



*The mission of Summit Choral Society is to provide a continuum of musical training for young children through senior adults, produce exceptional choral performances, and preserve the art of choral music for the enrichment and enjoyment of the Greater Akron community.*

## 2022-2023 • Impact Report

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# From Executive & Artistic Director

## ***Shara L. Cocchiola***

I have been honored to lead the beloved Summit Choral Society (SCS) since 2017 as the Executive Artistic Director and incredibly grateful to be part of the Akron community. Our nationally recognized, award-winning programs serve all ages with opportunities to learn and grow in multiple facets of music, from singing and theory, exciting musical games and composing to playing percussion.

The **Children's Choir Program** serves children in grades K-12 with music education and performance opportunities. Youth in the Children's Choir Program averaged twenty-five weekly rehearsals and numerous performances, including singing at the historic and the newly renovated Goodyear Theater, St. Bernard Catholic Church and hosting *Sing Invitational* at Summit Artspace this past season. Performance Choir, under the direction of Principal Conductor Heather Cooper, delighted all who attended *choral•ography* at historic Greystone Hall where Chris Burnham, Development Finance Authority and SCS President, was recognized as Honorary Chair. This choir also had the distinction of representing Akron (one of only six choirs nationwide) at the national Crescent City Choral Festival by invitation, which included singing under the direction of Bob Chilcott on the newly-commissioned work, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," in New Orleans, LA.

**Metropolitan Chorus** grew tremendously and its focused in on the intimately performed concerts it is known for. This choir experienced a renaissance of singers as the community emerged from gathering limitations and were hungry for contact through song with others. Highlights of their season include the *Christmas Candlelight Concerts*, under the direction of Dr. Britt Cooper, at historic St Bernard Church and *Cathedral Classics*, under the direction of Dr. Marin Jacobson, at the beautiful Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Sing With Me** classes served over 30 families with children from birth to 5 years of age and is a true favorite! This comprehensive early childhood music program for young children is full of hands-on musical games, songs and enrichment activities that foster a love of music while stimulating brain development.

**Pirates! Summer Music Camp** explored musical theatre vocalizations, choreography and Orff instruments culminating in a performance at Summit Artspace.

**DrumSing**, under the direction of Matt Dudack for youth and young adults, entertained audiences with performances throughout Downtown Akron during the summer, including the Akron Marathon, PorchRockr and the Pride Festival!

SCS is so thankful to have incredible support from the greater Akron community for 33 years! Our valuable program offerings are not possible without community support.

***Thank you Akron!***



Summit Choral Society is proud to reside and rehearse in Summit Artspace, Akron's Place for the Creative. SCS's family of musical programs are all proudly directed by certified, degreed professionals with live, acoustic musical accompaniments! Experience the Music at Summit Choral Society this season as a participant, patron or audience member.

# Executive & Artistic Staff



**Shara L. Cocchiola**  
*Executive & Artistic Director*



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# YEAR IN REVIEW

*A Lifetime*



## PIRATES!

Summer Music Camp  
July 25-28, 2022  
Summit ArtSpace



## PORCH ROKR PERFORMANCE

DrumSing Performance  
August 20, 2022  
Highland Square



## AKRON PRIDE FESTIVAL

DrumSing Performance  
August 27, 2022  
Cascade Plaza



## CONCERT FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Children's Choir Program  
December 2, 2022  
Goodyear Theater



## HEARTS FOR MUSIC GALA

Advanced Choir Performance  
December 6, 2022  
Akron Civic Theatre



## CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHTS

Annual Holiday Concerts  
December 16,17,18, 2022  
St. Bernard Catholic Church



## CATHEDRAL CLASSICS

Metropolitan Chorus  
April 29, 2023  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



## A SPLENDID SERENADE

Children's Choir Program  
May 6, 2023  
St. Bernard Catholic Church



## SOUNDS OF SPRING SHOWCASE

Children's Choir Program  
May 16, 2023  
Summit ArtSpace

# NEW 2022-2023

## Calendar of Music



### AKRON MARATHONS & 8K

DrumSing Performances  
September 24, 2022 & June 24, 2023  
Summit ArtSpace



### DONOR APPRECIATION NIGHT

Thank You!  
October 7, 2022  
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### ARTIST SUNDAY SING

Caroling!  
November 27, 2022  
Summit ArtSpace



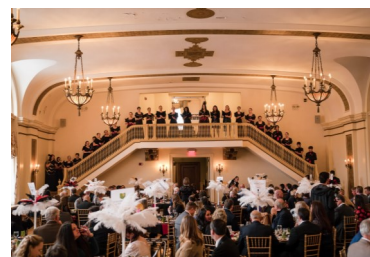
### SING INVITATIONAL

Collaborative Choral Event  
February 11, 2023  
Summit ArtSpace



### ARTWALK

Performance Choir  
March 10, 2023  
Summit ArtSpace



### CHORALOGRAPHY

Annual Benefit Event  
March 18, 2023  
Historic Greystone Hall



### AKRON RUBBERDUCKS

National Anthem Sing  
May 30, 2023  
Canal Park



### CRESCENT CITY CHORAL FESTIVAL

Performance Choir Annual Tour  
June 23-27, 2023  
New Orleans



### SING WITH ME

Early Child Music Program  
Fall, Summer and Spring  
Class Sessions



# PROGRAM OFFERINGS

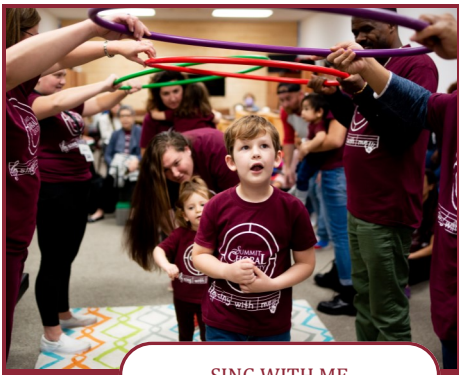


## CHILDREN'S CHOIR PROGRAM

The Children's Choir Program is a leveled musical arts education and performance program for children in grades K-12.

