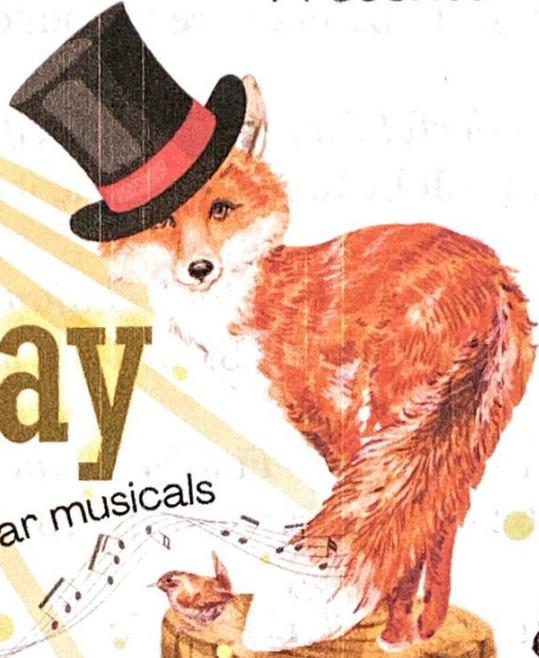




A Chorus For A Cause

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Presents



Broadway Bound

Featuring songs from popular musicals

A concert to benefit

Beech Creek

BOTANICAL GARDEN & NATURE PRESERVE



Sept. 21, 2025

4 PM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
127 Cherry Rd. NE
Massillon, OH 44646

Sept. 28, 2025

4 PM

Community Christian Church
210 N Main St.
N Canton, OH 44720



Doors open 30 minutes before concert

A Chorus For A Cause is a group of musicians making a difference by bringing compelling music and enjoyment to our community while supporting causes that make our world a better place.

A Chorus for a Cause - Singers Making a Difference

Broadway Bound

September 21 & 28, 2025

Christine Allison, director & Mark Thewes, pianist

"Singin' in the Rain" (1929/1985) arr. Mark Hayes
1929 - Twizzlers were introduced

"A Wonderful Guy" - *South Pacific* (1949) arr. Mark Brymer
1949 - Jolly Ranchers made its debut

"There Once Was a Man" - *Pajama Game* arr. Andy Beck
1954 - Whoppers, Smarties & Junior Mints premiered

"Sunrise, Sunset" - *Fiddler on the Roof* arr. John Leavitt
1964 - Pop Tarts made its entrance

"Corner of the Sky" - *Pippin* arr. Teena Chinn
With You - *Pippin* arr. Jay Althouse
1972 - Mentos made its first appearance

"Home - The Wiz" arr. Andy Beck & Michael Spresser
1974 - Skittles had their first showing

"And All That Jazz" - *Chicago* arr. Kirby Shaw
1975 - Most popular toy, Pet Rock. Saturday Night Live premiered

Let's pause to meet our "Cause" - Beech Creek Botanical Gardens
See our donation options on the opposite side of this page.

"One Voice" (from *Sing for the Cure*) Joseph Martin
Soloists: Ruth Ann Allison, Tony Downey, Marlene Sell
John Ferris, Mike Franks, Dianne Capitena
Former chorus members are invited up to sing with us.

"Memory" - *Cats* arr. John Leavitt
1979 - Twix entered the stage

“Bring Him Home” - Les Misérables arr. John Leavitt
1981 - Average price for a Broadway ticket in NYC was \$25-\$30

“For Good” - Wicked arr. Mac Huff
1986 - Pop Secret Microwave Popcorn was introduced

“Always Look on the Bright Side of Life” - Spamalot arr. Mac Huff
Soloists - Mike Franks, Tony Downey, John Ferris, Jeff Allen,
Andy Bennett, Rick Bajornas
2005 - *Spamalot* grossed \$343 million, won 3 Tony Awards

“Eatnemen Vuelie” - Frozen arr. Emily Crocker
“Do You Want to Build a Snowman?” - Frozen arr. Mark Brymer
2003 - The anthropologic discovery of 350,000-year-old
footprints attesting to the presence of upright-walking
snowmen. (Oops, humans)

“Great Adventure” - Kimberly Akimbo arr. Mac Huff
Mark Conneely - Ukulele
2022 - Speaking of “adventure” - Sandwiches with
international flare took hold

Narrations were written by Ruth Ann Allison
Narrators - Marie Downey & Judy Clegg

Thank you, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Community Christian Church, for opening your doors and your hearts to us. Your generous spirit in hosting our concerts has been a true blessing, allowing us to increase our donation to Beech Creek Botanical Gardens.

