



The  
Choo Choo Chorus  
Presents

# Christmas in Chattanooga

Benefit Concert for Boehm Birth Defects Center

Featuring the

Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus  
and Scenic City Chorus

7:00 PM

Saturday, December 17, 2016

Girls Preparatory School

\$18

Children  
12 and under  
free







# Choo Choo Chorus

Dear Friends and Guests,

A warm welcome and a very Merry Christmas to all. Thank you for joining us this evening for an evening of Popular and Sacred Christmas music to help to set you in the mood for this happy and festive season. The Choo Choo Chorus is pleased to present the men of the Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus and our special guests the ladies of the Scenic City Chorus as we present “Christmas in Chattanooga”. And then later in the program, we will ask you to join the combined choruses to sing a few Christmas favorites with us.

We also wish to thank you for attending as the proceeds of tonight’s Show, after expenses, will be donated to a small but important local Charity, The Walter E. Boehm Birth Defects Center. The Boehm Center provides an extremely valuable service to families of babies and young children born with spinal and other serious physical defects. Thank you for your support of us so we in turn can donate to this important Charity. We are pleased to tell you that the Choo Choo Chorus has donated more than \$35,000 to the Walter E. Boehm Birth Defects Center since 2009 from money raised from our Christmas Shows. Thank you for your help in making this possible.

And now, we hope you will sit back, relax and enjoy our Show as we sing for you. Some songs will be old favorites, a few not so well known and perhaps something new, all of which we hope will bring a smile to your face which can wear for days to come. Thank you once again for your support.

My very warmest regards,

Chet Tschetter  
2016 Christmas Show Chairman

## **HISTORY OF THE CHOO CHOO CHORUS**

The Chattanooga Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, known as the Choo Choo Chorus, celebrated its 50th anniversary four years ago with a big show, an anniversary party, and redecoration of our chapter rooms. This year we again present our Christmas Show with the 14th Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus (see below.) We continue traditions started many years ago of Harmony, Service, Fellowship, and Fun. Our special venues include Scout Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Special Olympics, Naturalization Ceremonies for new citizens, nursing and retirements centers, and more. Our Director of 29 years is Paul Blazek, and our Associate Director is Chuck Wilson.

You can find us at [choochoochorus.org](http://choochoochorus.org) or [facebook.com/choochoochorus](https://www.facebook.com/choochoochorus) and let us know how to get in touch with you. If the “interweb” gives you a fit, feel free to call us at (423) 265-SING(7464) and leave us a message - we’ll get back to you.

## **HISTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS CHORUS**

While the Choo Choo Chorus had Christmas shows since at least the early 1990s, the Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus (CCCC) was started in 2003 as an outreach program to men in the Chattanooga/North Georgia area. The idea was that we could invite men who enjoyed singing, but weren’t already members of the Choo Choo Chorus, to come and rehearse with us on Monday nights in October and November, then sing with us on the Christmas show in December. There would be no pressure to join the chapter, just the availability of singing with fellow harmonizers in four-part a cappella style. Since our chapter was already producing an annual show during the year to raise operating funds, we decided that we could dedicate some or all of our proceeds from the Christmas show to a local charity. This gave us something else to offer potential singers - the chance to raise money for a worthy cause while raising our voices in song.

Our first year we had 55 men on stage in the CCCC and we have had as many as 82 men in previous years. This is our 14th year, and we

will have 55 men on stage and hope to raise a lot of money for our charitable cause. In addition to the main Christmas show, we have invited CCCC members to sing with us at other area performances in the last couple of years - we sing at nursing homes and assisted living centers for people who can't make it to the big show. This year we also sang at Rock City for their Enchanted Garden of Lights.

Thanks for being here tonight, and we hope you enjoy the show as much as we enjoy singing for you. If you're the kind of guy who loves to sing, especially with 100 or so of your closest friends, consider joining us next year. Start planning now for the 'First Monday in October' so that you can be on stage with us in 2017!

