

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.

Covid-19 Update

The act of singing has been shown to create aerosolization of Coronavirus droplets comparable to that produced by coughing. Social distancing of 6 feet is not sufficient. The dangers are greater indoors, such as in a rehearsal room, and the longer the exposure, such as a 2-hour rehearsal, the greater the likelihood of transmission.

Join us on our Arizona Choral Arts Association Facebook group to see and hear virtual performances.

What's Happening with Our Choirs...

Arizona Repertory Singers:

ARS has been doing virtual choral performances with great success. While there will be no in person singing, they will continue to record approximately every 2-3 weeks and eventually have a virtual concert prepared. They had a virtual "cast party" after their first recording which all agreed was fun and a great way to keep in touch. Patrons will be receiving a link to these virtual performances from time to time. Keep watching.

The Helios Ensemble:

Helios has been doing virtual choral performances with great success. While there will be no in person singing, they will continue to record virtual performances. They did find that the Zoom meetings with the ensemble were not of value so will not be having those going forward. To keep things interesting, Ben is considering collaborating with other solo artists who are willing to do so virtually.

Southern Arizona Women's Chorus:

SAWC's Executive Team has continued meeting monthly and discussing how to proceed as many of their members are older and may not be willing or able to do virtual recordings. They will not be meeting in person until safer measures can be put in place, but will try to do some rehearsals and monthly meetings. They will be sending out to our patrons previously recorded videos of concert performances as well as links to SAWC recordings. Some of the organizations for outreach performances will still be meeting so SAWC will be putting together a "playlist" of previous videos with comments and using this as a performance using Zoom with the group that's meeting.

Sons of Orpheus:

The Son's of Orpheus have not done much over the summer except sending out previously recorded performances to keep in touch with their audience. They do not plan to meet again until it is safe to do so.

The Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus:

The boys have been quite active throughout the summer and will continue. While their summer camp was cancelled due to the Big Horn Fire as well as COVID, they met virtually and played games, had 2 drive-in movies with families, and will continue with fun family activities. They are the only group planning to continue in person with strict safety measures in place e.g. meeting outdoors, temperature check, masks, distancing, only 1 person in the bathroom at a time, no shared ropes for their roping exercises, and no water fountain. When they are not able to meet outdoors, they will continue using Google Classrooms for learning.

Vail Chorale:

Despite the cancelled seasons, we in The Vail Chorale are determined and eager to plan for a "Now Returning to the Stage" season when it will once again be safe for singers to rehearse together and sing for live audiences. We hope to be singing for you again in 2021!

During the current down time, we are reaching out to members, former members, donors, and lovers of choral music through Facebook and email, and we are exploring digital technology including an experimental project to create a virtual choir. The Chorale's motto: "Live for singing – sing for life!" sums up how important keeping music,

singing in particular and bringing it to others, is in our lives.

Tucson Barbershop Experience:

The Tucson Barbershop Experience have kept the group in touch through monthly Zoom meetings and while they are not planning to meet in person, they are still recruiting for new members. They have tried doing some recording with quartets but many of the members are older and not as willing or able. They will be researching the possibility of safely doing concerts at Reid Park and if all is well would like the ACAA choirs to participate in a winter holiday outdoor performance.

Tucson Desert Harmony:

Tucson Desert Harmony Chorus is meeting every week on zoom. We do a virtual physical warm up, then a vocal skills time. We then add some fun videos of Broadway songs since hopefully that will be our next show theme. We have about a 15 minute visiting time for our members to catch up with each other. It's been very successful for us so far.

Tucson Masterworks Chorale:

Tucson Masterworks Chorale's virtual fall program, *We Rise Again*, expresses the indomitable strength of the human spirit. In times of uncertainty and doubt, the program speaks of unity, perseverance, and hope for the future. It features five pieces compiled digitally from audio and video recordings by individual members during socially distanced rehearsals.

The pieces include: *Yours are the Hands* by Andrea Ramsey, *It Takes a Village* by Joan Szymko, *Homeward Bound* arr. Mark Wilberg, *We Rise Again* arr. Stephen, *I Love You/What a Wonderful World* by Craig Hella Johnson. TMC and its artistic staff hope that this virtual concert can reach our friends and family in Tucson and beyond. While we are apart from each other for now, know that we love you, and we will keep singing.

Tucson Girls Chorus:

TGC has offered 3 PD's to music educators since the end of July for teachers not only locally and statewide, but also educators from all over the world (Germany, Zambia, Croatia!)

Through our virtual Professional Development (free of charge) we engaged 208 teachers world wide. We remain committed to support our music educators during this transitional time as well as creating innovative programming in our community.

Tucson Women’s Chorus:

TWC has had a couple of virtual sing-alongs and a game night. They will likely continue to meet online socially and will try learning music online.

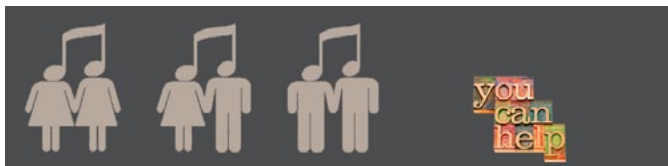
Voices in the Oaks Chorale:

This group is fairly small and in a small community so they will be meeting by sections (less than 10 people) in homes to rehearse and record together. These recordings will be used hopefully to help with virtual recordings of the full choir in the future.

True Concord:

True Concord has not yet crystallized their season, as they are still assessing viability of various options that have been used as basis for surveying their constituent groups over the summer. They’re aiming to finalize a plan for the fall half of the season by the end of this month, and will continue to evaluate the situation as far as plans for spring half of the season.

Regardless of the extent of modifications to the season, the activities of our member choirs point to the 2021-22 season as the light at the end of the tunnel and for which we need YOUR continued support in order to get there.



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.



Board of Directors

- Carrie Hall, President
- Glenda Cleveland, Vice President
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- Terrie Ashbaugh, Ex-Officio executive Director
- Carol Swanson, Southern Arizona Women’s Chorus Umbrella Representative
- Emily Lyons, Camerata Sonora Umbrella Representative
- Vacant Position: Treasurer/Financ

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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, or visit our web site: www.arsingers.org.

Camerata Sonora:

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

Sons of Orpheus—The Male Choir of Tucson:

Call Grayson Hirst at 520-484-3743, or Email: contact1@sonsoforpheus.org.

Southern Arizona Women's Chorus (SAWC):

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

The Helios Ensemble:

Contact us: 202-262-3634 or Email: info@heliosensemble.org

The Summer Chorus:

Call: 520-404-3148 or Email: acaasings@gmail.com.

The Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus:

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

The Vail Chorale:

Email: 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; 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 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.

Voices in the Oaks:

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

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