

## Our Vision and Mission...

Arizona Choral Arts Association's vision is to develop, support, and act as a resource for Community Choruses with diverse backgrounds, experience, and capabilities through promotion, shared resources, and community choral events. The Arizona Choral Arts Association (ACAA) strives to make Arizona the choral arts premier destination for choirs.

Our mission is to provide benefit, education, and business development assistance to emerging choirs through fiscal partnership to the diverse southern Arizona community and beyond through choral performances, collaborations with local and national artists, and commission new music.

We have a few things going on and encourage you to participate!

### Up Coming:

- ♪ Festival of Books at the University of Arizona March 14 & 15, 2020. Stop by and see our booth!
- ♪ Another brilliant choral festival October 24, 2020. This concert will feature several of our member choruses. If we get enough participation and depending on venue, it may expand to multiple concerts so save the date!

ACAA now has 16 member choirs of varying genres. I'm continually amazed at the variety and number of choruses Tucson has to offer—considerably more than our current membership.

Singing has many physical and emotional benefits. Professor Grenville Hancox, Director of the Sidney de Haan Research Centre for Arts and Health in Kent, UK has done extensive research on the benefits of choral singing on psychological well-being. He is so passionate about the enormous emotional benefits of choral singing, he has been trying to persuade the medical profession to prescribe singing instead of Prozac: "If we could engage more and more people in singing, I'm sure we would have a healthier nation."

Studies have shown that the mental health benefits of choral singing include enhanced brain function, strengthened feelings of togetherness, and the release of endorphins and oxytocin resulting in reduced stress and depression.

Looking for ways to improve your health, need something to do after retirement, need support from friends after life crises? JOIN A CHORUS!

Want to know more about the Arizona Choral Arts Association? Check us out at [www.azsings.org](http://www.azsings.org). Become a member and get involved with choral life in Tucson.

## What's Happening with Our Choirs...

### ARIZONA REPERTORY SINGERS

Upcoming concerts—our spring concerts, Songs of Unity, will be performed at three locations. Here is a link to download the brochure:

[https://arsingers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/ARS\\_HalfSheet\\_FLYER\\_SongsOfUnityApril2020.pdf](https://arsingers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/ARS_HalfSheet_FLYER_SongsOfUnityApril2020.pdf)

For the sixth year, we have been invited to perform for students from Tucson area Title I schools at the Berger Performing Arts Center through a partnership with [Act One](#) – a not-for-profit organization that engages students from underserved schools in arts learning opportunities to create meaningful enrichment and exposure to the arts. Over the last five years, we have presented concerts to more than 1,680 students and expect to sing for 500 more this season.

### CAMERATA SONORA

Camerata Sonora brings to life music of medieval France and Germany in our spring concert on Saturday, March 28 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Lo Gai Saber traces the influence of the troubadours and troubairitz, the Occitan poets whose style of music emphasized themes of chivalry and courtly love and flourished for roughly 200 years until religious and political conflict brought about its decline. Included in the program are works of Marcabru, Bernart de Ventadorn, the Comtessa de Dia, and other masters of this music. This eclectic program is infused with drama and humor that will appeal to music lovers of all ages. Please join us for this exciting, unique concert. Tickets are \$15 [online](#) and \$20 at the door.

### MOXIE SINGERS

Moxie Singers Tucson has had a year of growth and fun working on building our repertoire. March 7 is our first Headliner Show, held in Bisbee at the Central School Project as a fund-raiser for that incredible artist space there. "Moxie Singers Tucson Sings Eclectic" is just that—we are having fun singing a little bit of this and a little bit of that, learning and laughing and doing our a cappella singin' thing all the way! We are still small but mighty and are looking to have a time of recruitment over the next year or so, with an emphasis on low-voiced women! One way we hope to do this is to have a "Holiday Chorus" focused on welcoming women who miss singing Christmas and Holiday music; just a short commitment of time to learn songs with

us for a few December performances. Please come over and like us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)!

### SOUTHERN ARIZONA WOMEN'S CHORUS

The Southern Arizona Women's Chorus is celebrating their 20th year with Conductor Terrie Asbhaugh. This spring SAWC's unique repertoire includes incredible arrangements of gospels & spirituals, as well as some extraordinary pieces that address social justice. We are preparing these and several songs in Spanish and Basque as we get ready to head to San Sebastian, Spain for the International Women's Choir Festival in June. SAWC's next concert will be "Festival in Spain" April 25, 7 p.m., Ascension Lutheran Church.

### THE VAIL CHORALE

Since 2011, The Vail Chorale has been entertaining audiences with music from Renaissance madrigals to jazz, pop, and Broadway tunes. After a very successful affiliation with the Arizona Senior Academy, the chorale recently joined the ACAA to take advantage of their 501 (c) (3) status and their collaborative efforts on behalf of other vocal groups in Southern Arizona. The Chorale is directed by Brianna Petty, assisted by Melissa Hale. Their spring concert is "From Bach to the Beatles" as they visit the great "B" composers.

