

CHORUSLINE

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Taunton Civic Chorus wrapped up another season on December 4th with its concert *The Colors of Winter*, and at the same time turned 63 years old.

This year's holiday concert featured traditional songs such as "Silent Night" and "Here We Come A-Caroling" as well as contemporary Christmas tunes like "Spirit of the Season" and "Music Lead the Way." The concert also





included Hanukkah selections.

The 30-member ensemble was led by Music Director Chris Hoskins, and was accompanied by Jameson Ward, and an orchestra with various musical instruments.

The South Coast Ringers performed some traditional Christmas carols. Led by Diane Ennis of Berkley, this group of 10 musicians performs at senior centers, nursing homes and other community locations during the winter holidays and in the spring.

TCC's 2021 Scholarship winner performed "Toyland" at the concert. Aidan Scully, now a sophomore at Harvard, was unable to take part last year, but said yes to perform this year.

Lights On Rained Out; TCC Sings On

The weather outside was frightful, but inside Home for Our Troops on Main Street, it was warm and cozy. Holiday music filled the space. TCC singers



performed several of the selections slated for the concert the next day. Many people, undeterred by the weather, walked Main Street looking for food or entertainment that hadn't been cancelled. At Home for Our Troops, they sought refuge inside and were treated to a mini concert.

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TCC Pumps Up the Christmas Season at Leisurewoods

One part of the mission of the Taunton Civic Chorus is to enrich the community through choral performance. In addition to Lights On this month, TCC brought its repertoire to Leisurewoods, a 55+ community in Taunton.

Assistant Music Director Jameson JJ Ward led TCC members and the audience in song.



Join a Committee; Share Your Creativity

Taunton Civic Chorus would love your input. The chorus runs with the help of four different committees-Fundraising, Membership, Scholarship and Public Relations/ Marketing. Please consider joining one!

TCC Joins Johnston High School Singers at Annual Concert

Part of Music Director Chris Hoskins Fall was spent student-teaching at Johnston High School in Rhode Island. As part of that teaching experience, he taught students the song, "Yes, Virginia."

The song is based on the true story of Virginia O'Hanlon, an 8-year-old girl who wrote a letter to the editor of *The New York Sun* in 1897, asking if there was a Santa Claus.

The song was not a favorite of the Johnston students, even when Hoskins tried to convince them that members of the Taunton Civic Chorus were also rehearsing the song for their holiday concert, and loved it.

So, the challenge was made, and members of the chorus made the trip to Johnston, and joined the students on stage to perform the song. It was a hit.



Join the Taunton Civic Chorus!

Taunton Civic Chorus, the longest-running choral group in the greater Taunton area, has been an important part of the community since 1959. The chorus creates a welcoming environment to those who like to sing and enriches the community through choral performance. Each year the chorus presents a scholarship to a high school senior who has been involved in the performing arts.





Singing is Healthy and Beneficial:

Relieves stress
 Helps immune response
 Releases endorphins
 Improves lung function
 Enhances memory
 Improves mental health
 Builds confidence
 Improves speaking
 Expresses oneself
 Develops connections

Come sing with us! Taunton Civic Chorus

Practices held on **Thursdays**, **7-9 pm Berkley Congregational Church** 13 South Main St. Berkley, MA

Two concerts each year in early December and May

Open rehearsals begin Thursday, January 12, 2023

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