



October 31, 2020

Dear ACC Patron:

I hope and pray that each and every one of you and your families are well and safe in this unprecedented time in world history. The Board of Directors and I want to thank you for your generous support of The Abington Choral Club! The Board has continued to meet virtually via Zoom conference calls since COVID-19 began to discuss our future options in light of the pandemic, bearing in mind the guidelines set forth by the CDC and government officials. Our first and most utmost priority is the health and safety of our members, audience and patrons. For this reason, the Board unanimously decided to cancel our Fall 2020 rehearsal and December concert schedule. We will determine plans for the Spring in early December. This decision is contingent upon many factors including 1) the timing of an effective vaccine, 2) Federal, State and Local mandates and CDC protocols and 3) the availability of safe rehearsal and performance venues, to name a few. We will keep you informed as this evolves.

Here are some highlights of how we continue to express our mission during the Pandemic:

- ❖ We continue our long-standing tradition of awarding a scholarship to a deserving senior of the Abington High School Choral Music program. This past June, **Isabella DiPasquale**, described by faculty as a bright, intellectually curious, personable, talented singer and actress who lives and breathes theater and music, received our scholarship. Isabella had plans to attend Temple University, studying voice performance. We appreciate this wonderful opportunity to support the development of choral musicians in our community.
- ❖ On another positive note, I believe our December 2019 holiday concert at Berachah Church was one of the best I have sung and we were joined by the Abington Senior High School Select Choir. We hope to continue to provide the Abington community with quality performances like this one in 2021 and beyond. Meanwhile, Peter, the Board and the Music Committee are working to put together a Zoom-type performance for later on this year. This is our best opportunity to share and express the gift of music until we can be together again. If we have your email address, details will come directly to you. If not, continue to check our website (www.abingtonchoralclub.org).

We hope that you will join us as a 2020/2021 Patron again this year. Your gift is **100% tax deductible**. For your convenience, enclosed please find a return envelope. We hope that you will give generously, as you have in the past, and join in our effort to keep choral music alive in Abington and the surrounding area for future generations.

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ACC is a non-profit community choral group, and we have made our decisions guided by goals to maximize the base for the organization's future success and demonstrating care for the dedicated staff who sustain the heart of our organization. Even though we are not rehearsing and performing, we have ongoing expenses such as salaries, insurance, and storage for our music. It is our custom to collect dues from our members in September but, because we are not rehearsing, we will not have these funds available to us. We are encouraging members who are able to consider replacing their dues payment with either their first Patron donation or by adding to their Patron donation.

Another way to support ACC, for those of you who shop online, try Amazon Smile (www.smile.amazon.com), logging in with your customary Amazon sign in and password. This special site was created by Amazon so that non-profit organizations can be rewarded 0.5% of their supporters' purchases, at no additional cost to you. Please be sure to select Abington Choral Club as your charity of choice.

Thank you again! We look forward to performing for you real soon at our future concerts. Stay safe!

Dick Gustafson

Dick Gustafson
President, ACC

Yes, I (we) will make a gift to support Abington Choral Club!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of:

- Angel \$250+
- Patron \$100 - \$249
- Associate \$ 50 - \$ 99
- Friend \$ 15 - \$ 49
- Business \$ _____

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