

About the Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra

The Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra, now in its 88th season, is the Capital Region's oldest community orchestra. Founded as the String Orchestra of the Hartford School of Music, the CVSO has grown and changed significantly since its founding in 1930. Most recently known as the Connecticut Valley Chamber Orchestra, in 2014 it became what we now know as the Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra, a name that reflects the ever-evolving nature of the orchestra. The CVSO presents numerous concerts in the Greater Hartford area, performing works from all periods in a wide range of musical styles. The members of Hartford's only community orchestra are serious amateurs who come from a broad spectrum of occupations. Besides commissioning and performing new works, the CVSO has made concert tours to Romania, Spain, Hungary, Austria and Poland under the sponsorship of organizations such as the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation. Please visit their website at ctvalleysymphonyorch.com to learn about their upcoming concerts.

Guest Conductor: Paul McShee joined the CVSO as Music Director in 2019. Currently pulling double duty between directing the CVSO and as Assistant Professor and Director of Orchestral Studies at Binghamton University, Dr. McShee is the conductor and founding director of the Edinburgh PopUp Opera Program in Edinburgh, Scotland, and has conducted the Baltimore Opera Project as well as the ROH at Paul Hamlyn Hall in London, England. He is in demand with orchestras and opera companies throughout the US and Europe. He holds a DMA in conducting from the Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University and an MM from UConn.

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- Our photographer, John Benoit, and Chris Jackson, our videographer
- The Board of Directors, Travelers Senior Management Team, and the Travelers Foundation for their continuing support
- The Travelers Employee Club for providing ushering assistance
- You, our audience, for joining us this evening and for your generous nonperishable food donations

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Save the date! Our next concert is May 7, 2020.

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The Travelers Chorale

Soprano I

M. Arnold
T. Clemons
L. Cromwell
L. Darmetko
K. Dorwin
V. Girven
P. Gray #

Alto I

D. Bielefield-Merli
N. Black
A. Bloomquist
D. Bryson +
C. Cacciola +
K. Coppola
J. Giordano +

Tenor I

J. Abraham
D. Alkire # >
R. Ebor
P. Gluch
A. Holden +
B. Lawrence
D. Lesieur
P. Stice #

K. Howard
R. Khajapeer
R. Lin
Y. Michelsen #
J. Murrone #
J. Shea
D. Vernier

Alto II

S. Kinney
G. Lombardo
I. Miraslaw Evans
M. Savage +
A. Sheremeta
G. Shuman
K. Wingate

Tenor II

C. Bloniarz
M. Dolan #
K. Doolittle
T. Durrant II +
E. Ellison
H. Joshi
P. Mason
J. O'Melia
W. Overgaard #
M. Proulx
D. Tuve #

Soprano II

A. Baker
C. Baptiste-McCalla
J. Campbell
C. Capshaw
K. Ersevim
E. Geary >

Alto II

D. Carby
L. Chamberlain
S. Diamond
J. Drake
K. Inglis
W. LeBruce
S. McGonigle

Baritone

J. Cogguillo +
W. Curlew
J. Geoghegan #
E. Johnson
R. Knapp
M. Leszko
J. Molyneaux
P. Nollet
R. Ozaki
D. Theriault # >
H. Tiffany +
D. Weber
L. West

K. Kondratovicz #
A. Quinn
S. Sereno
K. Stott
D. Susca

S. Milner
A. Noonan +
K. Quintana
K. Reid
T. Stewart +
A. Walwyn-James >
D. Yount

Bass

K. Burr
D. Eberhardt
B. Kean
G. Lamb
P. Reinke

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> Section Leader

+ New Member

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Dream by the Fire
A free concert presented by the Travelers Chorale

WEDNESDAY
11
7:30 PM

The Bushnell – Mortensen Hall
Free Parking & Admission
Donation of nonperishable food requested

CREDITS:
– Conducted by Kenneth Ferris
– Accompanied by Stacy Cahoon
– Special Guest: Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra

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The Chorale was formed in 1924 as The Travelers Choral Club and initially performed in the Travelers auditorium. In 1931, the group appeared at the newly opened Bushnell Auditorium and has performed annually in Mortensen Hall ever since (with the exception of the WWII years). During the 1940s, '50s and '60s, the group sang Christmas carols on the Travelers-owned radio station WTIC.

Over the years, members of the group have performed at the Travelers Pavilion at the New York World's Fair; at the Festival of Light in Hartford; community carol singing events; on Constitution Plaza; at the Festival of Trees at the Wadsworth Atheneum; at Hartford Hospital to entertain the patients; and at the Travelers Championship® in Cromwell. In 2007 and 2013, the Travelers Chorale was honored to sing at the Governor's Residence Holiday Open House in Hartford. In 2017, the Chorale sang at the second-ever Hartford Yard Goats home game at Dunkin' Donuts Park and opened the 2018 home season.

Our annual spring and holiday concerts are open to the public and admission is always free of charge. As a service to our community, we collect approximately 8,000 pounds of nonperishable food each year from our generous concert audiences to donate to food pantries.

Our Director: Kenneth Ferris received his music degrees and training from Western Connecticut State University, UCONN, and the University of Hartford's Hartt School of Music. He taught in the Bristol school system for 37 years, including 20 as music department chairman. His choirs have performed for President Carter and Pope John Paul II. He has directed over 450 performances with his madrigals, show choirs and concert choirs. Ken's choirs have performed all over the United States, in Canada, Rome, and the Caribbean. Ken is in constant demand as a vocalist and has performed many solo concerts for community organizations and around the state. Ken continues to coach and teach vocal students. He lives with his wife Marylou in Burlington.

Our Accompanist: Stacy Cahoon received her Master of Music Degree in Piano Accompanying from the Hartt School of Music and a Bachelor of Music in Performance from UMASS at Lowell. Active as a freelance accompanist, Stacy has appeared throughout the Northeast, including the Lincoln Center Library and St. Peter's Church in New York City. As a soloist, Stacy has performed recitals at Center Church in Hartford, as well as throughout her native Cape Cod. Our accompanist since 1995, Stacy is an independent piano teacher in West Hartford, where she lives with her husband, Mark, and her two musical daughters.



The Travelers Chorale

Director: Kenneth Ferris
Accompanist: Stacy Cahoon

Silent Night.....	Kirchner
Fum, Fum, Fum (Catalonian Carol).....	Wilberg
Piano Four Hands: Stacy Cahoon & Linda MacGougan	
The Chanukah Song (We Are Lights).....	Nowlin
Winter Wonderland.....	Jasperse

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Director: Paul McShee, DMA

Symphony No. 9 "From the New World" Op. 95.....	Dvorak
I. Allegro Molto	
IV. Finale	

The Travelers Chorale & Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra

Hallelujah Chorus.....	Handel
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Intermission



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O'er The Solemn Hush of Midnight.....	Maxwell
Soloists: Patricia Gray & Kara Dorwin	
Do You Want to Build a Snowman?.....	Brymer
A Gaelic Blessing.....	Rutter
Go, Tell It On The Mountain.....	Hayes
Piano Four Hands: Stacy Cahoon & Linda MacGougan	

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We Need a Little Christmas.....	Hayes
When You Believe.....	Snyder
Soloists: Kim Coppola & David Alkire	
Angels We Have Heard On High.....	Helvey
Piano Four Hands: Stacy Cahoon & Linda MacGougan	

Instrumentalists:

Electric Bass: Jeff Darmetko
Percussion: Mary Chuhay