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# Board of Directors Chair Letter

Thank you for supporting the Stockton Chorale's family of singing groups by participating in our Sweetheart Cabaret. We are halfway through our 69th season and looking forward to our 70th season of inspiring joy and enriching our community through choral music. Thank you to all our sponsors, donors, artistic staff, advertisers, and singers who gave their money and time to support the Stockton Chorale. It's all of you who have made the Stockton Chorale what it is today.

We are still working on our final two concerts of the season in March and May 2021. These concerts provide our audience and community with thought-provoking and inspiring music to help everyone deal with the challenges living in our 21st century world presents. We hope you will join us for our final two virtual concerts and the incredibly creative human spirit that has paved the way during this pandemic.

This last year threw down a gauntlet of challenges but you responded with generosity and commitment to the choral arts. The Stockton Chorale is stronger and more creative because of your support. Enjoy our Sweetheart Cabaret!!

Sincerely,

Mark Calonico, Board Chair



# COVID Concerts

I feel extremely fortunate that we are still singing, even though it is only through virtual performances. After our most successful concert in March 2020, we found ourselves grounded by the stay-at-home order within a week of that concert. There was such a profound sense of loss among our singers, and most of us believed that the stay-at-home order would last weeks. In late May, our Stockton Youth Chorale produced “Thank You Very Much” in honor of our first responders, health care workers, and essential workers. For July 4th, we released a recording of “America the Beautiful”. Those productions were so well received that it inspired us to move forward with virtual concerts.

We used the summer months to experiment with virtual rehearsals and creating performances. The Master Chorale, Valley Youth A Capella, and the Beer Choir continued rehearsing on-line and making individual recordings. With fingers crossed, we tried our first virtual fund-raiser in July 2020 which generated the funds necessary to produce the summer productions.

As rehearsals started up in September, we all had our eyes on the October concert, not sure what to expect. Our Board decided to make these concerts donation-based so we really had no idea how generous our audience would be. There were technical difficulties and confusion about how to make donations, but the amazing outcome of this concert was that people throughout the United States were able to see the concert. For the first time, we had an international audience! People in Europe, Africa, Australia, and China viewed our concert and we had over 500 people in attendance, one of our largest audiences ever for a weekend concert series.

Creating Virtual Concerts about two and a half times more expensive than an in-person concert. This fund-raiser vital to the Stockton Chorale as we continue to produce music during this pandemic. Every dollar you contribute during this fund raiser helps us continue producing until we can resume in person concerts. Your purchase of this gift basket provides the Stockton Chorale with the funds to continue bring choral music to our community. THANK YOU!!



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# A Group for Everyone

Over the past 10 years, the Stockton Chorale has added new singing groups to expand what we offer our audience and our singers. You are already familiar with the Stockton Chorale, Master Chorale and Stockton Youth Chorale, our foundational groups that you have come to enjoy year after year.



Stockton Singers (2014) premiered as a non-auditioned adult choir. This group performs lighter repertoire and has a less demanding rehearsal and concert schedule, which allows a wide range of singers to participate. The Stockton Singers in pre-COVID times toured the various retirement communities in Stockton, Lodi, Manteca, and Tracy, bringing concerts to people who cannot easily participate in the in person concerts.



Valley Youth A Capella (2018) premiered as a high school contemporary a capella group. Prior to this, high school singers who were veterans of the Stockton Youth Chorale had no alternative for more in-depth musical challenges. Since a capella is a popular yet challenging musical form, it began rehearsing in the fall of 2016 and premiered at the Awaken the Dream concert in 2018. This auditioned group is open to high school students who enjoy the challenges of a capella singing.



Stockton Beer Choir (2019) The Stockton Beer Choir began performing in the summer of 2019 as a fun, rollicking way to celebrate singing during the summer months. This is another non-auditioned choir that encourages men and women over the age of 21 to enjoy singing a repertoire of well-known party songs. We are part of Beer Choir International.

Port City Boys Choir (2020) offers boys an opportunity to sing in a boys-only choir, which allows us to address the unique needs of the changing voice in a musical setting. The Port City Boys Choir sings a variety of musical styles and joins the Stockton Youth Chorale for larger musical pieces.

These newer groups have extended the possibilities for singers from the age of 8 to 90 to share their love of singing with our community. The Stockton Chorale is proud of these groups as they continue to build singers and a reputation for fine music.

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