

Hinesburg Artist Series, Inc.

P.O. Box 286, Hinesburg, VT 05461

2022-2023 Participant Information

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

Margaret Roddy (HCB) – Vice President

Kristen Watrous (SCC) – Secretary

Andrea Vogl (HCB) – Treasurer

Trina Bianchi (SCC)

Kathleen Rivard (Community Member)

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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.

Are there dues?

We do not have dues. We are very dependent on voluntary contributions from participants and other supporters to cover our expenses for the music, concert programs, our director, accompanist, orchestral musicians and guest soloists. We have successfully weathered the pandemic thus far due to the generosity of our current and past supporters. However, with no income for over two years, we are entering a rebuilding phase and can use your help!

Contributions can be made via cash, check, or online at <https://www.hinesburgartistseries.org/> (click the Donate button). Please make your check payable to Hinesburg Artist Series and either give it to Doug Olufsen (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.** Please contribute at a level that is comfortable for you. Supporters of \$25 a year or more are published in our concert program.

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 8:45 p.m. in the CVUHS Band Room #163. Rehearsals run from September to November, and again from March or April through May.

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

September, 2022

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 2022-2023 season, the schedule is:

Fall Concert at CVU	October 26, 2022 7:30 p.m.	SCC, HCB
Christmas Concert at St. Jude Church	December 18, 2022 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.	SCC with orchestra (Extra rehearsal Saturday, December 17, 9:30 – 12:30)
Annual HAS Concert at St. Jude Church	March 12, 2023 TBD	SCC with orchestra and guest artist
Spring Concert at CVU	May (date TBD), 2023	SCC, HCB

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 codes will be announced before a concert.

Where can I get a black chorus folder?

Black music folders that allow music to be held without punching holes must be used for all SCC performances. They are available for purchase on-line at Amazon, My Music Folder or Music Folder.

What are the means of communications outside of rehearsals?

Please go to <https://www.hinesburgartistseries.org/join-us.html> to fill out a “Registration Form and Release”. This will give us 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.

What are the Covid protocols for this year?

We want to protect everyone’s health, while still being able to enjoy rehearsing and performing music. Given that the Covid situation has changed since last year, we’ve decided our rehearsals will be mask-OPTIONAL – please feel free to wear a mask if you are more comfortable. If you have recently been in a situation where you may have been exposed to Covid, you might consider skipping a week or testing before attending. We hope this will address the various wishes and opinions we’ve heard and keep everyone safe and happy.

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. If you would like to volunteer in any way, please indicate that when you fill out the “Registration Form and Release” at <https://www.hinesburgartistseries.org/join-us.html>, or feel free to talk to any board member about opportunities to help!

Thank you for your participation!