



HUMMING RIGHT ALONG



SPECIAL EDITION



REHEARSALS BEGIN JUNE 1

Did you catch the error? We have 5 weeks to rehearse before our first performance!

Registration will begin at 6pm in the basement at St. Luke's (8817 S. Broadway). BE AWARE: There is a youth group concert that night, so parking could be very interesting!

Dues are \$25 for the summer season. Music deposit is \$10. Hope to see you there!

SUMMER "GIG" SCHEDULE

- June 1: Summer Season Begins*
- July 1: Vet's Memorial dedication*
- July 4: Highlands Ranch Parade*
- July 4: Town Center Celebration*
- July 5: Metro Jazz Orchestra*
- July 16: HRCA Ice Cream Social*
- July 24-25: Relay for Life*
- August 8: Douglas Co. Fair Parade*
- August 15: W. Welcome Parade*
- August 16: Concert in the Park*
- August 31: Fall Rehearsals Begin*

SMALL GROUP NAME NEEDED

If you have any ideas for the small group, please get them to Bobbi by May 25 (brfinch@comcast.net). The Board will vote on all submissions at our regular meeting May 26 (7pm, Julie Williams' home). The top 5 names will be presented to the general membership on June 1 to determine what this group will be called.

PERFORMANCE SHIRTS

If you haven't sung with us recently, you probably don't have a "performance shirts" for the summer performances. You'll need to order one the first night of rehearsal in order to have it by July 1. Shirts are \$20. We look like very professional when we wear them!



SUMMER MUSIC LIST

Don't panic: Think about how many of these songs we've done in the last 2-3 years, and you'll see we already know most of them! We have some pretty extensive concerts this summer, so we have to be able to sing a lot of songs.

- America – My Country 'Tis of Thee
- And All that Jazz
- Armed Forces Salute
- Best of the Beach Boys
- Blowin' in the Wind
- Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy (MJO)
- Can't Help Singin'
- Charleston
- Chattanooga Choo-Choo (MJO)
- From Sea to Shining Sea
- Hail Holy Queen
- Irving Berlin's America
- Joy to the World
- Lion Sleeps Tonight
- Mister Sandman
- Music Man (medley)
- Route 66
- Salute to George M. Cohan (MJO)
- Send in the Clowns
- Song for the Heroes
- This Land is Your Land
- Vamps
- Wind Beneath My Wings
- Your Mama Don't Dance





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SUMMER REHEARSALS BEGIN JUNE 1

The most exciting summer season in HRCC season will begin June 1.

Why is it the most exciting? We have as many engagements & possible engagements as we usually do for a Christmas season – how about that!

We'll have 4 weeks of rehearsals before our performance(s) on the 4th of July (an afternoon concert is not yet confirmed). The very next day we're excited to be pairing with the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra for "A Salute to Our Troops". This will bring us a whole new group of people for us to perform for!

Other summer performances include the Douglas County Fair Parade, a con-

cert in the park, booths and possible performances at the Ice Cream Social and more. Our summer season goes through August 16 – the latest we've ever gone.

Registration will start at 6pm in the basement at St. Luke's Methodist Church (8817 S. Broadway) on June 1. Please try to arrive early so we're ready to begin singing at 7pm. With such a limited amount of time to learn music before our presentations on the 4th and 5th of July, it's important that we spend our rehearsal time wisely.

Contact Bobbi at brfinch@comcast.net for more information.

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NEW SPONSORS

Welcome United Launch Alliance

ULA encourages their employees to donate time to non-profit organizations by offering to donate money to the group once 40 hours is donated. Catherine Rice, our VP, applied for this grant, and presented us with a check for \$500 at our April Board meeting. Thanks, ULA!



Welcome Pamela Morton & Family

At our March concerts we received a personal donation from Pamela Morton. Ms. Morton told us her parents were big supporters of the arts, and that the donation came from them as well as her - and that she enjoys our humor and the participation of our family members. Thanks, Pamela!



HRCC'S SMALL GROUP: A REALITY IN 2009

For several years there's been talk about organizing a group to learn music *other* than that being learned for that season. The thought was to reduce the pressure on the main Chorus to learn enough music to fill 2 hours, by having a group that could perform a few numbers *as a compliment* to the main group. This group could also perform in venues that are too small for the main Chorus.

This has been called the "core group", but that's a bad reference: makes it sound like the Chorus is built around that group, when it's exactly the opposite!

