



Welcome To Our First Newsletter

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Hello! This is our first newsletter for the Portland Community Chorus, now 120 auditioned singers. Our mission is to develop artistic excellence and share a passion for choral music with our community through performance, education, and public outreach. We have a fantastic program planned this year and we're very excited to have you on our mailing list. Please feel free to share this newsletter with others who are interested and they can sign up at our next concert.



Why We Sing

CAMILLE N. SAUCIER • ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

When I stepped into the role of Artistic Director of the Portland Community Chorus, I carried with me both deep respect for PCC's history and an excitement for its future. One of my first goals was to ensure that our chorus continues to thrive for generations to come. That meant intentionally recruiting younger singers — not simply to grow our numbers, but to broaden our community so that it truly reflects the world we live in.

In the past five years, we have welcomed no fewer than 20 new singers under the age of 45 — an incredible accomplishment in such a short time. These voices have added radiance, fresh perspective, and renewed energy to our ensemble.

Just as importantly, they have had the opportunity to sing alongside the wisdom and experience of our veteran members. That intergenerational exchange is something rare and powerful. It is beautiful to watch seasoned singers' mentor and inspire, while newer members bring curiosity and vitality that strengthens us all.

One of my favorite comments from a longtime member was that PCC hadn't had a "baby" in over ten years. Last summer, we celebrated two — with another on the way! That kind of growth is more than symbolic. It reflects a living, breathing community — one that is not only preserving tradition, but building a future.

The Music Box Fund

Every piece of music begins with a score in our hands. The Portland Community Chorus Music Box Fund exists to place that music directly into the hands and hearts of our singers. Past donations made it possible for us to purchase *What Happens When a Woman Takes Power* for our soprano and alto sections — a deeply empowering work that gave our women not only a poignant voice for these present times, but a powerful one shaped around a simple, courageous question. The rehearsal process was moving; the performance was unforgettable, especially when we were joined by 60 additional women from the Voices in Harmony Inner Voices Chorus in the Fall 2025.

Gifts to the Music Box Fund support a wide variety of repertoire across genres — from contemporary works to beloved masterworks — and allow us to champion diverse composers and meaningful artistic programming. Our singers spend months bringing this music to life, and it is deeply meaningful to know that the scores in their hands were made possible by the generosity of those who believe in the importance and vitality of choral music. If you would like to support the Music Box Fund, donations can be made directly through our website by clicking below. Together, we continue building a vibrant artistic community — one piece of music at a time.

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A Little History

KATHY WHITMORE • PCC HISTORIAN
SINCE 2024

Portland Community Chorus's (PCC) heritage dates from the 1950s and has undergone several transformations in both style and size. Many talented musicians have taken turns directing the chorus. From 2005 to 2020, Rob Westerberg directed PCC in a wide variety of music, from popular to classical and symphonic work.



Selected from a field of several candidates, Camille Saucier was welcomed as our new artistic director in July 2021 after bringing the chorus through nine months of the pandemic as an interim director. Her enthusiasm and skill have attracted many new singers. Camille also directs the Outreach Chorus. A core of the PCC sings in the Magic of Christmas each year.

SPRING 2026 CONCERT

"This Land Was Made For You And Me"

Friday, May 1st @ 7:00pm
Saturday, May 2nd @ 2:00pm (ASL)

- **LOCATION:** South Portland High School Auditorium
- **PAYMENT:** At the door by Cash or Check
- **TICKETS:** A suggested donation of \$15.00. Payments are accepted at the door by cash or check. You can also donate in advance by clicking below.

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