



Reading Community Singers

present

RCS Celebrates the Holidays!

Saturday, December 4, 2021

7:30 P.M.

Reading Memorial High School

62 Oakland Road, Reading, MA

Beth Mosier – Artistic Director

Joe Beninati - Accompanist





Concert Program

Announcements

Peter Nawrocki

RCS Board Member

A Christmas Carol

Words and Music by Leslie Bricusse

Deborah Gaberman, Kristin Webb - Soprano

Judy Doucette, Sarah Logsdon - Soprano

Jamie Allocco - Alto

The Hope of Christmas

Music by Ann Hampton Callaway

Words by William Schermerhorn

Arranged by Ed Lojeski

Sarah Logsdon, Sarah Clark - Soprano

A Holiday Road of Carols

Arranged by Greg Gilpin

Slow Dancing in the Snow

Words and Music by Jay Althouse

A Hanukkah Wish

Words and Music by Andy Beck

Peter Nawrocki - Bass

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Arranged by William Dawson

Rod Chandler, Web Potts - Bass

Announcements

Ann Marie Luhrs

RCS President

Featured Performers

Ave Maria

Words and Music by

Charles Gounod and J.S. Bach

Judy Doucette - Soprano

What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?

by Frank Loesser

Sarah Logsdon - Soprano

A Guy's 12 Days of Christmas

Lyrics by Kathy Knowles,

Dick Knowles, Al Mosier,

Paul DeStefano, & Mark Taitz

Dick Knowles, Mark Taitz - Tenor

Paul DeStefano, Al Mosier - Bass



Stopping by Woods

Lyrics by Robert Frost
Music by Al Mosier

Text Me Merry Christmas

Words and Music by
Schlesinger & Javerbaum
Arranged by Roger Emerson

Abby Santana - Soprano
Beverly and Sal Morando - Speakers
Kathryn Nowak, Mark Taitz - Speech Bubble holders

Feliz Navidad

Words and Music by José Feliciano
Arranged by Paul Langford

Christmas Children

Words and Music by Leslie Bricusse
Arranged by Mac Huff
Sharon Fluet - Soprano

Hallelujah from 'Messiah'

G. F. Handel

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Words and Music by
Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
Arranged by Joe Bic

Linda Lydecker - Flute

Reprise: A Christmas Carol

Words and Music by Leslie Bricusse

Guest Musicians

Mark Napierkowski - Trumpet
Andrew Conway - Trombone
Steve Gold - Clarinet & Saxophone
Jack Butler - Percussion
Elizabeth Suchy - Electric Bass Guitar

Reading Community Singers

DIRECTOR - Beth Mosier **ACCOMPANIST** - Joe Beninati

SOPRANO

Sarah Clark
Judy Doucette
Sharon Fluet
Deborah Gaberman
Karen German
Laura Goldstein
Beverly Holmes
Lillian Lelless
Sarah Logsdon
Lizzy Mathis
Bev Morando
M Luisa Munroe
Lisa Murphy
Muriel Petranic
Karen Potts
Abigail Santana
Susan Shealy
Kristin Webb

ALTO

Jamie Allocco
Louise Catanzano
Bobbie Davis
Marsha Fallon
Susan Gaskell
Ann Marie Luhrs
Linda Lydecker
Sheila Mulroy
Kathryn Nowak
Diane O'Connor
Megan Sullivan
Jane Vondell

TENOR

Dennis Brett
Jeff Dietz
Dick Knowles
John O'Neill
Mark Taitz
Robert Ward

BASS

Stephen Botzko
Rod Chandler
Paul DeStefano
Al Mosier
Sal Morando
Peter Nawrocki
Vincent Pito
Web Potts
Henry Seider
Ed Surette

Supporting Members

Janice Baker	Marie Ferrari	Tom Petzy
John Beckwith	Elizabeth Ferriera	Adam Roberts
Sarah Brukilacchio	Heidi Gomez	Rob Robertson
Thomas Brukilacchio	Joan Harris	Liz Rogers
Pat Campbell	Patrick Holland	Beverly Sorrentino
David Chisholm	Barbara Homewood	Robert Sorrentino
Donald Chisholm	Diane Joyce	Jackie Tomaselli
Rachelle Cowdrey	Barbara Mague	Pat Tosches
Carolyn Eliet	Kathleen O'Leary	Shari Warden
		Douglas Wilder

RCS Board of Directors

President - Ann Marie Luhrs	Secretary - Diane O'Connor
Vice President – Vacant	Treasurer - Megan Sullivan
Membership – Vacant	Member-at-Large - Janice Baker
Member-at-Large - Peter Nawrocki	



Beth Mosier | *Artistic Director & Conductor*

Beth is delighted to be the Music Director of the Reading Community Singers and to have the opportunity to conduct this dynamic group of talented, hard-working, and dedicated performers.

Beth has led RCS on tour to New Orleans and twice to New York City where they have had successful performances on the deck of the aircraft carrier “Intrepid”, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the top of the Empire State Building, and at the Statue of Liberty.

Beth holds a Bachelors Degree in Music Education with a major in vocal music, and a Masters of Arts Education with a major in Arts Administration. She attended Boston University, The University of MA at Lowell, and Fitchburg State University. She has been an active musician, director, public school music teacher, and performer in the Boston area for over 30 years.

In addition to directing RCS, Beth is a private voice teacher and a free-lance music director for youth and community theater. Beth is excited to now be living in Reading with her husband Al, an author, composer/arranger, and former music teacher for the Reading Public Schools. Beth can be contacted at mosier_music@yahoo.com.