If you can't wait until next October, come visit us - we meet at All Saints Academy, 310 E 8th St, Chattanooga almost every Monday night starting at 7 PM

### **SHOW COMMITTEE**

Chairman	Chet Tschetter
Music Leadership VP	Chuck Wilson
Tickets	Jack Cook
Program	Steve Wixson
Director	Paul Blazek
Associate Director	Chuck Wilson
Set	Steve Wixson
Stage Manager	Linda Toups
Choo Choo Belles	Mary Strickland
Emcee	Jed Mescon

### **PATRONS**

Lee Abelson  
Frank and Joyce Delaney

## CHOO CHOO CHORUS MEMBERS

### TENORS

Dan Bullock  
Wally Edmondson  
Fred Jesse  
Ron Satterfield  
Wendell Whitmire

### LEADS

Pat Crowe  
Frank Delaney  
David Fleury  
Steve Grubb  
Charlie Holder  
Thomas Keegan  
Dan Kopf  
J.W. Kirk  
William Slack  
Steve Vipond  
Steve Wixson

### BARITONES

Beau Christian  
Brooks Gist  
Johnny Jackson  
John Johnston  
Benny Malone  
Rich Ptacin  
Chuck Wilson

### BASSES

Barry Arp  
Paul Blazek  
Lebron Brock  
John Cook  
Erby Erwin  
Gene Huelman  
Pete Jones  
David Rack  
Chet Tschetter  
Wilbur Strickland  
Clarence Wall



## CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORUS

Douglas Alexander  
George Ames  
Corey Bain  
William Batts  
Chris Beagle  
Allen Berry  
Matt Blazek  
Chris Coles  
David Collao  
Jim Costello  
Henry Crutcher  
Thirstain Daniels  
Anthony Fowler  
Jim Frank  
James Grenapp  
Scott Kornblum

Ryan Logan  
Billy McCoy  
Mark McKeel  
Kelly Mercer  
Larson Mick  
Jerry W Moore  
Philip Newton  
Bernard L Peek  
Daniel Randolph  
Grady Rhoden  
Tyler Robinson  
Jan Rodriguez  
Auther Terry, Jr  
Jimmy Tompkin  
Art Von Werssowetz  
Rich Wilson



The 2015 Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus

Our sincere thanks to the men listed above who gave of their time for this benefit concert and other performances during the Christmas season. That is a gift to the Chattanooga community.

## **PROGRAM**

### ***THE CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORUS***

Jingle Bells  
Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer (Chattanooga guys)  
Christmas Island (Rock City 4)  
Santa Claus is Coming to Town  
The Christmas Song (Sound Affects)  
Jingle Bell Rock (Chattanooga guys)  
Deck the Halls (Fourcasting Chords)  
We Need A Little Christmas  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Veni, Veni  
Mary Had A Baby  
It Came Upon A Midnight Clear  
Angels We Have Heard On High (Rock City 4)  
I Saw Three Ships  
Betelehemu (Nigerian Christmas Song - Translation on Page 12)

### ***THE SCENIC CITY CHORUS***

Christmas Chopstix  
Let There Be Peace on Earth  
My Grown-Up Christmas List (Firefly)  
Carol of the Bells  
White Christmas  
Winter Wonderland  
Still, Still, Still  
Jingle Bells (Presto!)  
Coventry Carol  
Mary Did You Know (Just 4 Fun)  
Tender Tennessee Christmas (Family Chorus)

### ***COMBINED CHORUSES***

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas  
Audience sing-along (words on Page 12)  
Joy to the World  
O Come, All Ye Faithful  
Finale: Silent Night



## SCENIC CITY CHORUS



Scenic City Chorus (SCC), under the director of Jen Cooke, is very pleased to be on the 2016 Christmas Show and to share in the spirit of giving by helping benefit the Boehm Birth Defect Center.

For over 50+ years, SCC has entertained audiences in the greater Chattanooga area with dynamic, a cappella, four-part harmony. Our 70+ members of all ages come from southeast Tennessee, northeast Alabama, and northwest Georgia and represent a wide variety of backgrounds and lifestyles.

As all barbershoppers know, learning and honing our craft is a journey that never ends. We're delighted to say that this year we brought home second place medals in our division (mid-size) and third place overall at Sweet Adelines Region 4 Competition in Kentucky.

### **Our Mission**

We strive to bring our unique a cappella blend to the community through performance, education, community involvement and collaboration. We're always on the lookout for opportunities to foster relationships with other arts and nonprofit entities, and area schools.

