

The Choo Choo Chorus and The Scenic City Chorus

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Christmas in Harmony: an A Cappella Extravaganza



**With the
Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus
Saturday, December 16, 2017 4:00 PM
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Dear Friends and Guests,

Let us welcome you to this year's annual Christmas program. We are extremely proud to have you here as a supporter of this endeavor and appreciate so much your carving out some time to be with us during this most wonderful time of the year.

This year is our first joint show with the Choo Choo men and the Scenic City ladies as full partners in presenting the show. It's also the first time in many years that we've done a matinee show time. We really hope this fits your schedule better. Let us know your feelings, please.

The men who have joined us for this season's Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus have worked extremely hard to present a quality show to you and I know you won't be disappointed. The ladies of the Scenic City Chorus are excited to be sharing the stage with the men and we are confident that you will be blown away by our harmonious efforts. When we get to the sing along, let us hear you! Everybody loves to sing Christmas songs, so join in without reservation.

All chorus members and quartets have practiced hard to make this night a success and your presence only adds to the excitement we already are experiencing. Thanks again for making us part of your Holiday Season. Now, on with the Show!!

2017 Christmas Show Co-Chairs

SHOW COMMITTEE

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|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Co-Chairs | Steve Grubb, Megan Grass, Wilbur Strickland |
| Tickets | Jack Cook |
| Program | Steve Wixson |
| SCC Director | Jennifer Cooke |
| CCC Directors | Paul Blazek, Chuck Wilson |
| Door | Choo Choo Belles, SCC Sixth Row |
| Emcee | Jed Mescon |



THE CHOO CHOO CHORUS

The Chattanooga Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, known as the Choo Choo Chorus, celebrated its 50th anniversary five 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 15th 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 30 years is Paul Blazek, and our Associate Director is Chuck Wilson.

You can find us at 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.

CHRISTMAS CHORUS



THE SCENIC CITY CHORUS

Scenic City Chorus (SCC), under the director of Jen Cooke, is very pleased to be co-sponsoring the 2017 Christmas Show.

For over 50+ years, SCC has entertained audiences in the greater Chattanooga area with dynamic, a cappella, four-part harmony. 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 fourth-place overall medals from the 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.

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

Among a variety of performances and collaborations, SCC is networking to work with area schools on a regular basis. We were thrilled to once again participate in Hamilton Sings!, a day-long music workshop for Hamilton county fifth-grade students, teaching classes during the day and performing at the evening concert for music educators and the families of the participating students.

Contact Info:

To hire Scenic City Chorus (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. 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.

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 15th 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 2018!

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. I can promise you a great evening of harmony, both musical and personal. *Paul Blazek*, Musical Director

CHOO CHOO CHORUS MEMBERS

TENORS

Dan Bullock
Wally Edmondson
Fred Jesse
Ron Satterfield
Wendell Whitmire

BARITONES

Beau Christian
Johnny Jackson
Benny Malone
Rich Ptacin
Matt Van Stelle
Chuck Wilson

LEADS

David Fleury
Jim Frank
Steve Grubb
Charlie Holder
Dan Kopf
J.W. Kirk
JJ McShan
Rich Wilson
Steve Wixson

BASSES

Barry Arp
Jim Costello
John Cook
Gene Huelman
Pete Jones
Ryan Logan
David Rack
Chet Tschetter
Wilbur Strickland

CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORUS

Douglas Alexander
George Ames
Corey Bain
Andrew Bresee
Lebron Brock
Chris Coles
Henry Crutcher
Anthony Fowler
James Gienapp
Andrew James-Catalano
Matt Kniedler
Eddie Lesure
Seth Lucas

Mark McKeel
Kelly Mercer
Larson Mick
Curtis Miller
Jerry W Moore
Philip Newton
Bernard L Peek
Daniel Randolph
Grady Rhoden
Bob Robbins
William Slack
Art Von Werssowetz

SCENIC CITY CHORUS MEMBERS

TENORS

Deb Bishop
Lauren Hickman
Paula Harris
Brenda Hobbs
Carolyn Kemp
Michaela Olson
Babs Zielke

LEADS

Donna Brewer
Lynn Bruss
Sharon Carboni
Joan Collis
Micki Deroche
Peggy English
Lisa Escalante
Mary Flavell
Megan Grass
Stephanie Harris
Lois Haris
Lisa Holland
Nancy Keith
Sheila Killingsworth
Lois Long
Carina Miller

LEADS (Continued)

Jenni Nabors
Margie Parsons
Vicki Petzko
Marti Redden
Barbara Stansell
Cynthia Thomas
Aria Tompkins
Julia Westerfield
Paula Zettel

BARITONES

Lynn Billings-Thomas
Holly Christopher
Susan Clark
Mary Coleman
Christine Fish
Fulvia Galli
Sharon Holmes
Diane Kerr
Sue Manthey
Anne Miller
Susie Norman
Melea Tompkins
Gretta Young

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Susan Babb
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Dot Hill
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SCENIC CITY CHORUS SPONSORSHIPS

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

PROGRAM

CHOO CHOO CHORUS

Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Veni, Veni)
Little Drummer Boy (High Five Quartet)
Mary Had A Baby

Believe (Take a Chance Quartet)

CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORUS

Jingle Bells
It Came Upon The Midnight Clear
Mary Did You Know (Just 4 Fun Quartet)
I Saw Three Ships
Betelehemu
Jingle Bells (Presto! Quartet)
Need A Little Christmas

Auld Lang Syne (Hot Pursuit Quartet)

SCENIC CITY CHORUS

Christmas Chopsticks
Text Me Merry Christmas (The Mishetones)
Coventry Carol
The Christmas Song (The Histones)
Carol of the Bells
Silver Bells (Fourcasting Chords)
Indiana Christmas
Still, Still, Still
Man With A Bag (Rock City 4)
Tender Tennessee Christmas
Happy Holidays/Holiday Season Medley (Chattanooguys)

COMBINED CHORUSES

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
(Solos: Jen Cooke, Paul Blazek)
Let There Be Peace on Earth
(continued on next page)

Audience sing-along (words on Page 12)

Joy to the World

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Finale: *Silent Night*

QUARTETS (Tenor, Lead, Baritone, Bass)

Choo Choo Chorus

Chattanooga - Wally Edmondson, Dave Fleury, Beau Christian, and Ryan Logan

Rock City 4 - Fred Jesse, Bill Slack, Johnny Jackson, and Wilbur Strickland

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

The Mishetones - Andrew James-Catalano, Dan Kopf, Matt Van Stelle and Ryan Logan

The Histones - Dan Bullock, Jim Franks, Ron Weaver and Pete Jones

Scenic City Chorus

High Five Quartet - Julieta Goode, Fulvia Galli, Mary Flavell, Lisa Holland

Take a Chance Quartet - Hope Krieg, Sue Manthey, Lisa Escalante, Babs Zielke

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

Hot Pursuit Quartet - Candra Rice, Melody Hine, Tessa Walker, Michaela Olson

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

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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