Joseph Beninati | *Accompanist*

Currently residing in Stoneham, Joe has been an integral part of the theater community of the North Shore for a number of years. Since graduating from Reading High School in 1978, Joe has maintained an extensive career in piano performance in the Northeast, having played for fifteen years with the LaPierre School of Ballet and a wide variety of community theater productions in Reading, Wilmington, Wakefield, Peabody and New Hampshire.

Joe is accompanist for both The Reading Community Singers and The Wakefield Choral Society. In addition to his activities as an accompanist, Joe teaches piano lessons at Reading Creative Arts.

Concert Production Team

RCS Leadership—Annie Luhrs, Megan Sullivan, Peter Nawrocki, Janice Baker, Diane O'Connor

Artistic Director & Conductor—Beth Mosier

Accompanist—Joseph Beninati

Donor Drive—Megan Sullivan, Sheila Mulroy

Equipment Managers—Paul DeStefano, Megan Sullivan

Sound Equipment Manager—Al Mosier

Grant Writer—Carolyn Eliet

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House Manager—John Parks

Lighting & Sound Engineer—Josie Feltus, RMHS student

Music Librarian—Lisa Murphy

Photography—David Maroney

Program Design—Linda Lydecker

Set Design—Beth Mosier

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Ticket Sales Managers—Megan Sullivan, Rod Chandler

Ticket Sellers—Peter Lydecker, Jim O'Connor

Greeters—Sandy Nawrocki, Henry Luhrs, Sue Chandler, Annie Bonazoli, John Bonazoli, Mark Logsdon, Vicki Mandell, Bruce Kozikowski

Videography—Robert McLaughlin

Webmaster—Rod Chandler



We extend a special thank you to **Dan Clark** for all the pro bono legal work he did to help us prepare our Covid safety protocols.

It is with deep gratitude that we recognize **Paul DeStefano** for creating Beth's plexiglass protective shield. His work allowed us to rehearse safely.

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Reading Community Singers Scholarship

Since 1919, Reading Community Singers has supported the advancement of music education by providing an annual scholarship to a student pursuing a career in music. However, we had to suspend the award last year due to the pandemic. This year we are offering the Reading Community Singers Scholarship through the RMHS Scholarship Fund. We hope to resume awarding the scholarship ourselves next year.



Recent Past Recipients

2019 Antonio Ruiz-Nokes

2018 Emily Cummings

2017 Julianne Mulvey

2016 Maria Ren

2015 Nicole Beauregard



This concert is supported in part by a grant from the Reading Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

COME SING WITH US!

We are welcoming new members who love to sing, can match pitch, carry a tune, and are committed to attending rehearsals. There are no auditions and you don't have to be from Reading to join. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30 pm at Old South United Methodist Church, Reading, MA.

Rehearsals for our spring session begin February 1, 2022.

Come join in the fun!



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'I love to hear a choir. I love the humanity
to see the faces of real people
devoting themselves
to a piece of music.

I like the teamwork.
It makes me feel
optimistic about the
human race when I
see them cooperating
like that.'

Paul McCartney



About Reading Community Singers



Reading Community Singers is a chorus of men and women, young and old, brought together by a desire to sing and share our music with the community. RCS performs holiday and spring concerts each year, and also sings at other venues ranging from sporting events to town celebrations to elderly housing.

Initially founded as the Women's Choral Society in 1919, Reading Community Singers is one of the oldest continuously running non-audition community choruses in the country.

With a herculean effort, we were able to maintain this distinction during the pandemic by rehearsing via Zoom and performing virtually through YouTube Livestream with the help of music engineer, Chris Rogers. Thanks to our generous donors, RCS was able to afford the technology and sound equipment to do this. For the 2021-2022 season, the highest safety standards were put in place in order for the RCS community to come together in person. All members have been fully vaccinated and are masked while singing. We look forward to continuing to share the gift of music while keeping our community safe.

The chorus keeps growing in talent and numbers under the superb direction of Beth Mosier. If you are a student planning to study music in college, you may also want to learn about our annual music scholarship. For more information, please visit our website:

www.ReadingCommunitySingers.org

Our Mission:

To study the art of choral music and share the joy of singing with each other and members of the community. To provide an annual scholarship to a student who is pursuing a college degree with a major/minor in music.

Support Reading Community Singers

RCS is a 501(c)3 corporation. Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to help further our mission; to bring excellent choral music to Reading and the surrounding communities and continue to support our youth through the annual RCS scholarship.

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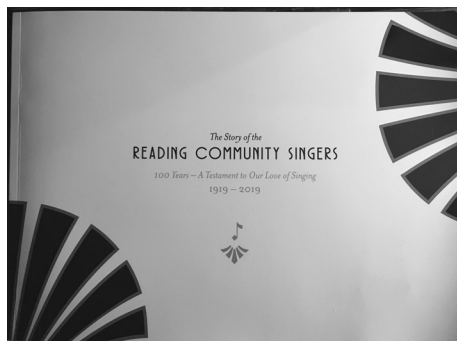
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Reading Community Singers

is pleased to announce
our spring concert



“Make You Feel My Love”

**Saturday, May 21, 2022
7:30 P.M.**

**Reading Memorial High School
Reading, MA**

Our fabulous spring show will feature music from
Disney, Broadway shows, and pop hits
like Adele’s “Make You Feel My Love”

