

## WELCOME TO THE SUMMIT CHORAL SOCIETY

*Celebrating 40+ years of music in Summit County!*

### ABOUT THE SUMMIT CHORAL SOCIETY:

The Summit Choral Society (SCS) was founded as a continuous organization in 1981. It applied for and received its status as not-for-profit Corporation in 1986. Its purpose is exclusively:

- To assist, promote and strengthen the performing arts in Summit County, CO.
- To promote knowledge and appreciation of music through the performance of highly aesthetic choral concerts.
- To provide the means for all interested persons to participate in the creative and management aspects of community choral singing.

### PERFORMANCES:

The SCS generally presents 3 programs each year.

- Spring – generally classical pieces
- Summer – Broadway tunes and modern popular music
- Christmas – Holiday concert, community Messiah sing, and caroling events around Summit County,

From time to time the SCS is asked to participate in special events. In odd-numbered years, SCS travels to participate in larger concerts. For example, in 2015, we sang with other choral groups at Carnegie Hall under the direction of John Rutter. In 2017, we joined a group from Colorado singing mass at St. Peter's in Rome. And, in 2019, Summit Choral traveled to New York City to sing again at Carnegie Hall under the direction of our then director, Jill Schroeder-Dorn! 2020 brought a whole new look to the Summit Choral Society. With in-person singing cancelled, the choir pivoted to ZOOM get-togethers. We used this time to explore vocalization and improve our sight reading skills by better understanding notes, rests and rhythms. In 2021, the Society celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We commemorated the occasion with a concert at the Lake Dillon Theater Company's outdoor stage on August 16, 2021. Our repertoire included hits from 1981, a tribute to New York City and favorites from past summer concerts. The choir is looking forward to traveling again in 2023.

### AUDITIONS

The SCS does not require auditions for general membership in the chorus. Some prior choral experience and the ability to read music helps, but is not required. Auditions for soloists and small ensembles are at the discretion of the director.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES; MUSIC DEPOSIT; Agreement for Release, Discharge and Assumption of Risk

***Dues for the entire year: \$60***

***Dues for a single concert: \$25***

\*And, as always, donations above these amounts are greatly appreciated.

\*The dues payment is non-refundable and required before performing with the SCS.

Music Deposit: New members pay a **one-time music deposit** of \$20. This deposit is retained until the member leaves the SCS, at which time there is the option to request the music deposit back or leave it as a donation. (If music is not returned, the deposit is retained by the SCS.)

You must sign and return the **Singer's information update sheet and the Agreement for Release, Discharge and Assumption of Risk** before you can perform.

Make checks payable to Summit Choral Society. Give your dues, music deposit, release form, and contact information (form at end of this package) to your section leader or membership chair. Please clearly mark your check as to where each dollar goes!

## REHEARSALS AND ATTENDANCE

Rehearsals are held Monday nights from 7:00 – 9:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church, 16072 Highway 9, Breckenridge, CO (right across the street from Summit High School). After performances, we may take some time off before resuming rehearsals. This is announced at the performance, via email reminders, or you can check at our web site: [www.summitsings.org](http://www.summitsings.org). If you are a part-time resident and interested in singing with us, please don't let your part-time status deter you! We have many members who are part-time local residents.

Commitment to the SCS is what makes a strong community organization. Please arrive promptly and be ready to sing at 7:00pm. Sign the attendance sheet, which is circulated at each rehearsal. A few moments of announcements and general business occur after the mid-rehearsal break. You will find it helpful to bring a pencil and water bottle to rehearsal.

It is imperative to practice together and learn the music. The following guidelines have been developed by the Board of Directors regarding attendance and performances:

- \* To perform, members must participate in at least half of the scheduled rehearsals & **must attend the last two rehearsals, or must receive permission from the director.** Commitment to excellent performance & consideration for the other members dictates this policy.
- \* There may be extenuating circumstances that will be considered on an individual basis by the director.

In case of inclement weather, please check your email or texts, or call your Section Leader for notification of possible rehearsal cancellation or a change in the schedule.

## PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

**For women:** floor length black skirt or black dress pants, black long-sleeved top or jacket and black dress shoes. **For men:** black tuxedo, with black cummerbund and bow tie. The director or president will inform the members if a performance requires less formal dress, as is the case with caroling.

Printed and emailed information detailing music to be performed, scheduling and recommended attire will be available in advance of upcoming concerts and events. It will also be available on our website, [www.summitsings.org](http://www.summitsings.org).

Please don't wear perfume/aftershave at performances and rehearsals, in consideration of people who are sensitive to these products.

## FUNDRAISING

In addition to dues, the SCS has a variety of ways to raise funds including concerts, caroling and special performances, soliciting sponsorships (sponsors are listed in our programs), working as volunteers for the Dillon Amphitheater concerts and benefit breakfasts. Good Will donations are accepted at the door at most of our public concerts. We also apply for/receive grant money. Fundraisers involve the entire membership and all are encouraged to participate. A substantial percentage of our income comes from caroling events, soliciting sponsorships, and volunteering at Dillon Amphitheater and everyone is asked to participate to the degree possible. Although the SCS is a volunteer group, our director and accompanist are paid. Other expenses include sound equipment, sheet music, a scholarship to a local high school student, and miscellaneous operating expenses. It is vital that all members assist as they are able in the effort to keep the group solvent.

