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SUMMIT CHORAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES HEATHER COOPER AS PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR

The Board of Directors of Summit Choral Society (SCS) proudly announces the appointment of Heather Cooper as Principal Conductor. Mrs. Cooper will conduct Performance Choir, various Extension Choirs as well as help oversee the combined Children's Choir Program's conducting needs. Along with her involvement with Summit Choral Society over the past seven years, Cooper is the music teacher at Canton Country Day School, President of the Northeast Ohio Kodály Music Education Association Chapter, and the organist at Faith United Methodist Church in North Canton. She has most recently conducted SCS's Performance Choir on invitational tours to Washington D.C. and New York, where they performed at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (2017) and as the featured choir at the National Choir Festival at Carnegie Hall (2018). Heather holds music degrees in piano performance and music education from the University of South Carolina, a Masters in Choral Music Education with Kodály emphasis from Capital University with additional training in conducting, Orff-Schulwerk, Dalcroze, and music theory.

Shara Cocchiola, SCS's Executive & Artistic Director, is thrilled to have her in this new position saying, "Heather embodies everything an organization such as ours is looking for in a Principal Conductor. On top of being amazingly talented she is focused on what is best for the singers in her choir, taking time with individuals and providing everyone involved with a positive and productive experience. Her choral conducting and music education philosophy speak volumes, putting on nationally recognized performances, while exemplifying professionalism and poise."

Cooper states, "I am excited to continue working with Summit Choral Society in this new role. It's a pleasure to be part of an organization that provides singers with opportunities for high-quality musical experiences. From the comprehensive children's program to the variety of adult choral experiences, Summit Choral Society truly provides a lifetime of music."

As the 29th season of Summit Choral Society begins, it continues a proud heritage by serving diverse populations of thousands of Akron area children and adults through a continuum of choral music education, training and performance.

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