

Our Mission

To provide performance opportunities for amateur musicians and to establish a supportive community dedicated to helping its members grow in confidence and vocal technique.

To provide excellent choral art to the public made accessible and enjoyable through education, contextualization, and translation.

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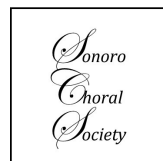
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About us

Sonoro Choral Society is a private, independent choral organization in the south Puget Sound. The spirit of our organization is personified in our name, "Sonoro," a Spanish word that means sonorous and resounding. It is our primary mission for our music to inspire, educate, and resonate within our local community.

The principal choir, **Sonoro**, was originally founded in 2007 as a mixed choir, and was reorganized as a women's choir in 2011. Since then the **Sonoro Women's Choir** has blossomed from a small group of non-auditioned singers into a vetted chorus of high caliber vocalists. The SWC performs a wide range of choral literature from large works such as Gustav Holst's "Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda" to cutting edge contemporary pieces by Ola Gjeilo to popular show tunes.

The ensemble is conducted by artistic director and founder, Jeremy Shilley. Director Shilley emphasizes education in all of his work with the Choir. Through his vision, our organization is able to fulfill our core belief in the value of being equal parts artists and educators, to constantly work to develop the knowledge and appreciation for great music, poetry, and composers within our organization and the general public.

We need your help

At the start of 2020, the Sonoro Women's Choir was well on its way to bigger and more excellent performances, with almost 30 singers; then the 2020 pandemic arrived. We, along with other choral groups had to shut down for over a year. When we were finally able to gather again in April of 2021, we re-started with 16 singers—around half of our prior numbers, and the loss of the intervening concert revenue. But we persevered, and our most faithful followers stayed with us through it all.

Operating costs for artistic director salary, accompanist, accountant, basic accounting software, website hosting, sheet music, guest musicians, and incidentals for a season is approximately \$15,000. In 2018 and 2019, we were generating sufficient funds via modest member dues, ticket sales, and small fundraising efforts. The pandemic drained our bank account to the point where we will run out of funds for even the basic day-to-day functions of the organization. We have increased member dues, are re-using sheet music from previous concerts, cutting back guest musicians, and have temporarily reduced salaries, but these reductions are not sustainable.

Please consider funding us according to one of the following giving levels, so that we can continue our ongoing mission.

Giving Levels

All donors will be listed in program according to Giving Level, unless we are requested to keep donation anonymous.

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