



Consonare
CHORAL COMMUNITY

Saturday, November 15, 2025 | 4PM

Storrs Congregational Church
Storrs, Connecticut

CHOIR MATRIX

Sarah Kaufold, Artistic Director
Janice Castle, Collaborative Pianist
Catherine Scheideman, Conducting Intern

Our upper voice choir open to all sopranos and altos that is focused on empowering the community through singing interesting choral works, intentionally including music by historically excluded composers.

CONSONARE YOUTH CHOIRS

Youth Choir 1 (ages 6-10)
Dr. Priyeshni P. Perera, Choir Director
Bobbi Giardina, Music Educator
Melia Kaufold, Volunteer

Youth Choir 2 (ages 11-16)
Jolie Edwards, Choir Director

A youth choir open to all that fosters an engaging, nurturing, and enjoyable environment for young singers to explore healthy singing, understand music concepts, and practice collaboration.

Penned: words that inspire is an insightful concert experience to share beautiful choral music that tells the stories of how the written word and literacy efforts have inspired and changed history, including those stories lost to history.

Consonare Choral Community is a nonprofit, registered 501(c)3 organization that strives to build community through choral music through the sponsoring of four choral ensembles and communal singing opportunities.



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consonare-sing.org

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C O N C E R T P R O G R A M

L E T T E R S

Letter from Abigail Adams to her husband, John Adams, to "Remember the Ladies"

Letter from Febb Burn to her son, Harry T. Burn, senator from Tennessee encouraging him to vote for the 19th Amendment

Eleanor Roosevelt's resignation letter to the DAR after they banned Marian Anderson from singing

P R O S E

Poet:
Edna St. Vincent Millay

Poet:
Emily Dickinson

Poet:
Emma Lazarus

Poet:
Francis Ellen Watkins Harper

L I T E R A C Y

Bridget "Biddy" Mason and her philanthropy, including a school for Black children in late 1800's

Bedtime story by Margaret Wise

Dolly Parton's

Pack Horse Library Project

Tiny Owls | Written and read by Kerry Landeck

Remember the Ladies

Carol Barnett
Choir Matrix | Sarah Kaufold, conductor
Jan Castle, piano

Count on Me

Bruno Mars | arr. Janet Day
Youth Choir 1 | Dr. Priyeshni Perera, conductor
Avin Perera, piano | Bobbi Giardina, percussion

Sing!

Joe Raposo | arr. John Leavitt
Youth Choir 1 | Bobbi Giardina, conductor
Dr. Priyeshni Perera, piano
Whistlers: Theron, Louisa, Coralee Scheideman

On Yonder Hill

Mary Donnelly & George L.O. Strid
Youth Choirs | Dr. Priyeshni Perera, conductor | Avin Perera, piano

Hope is a Thing with Feathers

Penny Rodriguez
Youth Choir 2 | Jolie Edwards, conductor | Dr. Priyeshni Perera, piano

I Lift My Lamp

Katie O'Conner-Ballantyne
Choir Matrix | Sarah Kaufold, conductor | Jan Castle, piano
Catherine Scheideman, French Horn | Helene Poppleton, solo

Songs for the People

Rollo Dilworth
Choir Matrix | Sarah Kaufold, conductor | Jan Castle, piano

The Open Hand

Susan LaBarr
Youth Choir 2 | Jolie Edwards, conductor
Bobbi Giardina, piano | Melia Kaufold, solo

Goodnight Moon

Eric Whitacre
Choir Matrix | Sarah Kaufold, conductor
Jan Castle, piano | Rachel Embree, solo

Light of a Clear Blue Morning

Dolly Parton | arr. Craig Hella Johnson
Choir Matrix | Catherine Scheideman, conductor
Jolie Edwards, flute | Solos: Cheryl Chase, Helene Poppleton,
Kathy King, Laurel Thurman, Gabrielle Ferris, Sophy Mayer

O Shenandoah

SING WITH US: O Shenandoah, I long to see you,
Away you rollin' river. O Shenandoah, I long to see you,
Away, I'm bound away cross the wide Missouri.

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PERFORMERS

CHOIR MATRIX

Louisa Baker	Kerry Landeck
Ann Barry	Helene Marcy
Laurel Brandon	Sophy Mayer
Janel Brown	Gail Miller
Cheryl Chase	Natalie Miniutti
Laurel Thurman	Cynthia Myers
Renee Colburn	Emily Myers
Theresa Cooper	Carol Norris
Joan Doiron	Christine Pattee
Mary Douglas	Helene Poppleton
Rachel Embree	Tracy Rittenhouse
Gabrielle Ferris	Lindy Rojas
Corina Goodwin	Catherine Scheideman
Sabrina Hosmer	Ann Semolic
Stephanie Johnson	Jennifer Spector
Lucy Kiermaier	Diana Vickers
Peggy Kilgore	Marian Vitali
Kathy King	Janet Welch

YOUTH CHOIR 1

Hattie Bance-Vldich
Simone Bance-Vldich
Josie Bernier
Lilly Bernier
Andi Chen
Olivia Clauson
Elora Colburn
Lilly Decarli
Eloise Desjardin
Marietta Embree
Ophelia Mayer
Natalie Russell
Coralie Scheideman
Louisa Scheideman
Theron Scheideman
Mia Schoenberger
Kelley Skee

YOUTH CHOIR 2

Emma Baker
Felix Goodwin
Sonora Goodwin
Irie Pfaffle
Eila Swift
Radha Bance-Vldich

GUEST MUSICIANS

Jolie Edwards, <i>flute</i>
Melia Kaufold, <i>soprano</i>
Avin Perera, <i>piano</i>
Catherine Scheideman, <i>French Horn</i>

SONG TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

In an effort to be kind to the earth by minimizing paper, the text and/or translation for each song is located on our website:

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SING WITH CONSONARE IN THE NEW YEAR

Do you like to sing? Consonare Choral Community sponsors singing opportunities for all ages. Consonare Community Choir, Choir Matrix, and our Consonare Youth Choirs are welcoming new singers this January with no audition necessary. Community Choir will be singing a Bach Cantata in late March and two large works with the Willimantic Orchestra in May. Choir Matrix & Youth Choirs are performing with a special guest in early March. We have toddler music classes, too.

Details & Registration available on our website today: consonare-sing.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 7, 2025 | 4PM

Candlelight Concert

Immanuel Congregational Church, Hartford
Featuring Voices of Concinnity

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 | 7PM

Caroling for the Coventry Soup Kitchen

Breadbox Theater in Willimantic

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT

Consonare would like to recognize the generosity of individuals and businesses in our community that have supported our efforts to continue to build community through choral music. Any donations are tax deductible.



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