This group is ***NOT*** intended to replace the volunteer opportunities that are offered to the general membership. We'll still have sign up sheets because we want everyone to participate in as many engagements as they choose to.

A big difference for this group is that there won't be *learning* rehearsals for the music: Corky is burning CD's from past concerts to help us learn, but parts are the responsibility of each individual. Rick will schedule "balance and sound" rehearsals as he deems necessary. He'll also be responsible making determinations on who will sing from those who are available to get the best presentation.

Rick approved 20 selections for this group's first "season" last week.

Interested? You must be a member of the main Chorus, but there are no additional dues to be part of this group. Check out the song list - you'll probably find many of them to be familiar! Memorization is not required (though encouraged), and we'll wear the same "uniform" the Chorus is wearing.

Small Group Summer Songs

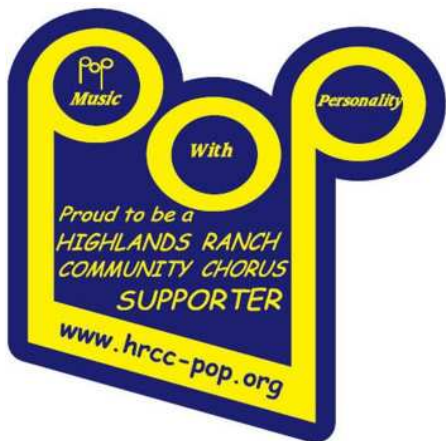
And All That Jazz * Can You Feel the Love Tonight
Eine Kleine Spufmusik * Fever * Hail Holy Queen
How Could You Believe Me When I Said I Loved You
How Sweet It Is To Be Loved by You * Impossible Dream
Mack the Knife * Mister Sandman * Rhythm of Life
Route 66 * You Raise Me Up * An American Trilogy
From Sea to Shining Sea * God Bless the USA
Song for the Heroes * That's My Flag
This Is My Country

Christmas song preview!!!

African Noel * Best Christmas of All
Children, Go Where I Send Thee
Christmas is My Favorite Time of the Year ...
Go Tell it on the Mountain (jazzy)
Grown Up Christmas List * I'll Be Home for Christmas
Once Upon a December * Pine Cones and Holly Berries
Riggin' Up the Lights * Snowfall * Still, Still, Still

HRCC MAGNETS AVAILABLE

Brand new! Our beautiful magnets (intended for your vehicle) are \$5 each, will advertise your support of HRCC, and will be available at all our performances/appearances. Or contact Lori at wyoletwis71@msn.com to purchase!



NATIONAL PIZZA PARTY DAY

That's right - May 20, our regular CiCi's Pizza Night, is National Pizza Party Day!



Join us May 21 for our monthly fundraiser. Our CiCi's is located in the shopping center on the NE corner of University & Dry Creek. We start gathering about 5:30 and there's almost always someone there until about 7pm.

It's been suggested that we sing 2-3 numbers (like we did in November) for their patrons. I think last time we sang about 6:30pm. Think about it! (PS: It DOES count as a mini concert in Arapahoe County when we do our grant requests!)

Come socialize with some fun people and celebrate a national holiday all at once! See you there!

SPONSORSHIP QUESTIONS

How do I become a sponsor?

Just contact us! Donations of any size are welcome, but actual sponsorship begins at \$100 per year. Call Lori at (720) 252-6999 for more information.

What are the sponsor benefits?

Free concert tickets & ads in our concert programs; representation of your logo on our letterhead, publicity documents, and at all events; reduced membership dues; subscription to this monthly e-newsletter, etc. Some levels also include invitations to Chorus social activities and links from our HRCC website to yours.

When will my logo be added to your formal printed poster?

That poster is reprinted the beginning of our fiscal year (August). The "side" poster is printed every other month to show logos of the sponsors who have joined us during the year.

How long is my sponsorship good for?

It's good for one year after we receive it. We'll let you know when the year is approaching so you can renew!

OUR SMALL GROUP NEEDS A NAME!

We need something to call our small group other than "core" (which is wrong) or "sub-group" (which sounds dorky) or "small" (boring!).

Just like we asked for your help with the naming of this newsletter, we're asking for your help with naming our group. Submissions will be voted on by the Board, then the top 5 will be presented to the summer members at our first rehearsal June 1. Watch for the June e-newsletter to get the result!

Get creative - we really want your imagination and input on naming this group. It's been a long time in coming, and we want the name to represent it well.

Email suggestions to Bobbi at brfinch@comcast.net by May 24 (the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend). We look forward to hearing from you!



