

Hinesburg Artist Series, Inc.

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2016-2017 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:

Yvonne Whitaker (SCC/IA) – President	Steve Beattie (SCC)
Kristy McLeod (Community Member) – Secretary	John Hagman (SCC)
Jane Sheldon (SCC) – Treasurer	Ebeth Scatchard (SCC/IA)
Nancy Leon (Community Member)	Andrea Vogl (HCB)
Melissa Bland (SCC)	Kristen Watrous (SCC)
Karen Needler (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. South County Chorus and the Hinesburg Community Band are open to anyone who wishes to participate. In Accord 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, accompanying pianist and orchestral musicians, and guest soloists. Our expenses are estimated to be \$29,900 this year. Please contribute at a level that is comfortable for you. Names of 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. in the CVU High School 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. The schedule for the 2016-2017 season:

Fall Concert CVU	November 7, 2016 7:30 PM	South County Chorus, Hinesburg Community Band, In Accord
Christmas Concert St. Jude Church	December 11, 2016 4:30 PM	South County Chorus with orchestra and guest artist
HAS Concert St. Jude Church	March , 2017 (TBD) 4:30 PM	South County Chorus with orchestra and guest artist
Spring Concert CVU	May , 2017 (TBD) 7:30 PM	South County Chorus, Hinesburg Community Band, In Accord

In addition to these concerts the Hinesburg Community Band and In Accord perform at various venues throughout the year. Visit our website hinesburgartistsseries.org for performance information.

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 are used for all South County Chorus performances. They can be purchased online at Amazon.com, 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. If you would like to volunteer, please talk to a board member (listed on the front of this document) or pick up a Ways to Assist HAS sheet at a rehearsal.

Thank you for your participation!

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