### TUCSON DESERT HARMONY

Tucson Desert Harmony had a fun and fabulous annual show last fall at Berger Center. "All About the Town" had a first half full of songs that honored Tucson and all the things we love about living here. After intermission we transformed into ghost, ghouls, witches, and zombies for a Spooky Second Half! We have an annual fall show, so hopefully we'll see you in our audience. We'd love for you to like us on [Facebook](#), or visit our [website](#) for current information. In the spring, TDH gears up for contest. As part of Sweet Adelines International, the largest women's barbershop singing organization found around the world from Australia to Japan to Sweden. Separated into regions, each region has a contest, and the best choruses and quartets then go on to compete at the International Contest. This year, our regional contest is the first weekend in April in Phoenix at the Orpheus Theatre. We'd love to have you come out for our March 17, "Friends and Family" evening—our dress rehearsal for the contest stage. It's Fast, Free, and Fun! Check our [Facebook](#) page for more details!

## TUCSON GIRLS CHORUS

At TGC, we do so much more than rehearse in our River Rd. building. TGC believes that the spirit of collaboration is essential in order to further our mission and more fully support our singers and the community as a whole.

As part of our strategic outreach, TGC works with school districts to provide an after-school choir in two Title I schools at little to no cost to students. We offer support to music teachers through free classroom visits, professional development workshops, and two annual choral festivals. In Fall 2019, TGC formed a Teacher Advisory Committee to better connect with, serve, and engage our local music educators. Last year, we served over 4,000 students and 46 teachers through our school visit program.

TGC is proud to further invest in the future of music education by providing an internship program in partnership with the University of Arizona's Choral Department, creating opportunities for future music educators to work with TGC ensembles and receive mentorship from artistic faculty. In the past two years, we have served four students as interns. Further partnership with UA will help us expand our impact.

Our most recent collaborative project is called "Let's Just Sing", in partnership with the UA School of Music, AZ American Choral Directors Association, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tucson. This six-week program aims to fuel communal singing without the pressure of an upcoming performance.

## TUCSON MASTERWORKS CHORALE

Tucson Masterworks Chorale is proud to feature Haydn's "The Seasons" for our spring concert season. Though lesser known than its sacred partner "The Creation", "The Seasons" contains everything audiences love of Haydn's later works: an extended orchestra, large chorus, and vivid imagery. The piece goes through daily life and work in Haydn's time from peasant characters, praising the land for its life-giving abundance. Tucson Masterworks Chorale will feature vocal soloists Erika Burkhart, Seth Kershnik, and Mitchell Sturges and [orcrashbaugh@aol.com](mailto:orcrashbaugh@aol.com) members from the Tucson Symphony Orchestra and Fred Fox School of Music.

We will perform "The Seasons" by Joseph Haydn, with full orchestra and soloists, on April 19, 2020 at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

## VOICES IN THE OAKS CHORALE

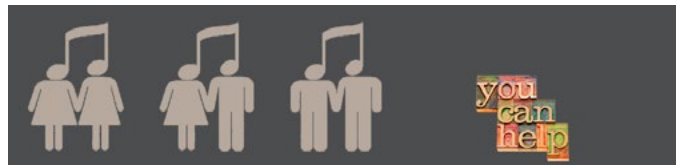
In February 2016, Mary Huebner founded the Voices in the Oaks Chorale to bring a vocal music component to the Oracle Piano Society. The purpose was to bring enjoyment of music in general to anyone who wanted to participate and to enhance appreciation for vocal music in particular. The effect has been to create a choral community that grows in numbers and musicianship with each concert presented! Mary directed the chorus until March 2019, when she stepped down from the conductor's box and stepped up on the risers doing what she loves—to sing. They are now conducted by Donte' Alexander Ford.

Voices in the Oaks Chorale presents two concerts per year plus a "Messiah" Sing Along in December. For more information visit <https://www.oraclepianosociety.org/voices>.

## NEWEST MEMBER

### TRUE CONCORD (<https://www.trueconcord.org/>)

A critically acclaimed professional chamber choir and orchestra, with Innovative programming, intimate and acoustically excellent performances across the region, and voices and instrumentalists of the highest caliber from across the country, with a mission to create experiences that move, enrich, and inspire.



## ACAA Needs Board Members!

We are not a chorus, but we are a conglomerate of choruses! We need visionaries and connections to help us achieve our goals to support all choruses in the Greater Tucson area and eventually the state of Arizona. DO you have a past board member who loves being on a community board? We can use their help. Contact Terrie at 404-3148 for more information.

## Concert Advertisements!

Please be sure to get us your concert information for the [web site calendar](#). We also are exchanging ads. These should be generic ads that each member chorus can share in their programs.

## The Tucson Book Festival!

The 2020 Tucson Festival of Books will take over the UA mall on March 14-15 for a weekend of books, authors, and booths promoting literacy and culture. Once again, ACAA has a booth highlighting its member choirs, with volunteers from the choirs manning the booth.