TACO SOUP

Recipe from Julie Williams

This is a fantastic busy-day, no-time recipe: all in the slow cooker!

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. Browned hamburger
- 1 can Sweet corn (drained)
- 1 can Black beans (drained)
- 1 can Diced tomatoes (large can)
- 1 can Beef broth
- 1 pkg. Taco seasoning
- Shredded cheese
- Sour Cream
- Salsa

Directions:

Put everything in a crock pot. Stir. Cook on low heat for 8-10 hours. Serve with tortilla chips.



TACO SOUP

Recipe from Julie Williams

Yum!!! I'm not a beer lover, but the darker the ale the better the flavor: don't skip it! Serve with warm bread and butter.

Ingredients:

- 5-6 lb. Beef brisket
- 1/4 c. Water
- 2 Yellow onions, chopped
- 4 Large celery stalks, chopped
- 8 oz. Chili sauce
- 4 Garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Bay leaves
- 1/2 c. Brown sugar
- 1/3 c. Dijon mustard
- 1/4 c. Soy sauce
- 1/4 c. Red wine vinegar
- 3 T. Molasses
- 12 oz. Beer
- 1/2 t. Paprika
- 4 Large potatoes, chopped

Directions:

Sear meat. Throw all ingredients but potatoes in slow cooker. Cook on low 6-8 hours. Remove meat & shred. Strain juice. Return juice & meat to the slow cooker, adding potatoes. Cook on low 1 hour, or until potatoes are done.



UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Here are some performance possibilities that the RAVE Committee and the Board are working on. Keep watching the e-newsletter for updates and more information! If you have any ideas or suggestions for performances, contact us!

June 1: Registration / Summer Season Begins

Registration begins at 6pm. St. Luke's, 8817 S. Broadway.

July 1: Veteran's Memorial Dedication

6-9pm. We'll also be selling water, other drinks and magnets!

July 4: Highlands Ranch 4th of July Parade

No specific time yet, but the route will be the same as past years. The parade usually starts about 10am. Watch for more information!

July 4: HR 4th of July Town Center Celebration

For the past 2-3 years we've performed about 2pm at the clock tower. Watch for more information!

July 5: Concert with Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra

4-6pm, Parker Mainstreet Center, Parker. Each group will perform separately, then we'll join for a few numbers. Watch for more information!

July 16: HRCA Ice Cream Social

We're checking into the possibility of performing - but we'll definitely have a booth with recruiting & concert information, water, and our magnets. Watch for more information!

July 24-25: Relay for Life

Watch for more information!

August 8: Douglas County Fair Parade

Watch for more information!

August 15: Western Welcome Parade

Watch for more information!

August 16: Parker Concert in the Park

1-3pm, O'Brien Park gazebo. Watch for more info!

August 31: Registration / Fall Season Begins

Registration begins at 6pm. St. Luke's, 8817 S. Broadway.

September 12-13: ArtFest, Castle Rock

Watch for more information!

October 24: Hyatt Classic Residence Performance

Watch for more information!

November 7: Veteran's Recognition Concert

Traditionally 7pm, S. Suburban Christian Church on So. Broadway. Joint event with HR Concert Band and local elementary school. Watch for more information!

November 14: Park Meadows Performance

Watch for more information!

November 14: Wind Crest Retirement Community Performance

Watch for more information!

November 18: CiCi's Thank You Performance

Watch for more information!

December 3: Interfaith Crèche Performance

Watch for more information!

December 4-5: Christmas Concert

7:30pm, St. Luke's Methodist Church, 8817 S. Broadway. Watch for more information!

December 5: HR Mansion Christmas Celebration

Watch for more information!

December 12: Green Valley Ranch Performance

Watch for more information!

December: Lansdowne Arms Performance(s)

Watch for more information!

December: Zoo Lights Performance

Watch for more information!

MISSING: HRCC HISTORY!

Somewhere out there ...



... is a whole lot of Chorus history we can't find! A binder containing 20 years of Board meeting minutes used to be passed from Secretary to Secretary. A Historian kept albums of photos, concert programs, and other pieces of our history. We've tried contacting the people we can think of who would have this information, but have been unsuccessful in locating it.

Do you have any of this information, or do you have a suggestion of who we could contact? We would really like to get this information into the hands of the current Board so we can make sure it gets filed appropriately and maintained for future reference.

Please contact Julie Williams at (303) 791-7376 or julianne.williams@comcast.net if you can help us with this treasure hunt!

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