner in Music" with Pakachoag. The WCC's partnership with Pakachoag creates more opportunities for our students to learn and perform choral music.