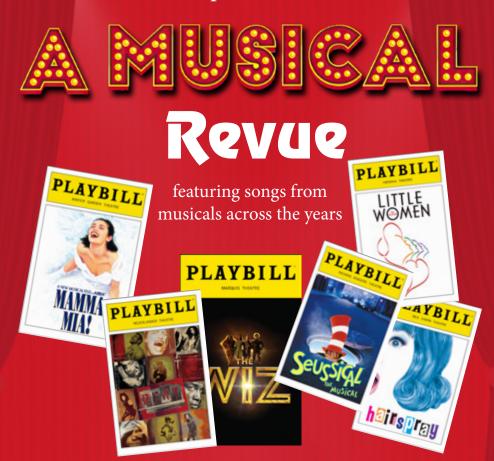
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### **Arizona Women's Chorus**

The Arizona Women's Chorus is comprised of women ages 16 and older from all walks of life. We are an advanced adult women's chorus singing a wide variety of repertoire from jazz to classical, Broadway to international, and everything in between. This chorus' history includes tours by invitation, collaborations with other musical groups, and commissioning of new works for women's voices.

AWC fosters a harmonious, diverse, and inclusive community for adult treble singers by providing a supportive platform for expression, education, personal growth, and meaningful connections. Through artistic excellence, our varied repertoire enriches those we touch with the beauty and unity of our voices.

The Arizona Women's Chorus performs from the ever-expanding repertoire written specifically for women's or treble voices. As the premier women's chorus of Tucson, they strive to sing quality music that showcases the women's voices and their desire to entertain. Performances have included music such as the Baroque *Missa de Profunctis* on the same program as Broadway Medleys, or Spanish folksongs and jazzy samba. The Arizona Women's Chorus prides itself on serving the community by performing for retirement homes, the Sister Jose Women's Shelter, the Tucson Museum of Art, and other civic organizations, as well as through collaborative performances with a variety of choral, instrumental, and dance ensembles. They have commissioned new choral pieces for women's voices by David Childs, Brant Adams, Khris Dodge, Sheena Phillips, Robert Cohen, and Mark Hayes.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the people who contribute not only their singing talents, but bring to the chorus their energy, time, and professional abilities. These are the various Board members, Executive Team members, and committee chairs without which the chorus would not be what it is today.

AWC is grateful to St. Phillips in the Hills for letting use their music hall for rehearsal space.

The Arizona Women's Chorus is a proud member of the Arizona Choral Arts Association.

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Thank you to many of you who have supported this chorus through the years in many ways. Our "Friends of the Chorus" annual donors campaign continues to enable us to collaborate with other arts organizations, and to perform at various community events such as festivals, schools, and for those in need such as the Sister Jose Women's Shelter.

If you prefer to give to a specific need, feel free to ask our Conductor.

We are looking for Board members from the community who have expertise in any area that could help a non-profit musical organization grow. Specifically, we are looking for someone who can guide us in Marketing or Fund Development. Please contact us at terriel@azwomenschorus.org if you are interested.

## The Conductor: Terrie Ashbaugh, MM



Terrie Ashbaugh has been a professional musician for over 50 years. She received her BA in piano performance from Seattle Pacific University and Masters Degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Arizona under Dr. Maurice Skones.

Terrie directed the Columbia Boys Choir and Columbia Girls Choir (2 separate choirs) Preparatory and Training choirs (concert level choirs consistently won top awards), and the Kirkland Choral Society, Kirkland, Washington, in addition to directing music ministries at several churches in the Seattle area.

In Arizona, she formed the University of Arizona

Faculty/Staff choir as an independent chorus after the choral conducting program disbanded it. Since 1998, she directed the Southern Arizona Women's Chorus, now renamed as the Arizona Women's Chorus. In 2008, she was nominated as an Individual Artist for the Governor's Arts Awards, in 2009, received a letter of recognition from the Mayor of Tucson for her contribution to the community, in 2011, was nominated for the Tucson/Pima Arts Council Arts Educator Award, and in 2023, was invited as a Guest Conductor for Mid-America in London, England. She has had the privilege to direct on the stage alongside Dr. Rene Clausen, Dr. Kirby Shaw, Rollo Dilworth, and John Rutter. Terrie is recently retired as full-time Director of Worship and Administration at Ascension Lutheran Church and School. Terrie also composes and arranges music for her various choirs.

In 2010, Terrie co-founded the Women In Song festival with 100 women attending in Seattle, Washington. In 2013, this festival was hosted by the Southern Arizona Women's Chorus in Tucson. In 2013, she also founded the Arizona Choral Arts Association which supports choral arts by providing education to the diverse southern Arizona community through promoting choral arts and choral performances, as well as enabling choruses to network, collaborate, and market using shared resources. In 2014-16, she served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Arizona Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association (AzACDA) as the Repertory and Standards Chair for Community Choirs. Following AWC's most recent tour in London, Terrie was invited to conduct a combined women's chorus with orchestra in Carnegie Hall in 2026.