Options to make your donation: Write a check made out to ACFAC. Cash always works. The final option is to pay with Venmo. (see the QR code below.) Please remember, it is the money we bring in that determines what we give our cause. We used to sell tickets prior to the pandemic. They were \$15. We always hope you will find us and our cause worthy of that, or more.



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Chorus Members

Sopranos

Aleta Killian
Anita Ehmer
Annette Foster
Carole Bennett
Carolyn McMullen*
Chanty Netting
Dianne Capitena
Ellin Schroeder*
Fran Dougherty
Joan Ferris*
Judy Clegg
Kai Rittman
Kaite Krach
Kimberley Melin
Lakiksha Jackson
Laurie Simmons
Marie Downey
Marlene Sell
Michele Valentine
Nancy BakerCazan*
Peggy "Meg" Peretzky
Roberta Franks
Sandy Hulka
Susie Buckey

Altos

Amie Mancini
Becky Rittman
Beverly Wilke
Diana Williams
Emily Steinke
Julia Gallik
Karen Marks
Karen Henke Zotta*
Kenleigh Bennett
Kristin Krach
Nancy Oster
Ruth Ann Allison
Sara Marulli*
Shirlee Krane*

*Board of Directors

Tenor

Andy Bennett
Carol Holland
John Ferris
Karen Elgin
Mark Conneely
Mike Franks
Mike Capitena
Paula Neff
Tom Douce
Tony Downey
Walli Feiler

Bass

Aaron Floom
Dan Strohl*
Denny Smith
Ed Malacaman
Jeff Allen
Keith Bennett
Rick Bajornas
Scott Sigman
Tom Oster

"Words make you think. Music makes you feel. A song makes you feel a thought" - Ella Fitzgerald

Mark your calendars..We hope to see you at our Christmas concerts. Those dates are: Dec. 16 at 7:30 at Faith UMC in North Canton and Dec. 21 at 3:00 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Massillon. Early reports say the music is worthy of its season.

Are you aware? We have a semi-professional handbell choir as part of our organization. Harmony Ringers is not only great to listen to, but they are fun to watch. The bells move faster than a piece of chocolate into your mouth. Their concerts are: Dec. 6 at St. Stephen Martyr Lutheran Church at 3:30. Dec. 13 at Dover First Moravian Church at 3:00 and Dec. 14 at Hudson UMC at 3:00.

Support a great cause and help us continue our mission! A Chorus for a Cause is dedicated to making a difference in our community by supporting local nonprofits. We do this by educating our audiences and donating a portion of our concert revenue.

*Our annual **Sponsorship Campaign** is a crucial part of our fundraising efforts, and your contribution is the backbone of our organization. By donating, you're not only helping other nonprofits, you're also making a difference in the lives of our talented singers and ringers.*

*You can donate anytime by emailing us at **achorusforacause@gmail.com** or by using the QR code in our program. Thank you to the following who contributed during our 2025/2026 sponsorship campaign and for helping us make a difference!*

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Thank you also to all the anonymous donors who contribute to the free will offering. Today's free will offering will go to A Chorus for a Cause. This concert's cause is Beech Creek Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve.



Today's concert is made possible in part by an investment of public funds from the Ohio Arts Council (OAC). The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally, and economically.

2025-2026 Concert Series

Message from St. Paul's Director of Music:

Welcome to our first concert of the season in our beautifully renovated space! Irish singer and songwriter Bono once said that "music can change the world because it can change people," and we are so glad you are here to connect with us through the gift of music.

We are fortunate to be able to offer these concerts to the community at no cost and are exceedingly grateful for all our donors whose financial support helps to make our series possible. Please join us next month, on October 26 at 4:00 pm, when we host the Baldwin Wallace Men's Chorus, under the direction of Devon Steve, with area high school singers.

May God give us faith to sing always,
Dr. Abigail Haake



Message from St. Paul's Senior Pastor:

Good afternoon, and welcome to St Paul's Lutheran Church and to our Cathedral Concert Series. It is a joy to share this time of music with you in this sacred space. We believe that music has a way of lifting hearts, opening minds, and drawing us closer to the beauty of God's presence.

On behalf of our congregation, I want to extend a special word of gratitude for your being here tonight. Whether you are a longtime friend of this series or joining us for the very first time, we are glad you are part of this gathering.

As you enjoy the gifts of tonight's performance, I also want to invite you to return and join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 am. Each week, we gather in this same space to celebrate God's grace, to be renewed in faith, and to share in the fellowship of Christ. You will find a warm welcome here, and we would be delighted to see you again.

Thank you for coming, and may this afternoon's music be a blessing to you.

With warm regards and anticipation,
Rev. Mark Kreemer

