

Hinesburg Artist Series, Inc.

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2019-2020 Participant Information

Welcome to the Hinesburg Community Band and/or South County Chorus!

This information sheet is designed to familiarize you with the Hinesburg Artist Series and our activities.

What is the Hinesburg Artist Series?

The Hinesburg Artist Series (HAS) is the governing organization for **South County Chorus (SCC)**, **Hinesburg Community Band (HCB)** and **In Accord (IA)**, an a cappella group, all of which are directed by Rufus C. Patrick.

HAS was incorporated in 2004 and is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization. The current board members are:

Melissa Bland (SCC) – President	Steve Beattie (SCC)
Kristen Watrous (SCC) – Secretary	Trina Bianchi (SCC)
Andrea Vogl (HCB) – Treasurer	Nancy Leon (Community Member)
Margaret Roddy (HCB)	Yvonne Whitaker (SCC/IA)
Kathleen Rivard (Community Member)	Ryan Midden (HCB)

Please contact a board member if you have questions about the organization, or are interested in serving on the board or volunteering in any way.

Participants come from many surrounding communities and counties. SCC and HCB are open to anyone who wishes to participate. IA membership is by invitation.

Are there dues?

We do not have dues but we are very dependent on voluntary contributions from participants and other supporters to cover our expenses for the music, concert programs, our director, accompanists, orchestral musicians and guest soloists. Our expenses are estimated to be over \$32,000 this year. Please contribute at a level that is comfortable for you. Supporters of \$25 a year or more are published in our concert program.

Contributions can be made via cash or check. Please make your check payable to Hinesburg Artist Series and either give it to Doug Olufsen (HCB, SCC) or mail it to PO Box 286, Hinesburg, VT 05461. Does your employer have a matching gifts program? We are happy to complete the necessary paperwork. **Contributions made to HAS are tax-deductible as allowed by law.**

What is the rehearsal schedule?

SCC rehearses on Monday evenings September through May in the CVU High School Chorus Room #160 at 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Longer and/or extra rehearsals may occur as concert dates near.

HCB rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the CVUHS Band Room #163. Rehearsals run from September to November, and again from March or April through May.

What is the concert schedule?

We have four major concerts a year. Choral singers are welcome to participate in one or all of our concerts. Instrumental musicians are welcome for all band concerts, while orchestral participation is per invitation of the music director. For the 2015-2016 season, the schedule is:

Fall Concert CVU	November 3, 2019 4:30 PM	South County Chorus, Hinesburg Community Band, In Accord
Christmas Concert St. Jude Church	December 8, 2019 2:00 PM & 4:30 PM	South County Chorus with orchestra
HAS Annual Concert St. Jude Church	March 22, 2020 4:00 PM	South County Chorus with orchestra
Spring Concert CVU	May 17, 2020 4:30 PM	South County Chorus, Hinesburg Community Band, In Accord

In addition to these concerts HCB and IA perform at various venues throughout the year. Find us on Facebook for more performance information and updates.

What is the concert dress?

Performers at CVU concerts are asked to wear seasonal colors, while the concerts at St Jude are more formal. There the dress is all black for women, and black suits with white shirts and bow ties for men. Any changes in these dress codes will be announced before a concert.

Where can I get a black chorus folder?

Black music folders that allows music to be held without punching holes must be used for all SCC performances. They are available for purchase on-line at Amazon, mymusicfolders.com or musicfolder.com.

What are the means of communications outside of rehearsals?

If you provide us with your email address you will receive messages from hinesburgmusic@yahoo.com and/or from Rufus directly – rufpat@yahoo.com with concert and rehearsal information. Cancellations due to weather generally follow school closings. Be aware that these emails sometimes end up in junk folders because they are bulk mailings to a large group of people.

How can I help?

Volunteer efforts are fundamental to the success of our concerts and to keeping our organization strong and vibrant. Whether you have one hour to give or twenty, there are many ways that you can help. Please talk to any board member about opportunities to help!

Thank you for your participation!

Providing opportunities for the community to experience and celebrate the Arts.