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Annual Report

From the Executive and Artistic Director



Hello Boychoir Community! We've had a chance to catch our breath after a whirlwind 60th anniversary season and a wonderful tour to Ireland, and now it's time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the promise of the next one.

The choir was very well received throughout the Emerald Isle; visiting Cork, Cobh, Galway,

Belfast, and Dublin. We experienced first-hand the beautiful country (Rock of Cashel, Blarney Castle & Blarney Stone, Cliffs of Moher, Giants Causeway), the beautiful people, gorgeous venues, and memorable performances. I will never forget the Irish audiences singing along to recognizable tunes on our concert repertoire, and our collaboration with Cór na nÓg Youth Choir in Dublin! Seeing our boys happy and taking pride in themselves and the organization is THE ultimate gift beyond gifts. I am forever grateful for the opportunities afforded the Minnesota Boychoir and continue to be humbled by the number of people who share how their lives are deeply impacted by our presence and music.

Our 60th anniversary season was filled with more 'regularity' as we continue to swim through the pandemic – we were a featured choir at the MN American Choral Director's Association's fall convention (November), collaborated with the Mississippi Valley Orchestra and Rochester Male Chorus (December), sang with the National Lutheran Choir to premier Steve Heitzeg's Lament of the Earth (May), and helped the Minnesota Orchestra close out Osmo Vänska's tenure as Music Director with performances of Gustav Mahler's Symphony #8 – Symphony of a Thousand (June). We participated in the 6th Minnesota State Boy's Choir Festival, had the opportunity to perform our repertoire at several metro-area church services and were a featured artist for MPR and YourClassical's Bring the Sing Winter Solstice Event (December).

The season began with our new summer program Bootcamp, and we did our best to continue the traditional weekend music retreats

Mission

The Minnesota Boychoir, through inspirational music and performance, develops exceptional character and musical ability in boys of many backgrounds.

Vision

We nurture boys to find their voice and become leaders of the next generation.

Serving

During the 2021-2022 season the Boychoir served 107 boys ages 6-18. Choirboys hailed from Hudson to Plymouth, Forest Lake to Rosemount, and everywhere inbetween.

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and retirement home concerts, reaching many residents virtually and in-person. Our annual winter concert was shifted to a virtual format (see our YouTube page: youtube.com/mnboychoir), but our spring concerts at Benson Great Hall & Orchestra Hall brought nearly 2000 appreciative audience members back together in person. Our Sing into Spring Gala was both a fun party and a successful fundraiser, netting thousands in general operating support for the organization! Boychoir singers continue to share their gifts with other local arts groups, with two of our sopranos performing in Theater Latte Da's production of *La Bohéme* and two others in Skylark Opera's production of *Amahl and the* Night Visitors. In April we threw a party at Great Wolf Lodge in Bloomington for the entire choir... water slides. ice cream and smiles included.



Showing off their Boychoir socks at the Orchestra Hall 60th Celebration Concert

We ended the year with 107 boys in Cantarando, Cantabile, and Allegro, including 12 graduates from Allegro all off to post-secondary studies at Macalester College, Hamline University, Minneapolis Community and Technical College, Century College, Luther College, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Olaf College, the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and Duluth, and Middlebury College (VT); eight 8th grade graduates from Cantabile and 28 new member families. Our singing family grows to almost 200 people when you count our Adult Choir members and the Alumni who return to sing each year.

As we embark upon our 61st season, we are thankful and humbled that you choose to support the Minnesota Boychoir, and we invite you to join us as we look forward to another 60 years of music-making, creating memories, and making the world a better place through song!

Sail Johnson

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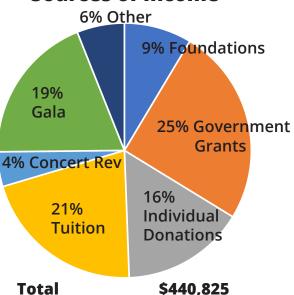
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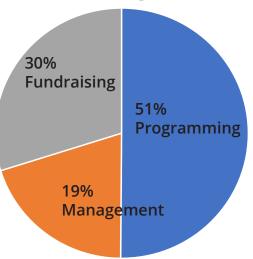


Celebrating Mark's 30th Anniversary with the Board of Directors

Sources of Income



Ratio of Expenses*



Total \$576,145 *unaudited numbers



AlumSing Member, Kevin Sauter, at Orchestra Hall

Beyond the Numbers

The choir's 2021-22 financial situation remains concerning after over two years of Covid-related impact. While gala, government grant, and performance revenues have all increased since last year, they have been offset by decreased tuition revenue (mainly due to decreased membership), waived fundraising obligation, and a return to a more typical amount of individual giving (11-14% of Boychoir income).

For the 2022-23 season, full tuition and fundraising obligation have been reinstated, and staff is redoubling its efforts at recruitment to return membership numbers to pre-Covid levels of 140 boys.

Net Assets

As of June 30, 2021 \$385,900 As of June 30, 2022 \$226,043



\$2663 cost to educate each boy

\$745 tuition per boy

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Our graduating seniors modeling their new Boychoir neck pillows at Awards Night