This year has brought positive change for us. We've grown in number and visibility in the greater Chattanooga area. A sample of 2015 appearances besides our annual show include: The Mayor's Breakfast Opening Ceremonies, the North River Civic Center Concert Series, the Downtown Rotary Club, The Midtown Chamber of Commerce, The American Cancer Society, EXPO Chattanooga, 4 Bridges Art Festival, and the Grassroots Midtown Festival.

Some upcoming appearances in the works for 2016 include: Show guests for The Chattanooga Music Club on January 24, MACC-Signal Mountain on March 19, Sequatchie County Valley-Fest 2016 in Dunlap on May 1, and a collaboration with the Symphony of Praise Orchestra in Chattanooga at year's end.

### **Forming Partnerships**

We've formed a strategic partnership with WTCI-PBS and have helped and performed at their events like telethons and Family Day. WTCI-PBS is also a current platinum level sponsor and Morning Pointe of Chattanooga is on the silver level. Scenic City Chorus is grateful for their support.

### **Education**

It's important to keep the barbershop craft alive and to educate the community that today's barbershop is not their grandparents (or great-grandparents) barbershop.

Besides performing at the Barbershop Harmony Society sponsored Harmony Explosion 2015 aimed at youth, and facilitating the Sweet Adeline's Young Women in Harmony program in the area, SCC is networking to collaborate with area schools. We recently took a teaching role in a groundbreaking, new program—a Hamilton County Schools Music Workshop—performing later on at a well-attended concert for educators and the families of the participating students.

### **Contact Info:**

To hire SCC (full chorus, smaller ensemble or quartet configurations), to find information on upcoming performances, or to find out about joining the chorus, please visit [www.sceniccitychorus.com](http://www.sceniccitychorus.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

Scenic City Chorus, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, is part of Sweet Adelines International, Inc. Member of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce.

## **BENEFIT CONCERT FOR BOEHM BIRTH DEFECTS CENTER**

The net proceeds from tonight's benefit performance go to the Boehm Birth Defects Center. This would not be possible without support from patrons and businesses who purchased an ad in our 2016 Annual Show Program. Several of them made an additional contribution and their ad is included in this program. If you get the chance, please thank them for their support. And thank yourself for purchasing a ticket to tonight's show.

**QUARTETS** - Tenor, Lead, Baritone, Bass

### **CHOO CHOO CHORUS**

Chattanooga - Wally Edmondson, Dave Fleury, Beau Christian, and Marcellus Scott

Rock City 4 - Fred Jesse, Bill Slack, Benny Malone, and Wilbur Strickland

Fourcasting Chords - Dan Bullock, Dan Kopf, Chuck Wilson, and Paul Blazek

Sound Affects - Ron Satterfield, Steve Vipond, Johnny Jackson, and Pete Jones

### **SCENIC CITY CHORUS**

Firefly Quartet - Angie Cline, Kendra Simpson, Lisa Holland, and Deb Bishop

Presto! Quartet - Kay Crouch, Kathe Schellman, Jennifer Cooke, and Michaela Olson

Just 4 Fun Quartet - Susan Babb, Holly Christopher, Stephanie Harris, and Brenda Hobbs

**TRANSLATION OF BETELEHEMU**  
(Olatunji, Via) - arr. Wendall Whalum

We are glad that we have a Father to trust.  
We are glad that we have a Father to rely upon  
Where was Jesus born? Where was He born?  
Bethlehem, the city of wonder.  
That is where the Father was born for sure.  
Praise, praise, praise be to Him.  
We thank thee, we thank Thee, we thank Thee for this day,  
Gracious Father.  
Praise, praise, praise be to Thee, Merciful Father.

**SING ALONG SONGS**

**Joy to the World**

Verse 1

Joy to the World , the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

## **O Come All Ye Faithful**

### Verse 1

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,  
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels

### Chorus

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

### Verse 2

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above,  
Glory to God all glory in the highest,

### Chorus

### Verse 3

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
O Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n,  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing,

### Chorus

## **Silent Night**

### Verse 1

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

### Verse 2

Sung by the Combined Choruses



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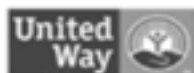


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