## Singers for Spring 2025

#### Soprano 1

Katarina Chliwnyj Lisa Claborne Grace Fuller JoAnn Groh Jane Hamilton Caitlin Hill Melissa Hoel Andrea Hunter Carrie Kennington Kimberly Kotov Barb Lamm Sarah Lesniak Anne Magee Amanda (AJ) O'Reilly CJ Pommier **Elaine Powers** Jessa Rhoads Gail Schumacher **Eireann Sommers Becki Stevens** Lisa Urbanski Lisa May Walker Anna Weinberg Janelle White

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Ruth Ikuomola
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Kirsten Medina
Marie Nibel
Bonnie Pisik
Christie Rogers
Heather Serrano
Linda Shenk
Debbie Shoemaker
Lily Tate
Stephanie Thompson
Larissa Vollin
Marty Weigle

Alto 1 Tota Alexandrova Tina Atkinson Kayla Avery Virgie Coen Debra Colodner Els Duvigneau Sarah Festger **Emmeline Hill** Fredericka Hills Miriam Juvette Allena Kay Marty McCune Annegret Mansuripur Darlene Millar-Espinosa Mary Musgrave Joni Olson Susan Petrus Heather Pletnik Gayle Poe

Ida Rehm

Nancy Riccio

Laura Uccetta

Aleksandra Weichsel Carol Weinstein Karen Wilson Amy Jo Wroble Kira Zeider

#### Alto 2

Chizuko Aoshima Kim Averv Nancy Buttermore Barbara Caldwell Denise Cochran Susan Cochran Carol Colodner Diane Foray Tiana Haire Pat Hartowicz Carey Jones Joanie Kroeckel Lauri Latack Gail Marthaler Susan Miller-Cochran Nancy O'Connor Monica Russell **Peggy Sanders** Sharon Schwitters **Amy Simonds-Taylor** Carol Swanson Miku Todd Kathie Toth

## AWC's "A Musical Revue"

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It's a Grand Night for Singing from <i>State Fair</i> Rogers & Hammerstein, arr. Stephen Smith
Sing! from Sesame StreetDoe Raposo, arr. Roger Emerson Home from The WizCharlie Smalls, arr. Andy Beck & Michael Spresser Good Morning Baltimore from HairsprayMarc Shaiman & Scott Wittman, arr. Mac Huff Directed by Kayla Avery, Solo Caitlin Hill
Somewhere Out There from <i>An American Tail</i> arr. Kirby Shaw <i>Solo Carrie Kennington</i>
Seasons of Love from <i>Rent</i> Jonathan Larson, arr. Roger Emerson <i>Solo Eireann Sommers</i>
I Have A Dream from Mamma Miaarr. Mac Huff Directed by Kayla Avery, Solos Tiana Haire and Ida Rehm
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Broadway Blockbustersarr. Mark Brymer Solla Sollew from SeussicalStephen Flaherty & Lynn Ahrens, arr. Andy Beck Directed by Kayla Avery Astonishing from Little WomenMindi Dickstein & Jason Howland, arr. Mark Brymer Solo Lisa Urbanski
Louder Than Words from <i>Tick, Tick, Boom</i> Jonathan Larson, arr. Steve Milloy In Whatever Time We Have from <i>Children of Eden</i> Stephen Schwartz, arr. Mac Huff
Journey On from RagtimeLynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty, arr. Pax Ressler Presented by the Reveille Men's Chorus, Keith Koster Director, Kyungsun Choi accompanist
Combined Choirs
Wheels of a Dream from <i>Ragtime</i> Stephen Flaherty & Lynn Ahrens, arr. John Leavitt <i>Directed by Keith Koster</i>
Step In Time from Mary Poppinsarr. Philip Kern
Directed by Terrie Ashbaugh

## Our Accompanist: Dr. Meily J. Mendez, PhD



Dr. Meily J. Mendez is an accomplished pianist and educator in the central Tucson area, as well as an Assistant Professor of Practice of class piano and piano performance at the University of Arizona. She is a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music accredited by the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA). An in-demand adjudicator throughout the Southwest region of the United States, Dr. Mendez has taught piano for over 20

years and is the chair for the Tucson Music Teachers Association's Piano Ensemble. She received her Doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from the University of Arizona, studying with Steinway Artist, Dr. John Milbauer, and she is a regular collaborative artist with the Tucson Duo Project. Dr. Mendez has had the joy of being the regular official pianist for the Arizona Women's Chorus since 2016.



## **Interested in Joining?**

The Chorus performs for public and private functions around the greater Tucson area. In addition, we have annual public spring and winter concerts. We have a great time in our rehearsals which include choral and vocal techniques. Rehearsals are held from September through May, Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at St. Phillips, 4440 N Campbell Ave, Tucson, AZ. Previous choral experience is required. New members are accepted in September and January, and rehearsals are open to visitors or those interested in joining the Chorus during those months. Discount for annual payment and scholarships are available. AWC is a member of the Arizona Choral Arts Association, and Chorus America.

For more information, call 404-3148 or visit us at <a href="https://www.azwomenschorus.org">www.azwomenschorus.org</a>.

#### Your contributions helps AWC:

- continue its programs of collaboration with local and national artists and continue to provide high quality, diverse musical experiences to the So. AZ community.
- be ambassadors of the So. AZ community on a national and international level.
- commission new works for women's voices.
- develop a tuition scholarship program to enable the participation of members from all socio-economic backgrounds.
- perform at various community events: festivals, schools, and \*senior communities \*Many Senior Community performances are offered to these facilities at no charge, thus are supported entirely by donations.
- present workshops to the local community, including schools by bringing in nationally recognized artists.

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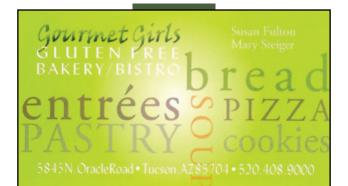
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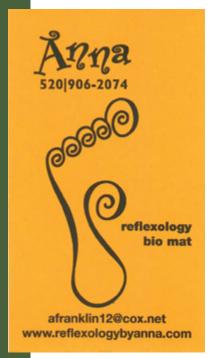
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