

August 19, 2022

Dear Choral Music Lovers and Members of the Ashtabula County Choral Music Society,

The signs that fall is approaching are here. Pumpkins are growing in the garden, mums have shown up at the garden store, and the school buses are rolling. It is time to get ready for the fall season for ACCMS.

Thank you to those singers who participated in the singing of the National Anthem for the Relay For Life. We have received so many positive comments. Check out the webpage for the video under the EVENTS tab. <http://ashcochoralmusicsociety.org/>

The board has been very active over the summer. I am happy to announce the fall plans. The first rehearsal is **August 28 at 4pm at St Peters Episcopal Church**. The program we will prepare for is entitled "Songs of Night and Day". The first **performance will be November 20 at 4 pm**. We are working on a combined performance for November 19 so please keep that date open if you can.

Austin Blair, Choral teacher for Conneaut Schools has joined the Board. He is very active in community music and is very interested in meeting the mission of ACCMS. You met him when he sang with ACCMS for the spring program 2022. Austin is so involve that he has agreed to be the guest director for the fall program and Paul Shellhammer will be a choral member. How's that for news?

There is a very exciting fundraiser going on which you might have seen on FaceBook or in the Gazette. A raffle for 4 tickets to Disney's FROZEN will be held Sunday, September 3. For \$20.00 you have the opportunity to win the ticket for Saturday performance on September 10, 2022, 7:30 pm at Playhouse Square in downtown Cleveland, OH. Package includes parking. **Please contact Dawn Grimm at [grimmco@gmail.com](mailto:grimmco@gmail.com) or Andy Chiodo at [chiodo@1791.com](mailto:chiodo@1791.com) for tickets at \$20.00. They may also be purchased through the webpage using Eventbrite, which collects an additional \$2.85 fee for the service. [Click here for details or buy tickets](#) through Eventbrite.**

To fund the ongoing operation of ACCMS, a financial campaign to attract donors/patrons is coming. We are asking members of the choral to contact friends/family/businesses and ask them to be a donor/patron. Individuals/family members will have their name and donor level in the brochure distributed at each performance. Businesses will have an advertisement in the brochure depending on sponsor level. A \$25.00 donation is the starting level. The patrons/sponsors help pay for music, piano tuning, accompanists, insurance and copyright coverage to name a few expenses.

The next meeting of the Board is September 21 at 6pm at St. Peters. Any member of the chorale is invited to attend any Board meeting.

Also, please "like" and share our Facebook page and review our website. <http://ashcochoralmusicsociety.org/> We are continuing to improve the webpage and expand our digital presence. Josh Woodard, Andy Chiodo and Austin Blair have been very instrumental. Doug Angerman is our FaceBook contact. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome. These board members along with Ellen Jacobs and Martha Sorohan are the Marketing and Publicity committee.

We are looking forward to making music together and want you and your friends, your neighbors, your children age 13 to join us. See you August 28.

Dawn Grimm, ACCMS Board President