## METROPOLITAN CHORUS

The Metropolitan Chorus is a traditional choral experience focusing on intimately-performed works, ages 18+.



SING WITH ME

Sing with me is a comprehensive early childhood music program for parents and children infants to 5 years old.



DRUMSING

DrumSing is an innovative hybrid musical experience for high school age youth and young adults, combining traditional drumline with vocalized melodies.



SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS

Summer Music Camps are one-week camps for school age children that explore a variety of musical themes.

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Metropolitan Chorus



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Children's Choir Program  
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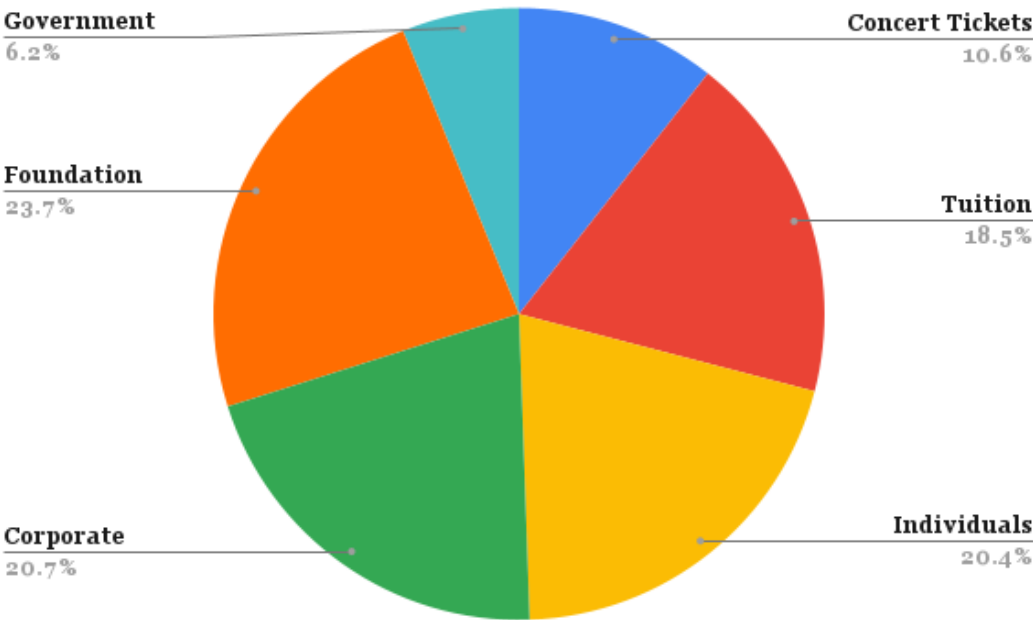
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DrumSing 22-23



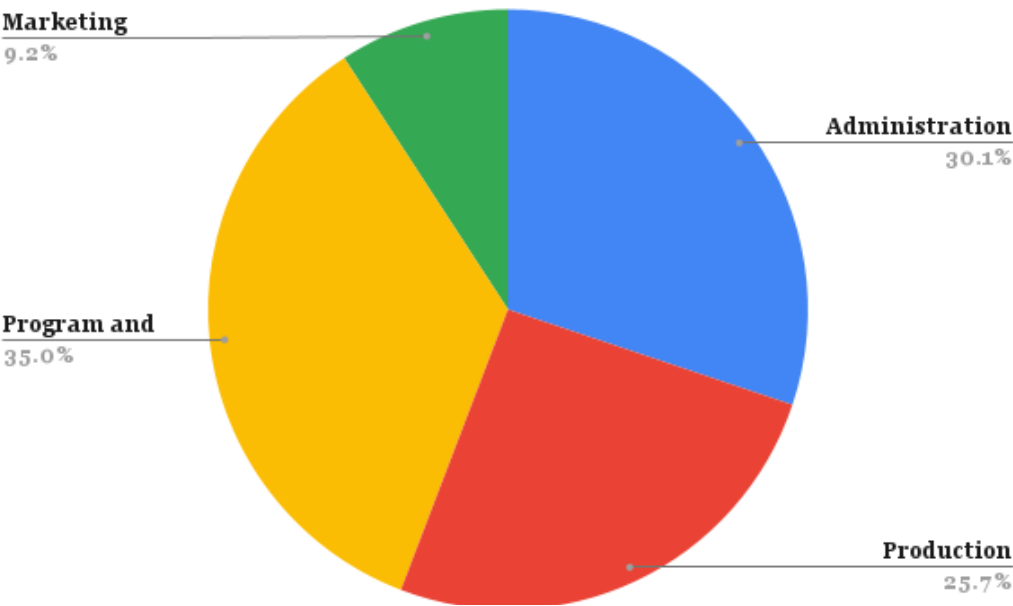
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University of Akron  
DrumSing 23-24

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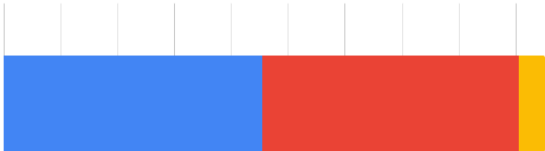
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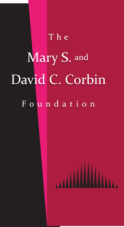
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