



General Information

Why Do the Nations...? **2026-27 -- Our 78th Season**

Rehearsals

All regular rehearsals will be held Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Oakwood Presbyterian Church, 1865 Waddle Road, State College, PA 16801. A **Master Calendar** with all rehearsal and performance dates is available through our chorus management software, *Chorus Connection*. Changes to this schedule will be announced at rehearsals, as well as via email.

Rehearsal Cancellations

We anticipate holding all scheduled rehearsals unless highways are closed. An email notification will be sent if rehearsal is canceled. Please check your email prior to taking the highway during bad weather events. When in doubt, call your section leader.

Section Leaders

Nancey Youmans - Soprano
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814-206-6316

Pat Daniels - Alto
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814-404-6034

Ryan Ditmer - Tenor
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TBD - Bass

Attendance

The Choral Society expects that members will attend all rehearsals and performances. Members may be excused for illness, travel, or other extenuating circumstances. **Pre-concert dress rehearsals are mandatory.** As a member of the Choral Society, you are joining a proud organization with a history of musical excellence and understand that attendance at all rehearsals is crucial for the ensemble's continued success. If a member should **miss more than 20% of the rehearsals during a concert cycle**, one's ability to participate in the concert will be at the discretion of the Artistic Director and the Chorus Manager.

Weekly Rehearsal Audio Recording

SCCS provides weekly rehearsal recordings that capture important context provided by the Artistic Director. It is incumbent upon members to refer to these recordings especially when a rehearsal is missed. A weekly email is sent to all members with hyperlink for easy access.

Dues

Annual dues for **Returning Members** are \$120, **New Members** are \$90, and **Student or Graduate Students** are \$60 for the season. **Sustaining Members** (\$200 and above) will be recognized in our concert programs. Sustaining memberships are voluntary and help keep the Choral Society experience affordable for others. There is no reduction in dues for partial season participation. The Choral Society is a vital arts organization open to all members of the community, and we do not want financial hardship to be an obstacle to participation. Per the Choral Society's Standing Rules, any member who has difficulty meeting this financial obligation may make special confidential arrangements with the General Manager. The Choral Society does not want finances to hinder your ability to participate; a payment plan can be arranged and "dues angel" support is also available.

Music

All members must use the specified editions which will be sold at rehearsals by our music sales manager. If you already own a copy of the specified edition, you are welcome to use it. Please write your name on all your music. A black folder, also available for purchase, is mandatory for all performances.

Archival Performance CDs

Prior to concert performances, CD recording orders will be taken by Emily Gregory, Music Sales Coordinator. Extra copies may be sold after concerts depending upon availability.

Concert Attire

SCCS has a mandatory dress code for performances. Please refer to the **Concert Dress Attire** document on our website for details.

Web Site

The SCCS website scchoralsociety.org contains information about concerts, ticket sales, history of the organization, and more. Visit often! We are also on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @SCChoral

SCCS Board Meetings

SCCS board meetings are open to membership. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm via ZOOM. The Board is always looking for members willing to serve, either on the board directly, or on a committee in a non-board role. If you are interested in finding out how you could help, please contact the Board Chair.