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SUMMIT CHORAL SOCIETY

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SUMMIT CHORAL SOCIETY (SCS) (Akron, OH) announces the 2022-2023 Season “33 Classic.” This season marks 33 years of musical excellence in Akron with beautiful, creative, high-quality music education and performance opportunities for all! Executive Artistic Director Shara L. Cocchiola says, “Summit Choral Society is excited to present comprehensive music programs for the Akron area. Music uplifts us all; it is essential to this community as we move forward out of the pandemic. All music ensembles are led by professional musicians with strong roots in music education. Our music offerings truly provide high-quality music for everyone— from infants and toddlers, children and youth, to adults of all ages— a lifetime of music.” All music is performed live, with instrumentalists complementing the choirs and ensembles. Tuesday evenings are now for all members of the family! The Children’s Choir Program, Metropolitan Chorus and **sing with me** (early childhood) ensembles meet on Tuesday evenings, allowing families with multi-generational talent and interest to be part of programming at the same time. Experience SCS this season as a participant, patron, or audience member. Registration is now open for all programs!

Children’s Choir Program is a nationally recognized, award-winning program that serves children in grades 1-12. Under the direction of professional music educators, children rehearse weekly (Tuesday) and develop vocal skills, learn music theory, and build teamwork. With an emphasis on the Kodály philosophy of music education, children grow as well-rounded young musicians throughout the program. Singers in the Children’s Choir Program perform at the Akron Civic Theatre, Goodyear Theater, and historic St. Bernard Church; over 15 performances are scheduled! Concert opportunities include formal concerts, community events, private and public invitation events, as well as collaborative performances. This year, the flagship ensemble, Performance Choir, has been invited to New Orleans to perform at the 2023 Crescent City Choral Festival.

DRUM&SING is an innovative hybrid musical experience for high school age youth and young adults, combining traditional drumlife with vocalized melodies. Under the direction of Matt Dudack, the musical programming ranges from traditional drumline cadences to various pop and rock influences with multi-cultural tones, techniques, and vocalizations. DrumSing plays throughout Downtown Akron on Saturdays all summer long. Featured performances include the Akron Marathon(s), PorchRockr and Pride Festival.

Metropolitan Chorus is a community choral experience focusing on intimately performed repertoire, providing relevant, inspiring and ingenuitive programming. This adult choir rehearses weekly (Tuesday), with three different concert sessions throughout the year. The annual *Christmas Candlelight Concerts* at historic St. Bernard Catholic Church features Handel’s *Messiah* along with beloved Christmas carols, directed by Dr. Britt Cooper. The annual benefit event, *choral•ography*, will take place at Akron’s Greystone Hall with the theme *Viva Las Vegas*. This event is led by Honorary Chair Chris Burnham, Development Finance Authority, and features the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra performing the greatest hits of the “Rat Pack.” The spring concert, *Cathedral Classics*, under the direction of Dr. Marin Jacobson, includes the Mozart *Vespers* along with classical choral gems, performed in the reverberant sanctuary of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

sing with me is a comprehensive early childhood music program for children (birth to age 5) along with their caregivers. This music class uses songs, instruments, movement, and play to enhance the unbridled curiosity and creativity of young ones. Stimulating the mind while captivating the heart, children and adults bond with one another through this playful time together.

Summer Music Camps are week-long camps for school age children, exploring music through singing, instruments, and playful creativity. This year’s camp, *Pirates*, runs July 25-28, 2022.

Summit Choral Society is proud to have provided live, in-person singing opportunities throughout the pandemic with no instances of Covid19 transmission. SCS does not require proof of vaccination status from singers or patrons. Masks and/or temperature checks may be required at events. Health and safety protocols remain fluid.

More information and registration is available at www.summitchoralsociety.org ###