

Holiday Concert



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Spring Concert



The spring concert, **“Illumination”**, will reflect a theme of finding the light within and shining the light on those in darkness, featuring Ola Gjeilo’s Luminous Night of the Soul, Into the Light by Jake Runestad, and Elaine Hagenberg’s Illuminare.



Anne Dorsey, Director and Conductor, holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she studied voice and conducting. While a student at Chapel Hill, she sang soprano in the renowned Carolina Choir and Women’s Glee Club, both directed by the late Dr. Lara Hoggard. Her choral teaching experience includes high school, middle school and elementary school levels. Her last teaching position was at North Moore High School in Moore County. She retired after 32 years in education. In addition to teaching, Ms. Dorsey served as Choir Director of Community Congregational Church in Southern Pines from 1978 to 2017. This is her 22nd season as Artistic Director and Conductor of the Choral Society. In earlier years, she also sang and served the chorus as a member and soprano soloist. This year several MCCS members along with Ms. Dorsey will travel to New York City to participate in the Carnegie Hall premiere of Ola Gjeilo’s Twilight Mass.

Stephen Gourley, Collaborative Pianist

Stephen Gourley is Director of Music at The Village Chapel in Pinehurst, NC, a post he has held since 2014. He oversees all aspects of the music program, including curating The Chapel's popular concert series. Stephen is also a former chorus member and board president of MCCS. He has served churches in the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Lutheran traditions in North Carolina and Texas. Stephen is in great demand locally as a collaborator and solo artist and his choral compositions are published by Renforth Music.



2023-2024 Season

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**CELEBRATING
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CHORAL PERFORMANCE**

The Moore County Choral Society (MCCS) has a proud history of fulfilling its mission in the Sandhills “to increase the public awareness and appreciation of the musical arts; and to educate as well as entertain both performer and audience.” We are returning for our annual Holiday Concert on December 10th, making this our 49th year in continuing the tradition of presenting fine choral “music that touches the soul.” Membership in MCCS is drawn from Moore and surrounding counties.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In 1989 the Choral Society endowed a fund that provides an annual scholarship for a music student at Sandhills Community College. In 2003, a second scholarship program was created to benefit a graduating high school choral student who will major in music at a two- or four-year college.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP . . .

MCCS, a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization, depends on the generous contributions of individuals and businesses. An Endowment Fund has also been established for memorial gifts and bequests that support the Society. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Financial support of the Choral Society will help maintain the legacy and performance of fine choral music in the Sandhills.

Donation Levels

Yes, I would like to donate and help continue to grow the choral arts in Moore County (mark below with an X).

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A gift of \$2500 and above
Includes 12 Free Tickets to both concerts

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A gift of \$1000 to \$2499
Includes 8 Free Tickets to both concerts

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A gift of \$500 to \$999
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A gift of \$250 to \$499
Includes 2 Free Tickets to both concerts

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A Gift of \$100 to \$249
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FINE TUNERS:

A gift of \$50 to \$99.

Share the Music: Provide ticket(s) for people who would not be able to attend otherwise. I will sponsor _____ at \$20.00 each for a total of \$_____.

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Ticket price \$20 (Adults)

\$10 (Students)

Tickets _____ December 10, 2023

Tickets _____ April 7, 2024

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