

Our Mission...

... is to prepare and perform high-quality music from the wide spectrum of the choral repertoire; to educate singers and audiences about the treasures of choral music; and to provide the community with enriching experiences unique to the choral art.

We envision...

... that by 2016 the high quality of the State College Choral Society will be recognized by Chorus America for its choral excellence in the volunteer chorus category, based on the Chorus America criteria of artistic excellence, a strong organizational structure, and a commitment to outreach, educational and/or culturally diverse activities.



~60 Years of Choral Excellence~



State College, PA

The community of State College has a long standing reputation for supporting the arts. Through the ongoing generosity of the general public, SCCS has been able to provide high quality choral performances of masterworks for 60 years. The Diamond Endowment will perpetuate this legacy for generations to come.

Centre County
Community Foundation, Inc.

SCCS Music Directors

Dr. Shelley is the Elma Stine Heckler Assistant Professor of Music at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA, where he serves as Chair of the Department of Music.

Russell Shelley
1999 - present



D. Douglas Miller
1971 - 1998

John Mc Gowan
1970 - 1971

Raymond Brown
1956 - 1971

Martha Ramsey
1949 - 1955

State College Choral Society

Diamond Endowment Campaign



*Envisioning the Future,
Handing down a Legacy.*

Diamond Campaign Named Endowment Opportunities

_____ Music Director's Chair

donor's name \$500,000 - \$1,000,000

_____ Executive Director Chair

donor's name \$200,000

_____ New Choral Works

donor's name \$100,000 each

_____ Rehearsal Artist Chair

donor's name \$100,000

_____ Outreach Choir Director's Chair

donor's name \$100,000 each

_____ Youth Chorale Festival

donor's name \$50,000 each

_____ Oratorio Performance

donor's name \$50,000 each

_____ Guest Soloist

donor's name \$25,000 each

_____ High School Honors Singer

donor's name \$12,000 each

Please make checks payable to:

State College Choral Society
Endowment Campaign

Mail to:

State College Choral Society
P.O. Box 675
State College, PA 16804

State College Choral Society



Dear friend of SCCS,

The Choral Society is one of the crown jewels of Central Pennsylvania's performing arts organizations. We are coming to you asking your support for an endowment campaign to help assure continued and enhanced choral music experiences for our community into the future.

Building on **60 years** of providing outstanding choral music to the people in this area, the Choral Society has adopted a new Vision statement which envisions achieving wider recognition for excellence among community choral performance groups, expanding community outreach by fostering smaller ensembles, and developing the next generation of choral singers through sponsoring a youth choral festival and providing outstanding high school singers with the opportunity to perform with the Society. The High School Honors Singers Program envisions providing annual scholarships to deserving high school students who, following graduation, attend college with the intent to become choral music educators.

Under the vibrant leadership of conductor Dr. Russell Shelley, the Choral Society recently attained a pinnacle achievement through the commission of a significant new choral work entitled "**Voices of the Holocaust**," with premiere performances in State College, Philadelphia and Altoona. With endowment support we envision commissions for additional new choral works in the future, thereby

not only offering unique musical experiences to patrons in this area but also contributing to the future of choral music nationally.

These are exciting goals but they cannot be attained without the stable and continuing financial base provided by endowment funds. To reach our goal of \$1.5 million, we have several larger named donor gift opportunities, or alternatively we are asking you to consider pledging in the range of \$1,000 to \$10,000, payable over three to five years.

We know you are among those who have the greatest love for choral music and the highest level of commitment to the Choral Society, and if you are a singer performing with the Choral Society, it has a place among life's experiences that you treasure most. Many thanks for your thoughtful consideration of this request to provide a legacy for the future of the Choral Society.

Sincerely yours,

The Diamond Endowment Campaign Committee
Paulette McLane, Chair Janet Haner
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Campaign Donor Pledge Agreement

Total pledge (can be paid over the next 3-5 years
as specified below): \$ _____

First year's pledge payment
is enclosed: \$ _____

\$ _____

Year two

\$ _____

Year three

\$ _____

Year four

\$ _____

Year five

Please remind me: _____ annually, _____ semi-annually

* I wish to support the following named donor endowment opportunity:

* My gift may be eligible for matching funds from: _____

* I need information about making a gift of securities: _____

* I need information about including the Choral Society in my will/estate plans: _____

* I want my pledge to be directed to the D. Douglas Miller fund: _____

Print Name(s)

Street Address

City

State

Zip

SIGNATURE(S)

Date

For recognition, list my/our names as: _____

Memorial Contributions: In memory of _____

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GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES

WAYS TO GIVE



There are many ways to make charitable gifts, and some may even allow you to provide more than you might have considered. Some key tax considerations which may help you increase the amount of your gifts are described below.

CASH GIFTS

The simplest method of giving is to send a personal check.

APPRECIATED SECURITIES

When you give long-term appreciated securities, not only do you receive an income tax deduction equal to the market value of the securities, but you also avoid capital gains taxes on the transfer.

REAL and PERSONAL PROPERTY

A residence or other real property may be given as an outright gift, or you may prefer to give your residence, farm or vacation home and retain the right to occupy it for life. Raw land and commercial property may also be used for charitable giving and may offer significant tax advantages to the donor.

BEQUESTS and RETIREMENT PLANS

A will provision allows you to make a substantial contribution without diminishing the assets available to you during your life. Since bequests are deductible from your taxable estate, significant estate tax savings are possible. Naming charity as a beneficiary of your retirement plan also avoids income tax when charity receives its distribution from the plan. In addition, the CCCF Deferred Pledge Agreement may be used to make a gift to be paid directly from your estate.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

In exchange for a gift of money or securities, a charity will pay you and/or a loved one a fixed amount annually for the rest of your life. A portion of this income is not taxed, and you also receive a charitable deduction for part of your gift as calculated with IRS tables.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

You can use an irrevocable trust to provide yourself and/or a loved one with a fixed annual income or an income which varies with the value of the trust. Part of your gift qualifies for an income tax deduction, as calculated with IRS tables. At the death of the last income beneficiary, the corpus of the trust is distributed to charity.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS

You can support charity for a term of years or for the life of an individual by creating a Charitable lead trust to the charities of your choice each year during the term of the trust. When the trust terminates, the assets in the trust revert to you or to individuals you wish to benefit.

LIFE INSURANCE

When you give a life insurance policy to charity, the cash surrender value of the policy or the cost of a replacement policy is deductible as a charitable contribution. If you continue to pay premiums after your gift, these premiums are also deductible.