One easy way to support the Choral Society is to make on-line purchases through Amazon Smile. Write in Summit Choral Society, and choose the option with an address in Frisco, CO. The Choral Society will receive a percentage of each purchase you make.

## STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our director is Anna Ahrens and Lelan Eberly is our accompanist. The Board of Directors is comprised of six officers and two members-at-large. If you have an interest in serving on the Board, please talk with any of the board members. Board meetings are normally held the second Monday of each month, usually at 5:45 pm. All board meetings are open to any member. Minutes from each board meeting are available upon request. Board members for January, 2022 – January, 2023 are:

President	Cathie Hill	970-485-0225
Secretary	Elaine Prellwitz	620-282-9816
Treasurer	Symon Stanley	512-483-1571
Membership	Karen Whiteley	303-594-5253
Fundraising	Phyllis Martinelli	865-556-0758
Concert manager	Patrick Tully	773-988-6265
At-large	Sam Bufford	814-360-2232
At-large	Connie Cummins	970-799-0960

## VOLUNTEERS

The SCS needs and appreciates help from its members in accomplishing such tasks as assisting with stage set-up, providing refreshments for select concerts or events, helping with publicity, etc. If you can help in some area, please let us know! Thanks to the following volunteers who help keep things running:

### Section Leaders:

Bass:	Paul Burnham	608-216-4881
Tenor:	Janet Good	970-262-7757
Alto:	vacant	
Soprano:	Karen Whiteley	303-594-5253

Music Librarian	Jim Luellen	468-0207 or 389-0243
Graphic Arts/Website	Vacant	
Marketing/Advertising	Vacant	
Scholarships	Vacant	

Hospitality  
Facebook

Julie Hicks  
Sue McHenry

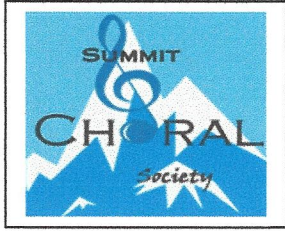
630-803-6422  
970-468-1201

### **NON-PROFIT STATUS**

The SCS is organized pursuant to the general non-profit corporation laws of the State of Colorado. The SCS does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and is organized for non-profit purposes except that the SCS shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in forbearance of the purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

**ADDITIONAL INFO ON OUR WEB SITE:** [www.summitsings.org](http://www.summitsings.org)  
**WE ARE ALSO ON FACEBOOK:** Summit Choral Society Colorado

**THE SUMMIT CHORAL SOCIETY WELCOMES YOU!!!**



**SUMMIT CHORAL SOCIETY**  
**AGREEMENT OF RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I am over the age of 18. In consideration of participating in the activities of the Summit Choral Society as a member, its board members, employees, members and agents (collectively referred to as "the Society") as follows:

**DISCLOSURES OF RISKS:**

I am aware that the Society holds rehearsals, concerts and other events, including social gatherings, under conditions where one could sustain injury. I understand that there is a potential I could be exposed to and contract COVID-19 or its variants. I intend to engage voluntarily in such events, fully aware of the presence of such risks of injury to myself both known and unknown.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK:**

I voluntarily assume and accept the risks of any injury of harm to my person or property that may result from hazards arising from activities in which I may participate with the Society.

**RELEASE AND DISCHARGE:**

I voluntarily release and discharge the Society from ALL liability, claims, demands or causes of action related to or are in any way connected with my participation in any action of the Society. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Society (including the board members, employees, members and agents, or others related to the Society), from all costs and attorney fees in connection with any claim or claims that may arise as a result of any activity in which I engage with the Society. I hereby authorize the Society to make a similar disclaimer, waiver, release and discharge on my behalf to any one and/or operator of any facility or venue at which the Society may hold a rehearsal, concert or other activity.

**INSURANCE AND PHYSICAL CONDITION:**

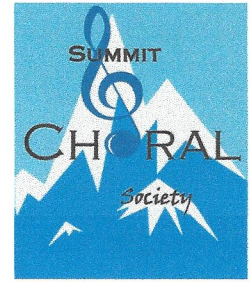
I understand that no medical or insurance benefits are being provided to me by the Society. I certify that no physical condition, mental condition, disability, impairment, injury exists which would make it difficult or dangerous for me to participate in any Society activity or impair my ability knowingly and voluntarily to enter into this commitment. I understand that the Society is relying on my statement of good health condition in allowing me to participate.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

IF PARTICIPANT IS A MINOR, SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUMMIT CHORAL SOCIETY  
SINGER'S CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE**



**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**In the event of a sudden change in rehearsal or venue (snow, no director, etc.) what is the best way to contact you? Circle one or more:**

**Text**

**email**

**voicemail-cell**

**voicemail-home**