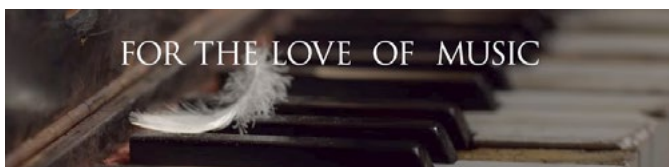
The Book festival is an excellent opportunity for the ACAA to promote its vision and showcase the member choirs. We have a sandwich board with all our choirs' flyers and

additional copies of their flyers are available, along with bookmarks containing ACAA website information. Hundreds of people pass by our booth over the two days, and many will stop by to ask about the choirs and pick up a bookmark or a flyer. Every year we have individuals who provide their contact information so they can be contacted about joining one of the choirs.



If you have never been to the book festival, try it out this year. Check out the Tucson Audubon Society, or the Jane Austin Society, meet an author at the Clues Unlimited booth, or maybe wander down to Science City to check out all the fascinating events going on there. There is also all sorts of music and dance events going on, food, storytelling, and even a circus! And of course, stop by the ACAA booth and say hello to your fellow choir members.

For detailed information you can access: [tucsonfestivalofbooks.org/](http://tucsonfestivalofbooks.org/).



## Board of Directors

- Kate Riley, President
- Carrie Hall, Vice President
- Brian Cochran, Secretary
- Terrie Ashbaugh, Ex-Officio Member
- Ingrid Novodvorsky, Past Chair of SAWC
- Vacant Positions:
  - Treasurer
  - Finance

## Support

The **ACAA** is qualified as a charity to receive a portion of purchases made at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). If you make such purchases, please do so through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to purchase anything you normally would through Amazon. Type in Arizona Choral Arts Association as your favorite charity! Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase to Arizona Choral Arts Association.

The Arizona Choral Arts Association is a 501 (c) (3) Non-profit organization and your tax deductible donations can be made using PayPal:



Donations and Payments to The Arizona Choral Arts Association can be made by sending payment to:

**Arizona Choral Arts Association**  
**PO Box 64576**  
**Tucson, AZ 85728-4576**

You can also make ACAA Membership payments using PayPal:



ACAA is a member of [Chorus America](http://ChorusAmerica.com).

**We are moving forward! Let us know how we can be of assistance to your chorus in administration, community, or conducting.**

## Member Choruses

### Arizona Repertory Singers:

Contact us: 520-792-8141, Email: [info@arsingers.org](mailto:info@arsingers.org), or visit our web site: [www.arsingers.org](http://www.arsingers.org).

### Camerata Sonora:

Contact us: 520-261-8322 or Email: [cameratasonora@gmail.com](mailto:cameratasonora@gmail.com); Find us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#); or visit our web site: <https://cameratasonora.org>

### Moxie Singers:

Email: [moxiesingerstucson@gmail.com](mailto:moxiesingerstucson@gmail.com), find us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#), or visit our web site: <https://www.moxiesingerstucson.com/>

### Sons of Orpheus—The Male Choir of Tucson:

Call Grayson Hirst at 520-484-3743, or Email: [contact1@sonsoforpheus.org](mailto:contact1@sonsoforpheus.org).

### Southern Arizona Women's Chorus (SAWC):

Find us on [Facebook](#) or contact us: 520-404-3148, Email: [Membership@SAWC.org](mailto:Membership@SAWC.org). Visit our web site: [www.southernarizonawomenschorus.org](http://www.southernarizonawomenschorus.org).

### The Helios Ensemble:

Contact us: 202-262-3634 or Email: [info@heliosensemble.org](mailto:info@heliosensemble.org)

### The Summer Chorus:

Call: 404-3148 or Email: [ta2sings@gmail.com](mailto:ta2sings@gmail.com).

### The Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus:

Find us on [Facebook](#). Contact us: 520-296-6277 or Email: [tabc@boyschorus.org](mailto:tabc@boyschorus.org).

### The Vail Chorale:

Email: [thevailchorale@gmail.com](mailto:thevailchorale@gmail.com); follow us on [Facebook](#), or visit our web site: <http://www.thevailchorale.org/>

### True Concord:

Contact us: 520-401-2651 or Email: [info@TrueConcord.org](mailto:info@TrueConcord.org); Find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#); or visit our web site: <https://www.trueconcord.org>

### Tucson Barbershop Experience:

Visit any of our rehearsals, Monday evenings, 6:30-9pm, at the Tucson Jewish Community Center, 3800 E River Rd.

### Tucson Desert Harmony:

Visit any of our rehearsals, Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm, at the Tucson Jewish Community Center, 3800 E. River Rd.

### Tucson Girls Chorus:

Phone: 520-577-6064. Visit our web site: <https://www.tucsongirlschorus.org/>

### Tucson Masterworks Chorale:

Visit our web site: [www.tucsonmasterworkschorale.org](http://www.tucsonmasterworkschorale.org) and explore the "Join TMC," "Member Resources," and "Concert News" pages for more information.

### Tucson Women's Chorus:

Find us on [Facebook](#). Contact us: 330-741-1084 or Email: [twc.info@tucsonwomenschorus.org](mailto:twc.info@tucsonwomenschorus.org).

### Voices in the Oaks:

Visit our web site: <https://www.oraclepianosociety.org/voices>

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