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*SING*  
WITH US  
**HAMPSHIRE CHORAL  
SOCIETY**



# Welcoming Singers Like You Since 1953

If you like to sing in a group, the Hampshire Choral Society may be the right place for you.

We are a community chorus of adult men and women of all ages. Most of us sang in high school or college. Some members who can't read music learn by listening and practicing independently between rehearsals. Many of our members are musicians and music educators. All of us love to sing together.

Each semester we learn and perform a major work of the choral repertoire, from the well-known to seldom-heard compositions. Our rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings in Amherst.

The semester concludes with a concert presented to the public. Our music director handpicks talented musicians from area colleges and the Springfield and Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestras to assemble full orchestras for our concerts.



While we are a community chorus with open auditions, we pride ourselves on offering dedicated singers the opportunity to experience high quality music-making.

You're probably a good fit with our group if you have prior singing experience, can carry a tune and are willing to make a commitment to participating for the entire semester.

We may ask you to meet with our music director so he can hear you sing. Or your prior experience may tell us all we need to know.

If you're ready to add music back into your life, we look forward to hearing from you. Please write to [hampshirechoral@gmail.com](mailto:hampshirechoral@gmail.com).



## Meet Our Director

### Allan Taylor

B.A., Trinity College

M.A., Smith College



Allan Taylor is a very experienced, skilled choral and orchestral conductor. His passion for music and dry sense of humor have made our weekly rehearsals and concerts a joy since 2001.

He is an accomplished organist and harpsichordist. An adjunct professor of music theory at Westfield State University since 2006, Allan has also taught conducting, orchestration, sight singing and ear training, music history, pipe organ and piano. A resident of Feeding Hills, MA, he is the longtime minister of music at the First Congregational Church in Westfield.

## What We Have Sung

Here is a small sampling from the long list of works we've enjoyed singing over the years.

Bach, *Mass in B Minor*  
Beethoven, *Ninth Symphony*  
Bernstein, *Chichester Psalms*  
Brahms, *Requiem*  
Bruckner, *Four Motets*  
Duruflé, *Requiem*  
Handel, *Messiah*  
Haydn, *The Creation*  
Kodaly, *Te Deum*  
Mendelssohn, *Elijah*  
Mozart, *Mass in C Minor*  
Orff, *Carmina Burana*  
Poulenc, *Gloria*  
Stravinsky, *Symphony of Psalms*  
Thompson, *Frostiana*  
Vivaldi, *Magnificat*  
Walton, *Belshazzar's Feast*  
Williams, *A Sea Symphony*

## **Our Rehearsal Location**

The Sanctuary at  
South Congregational Church  
1066 South East Street, Amherst, MA

## **Our Schedule**

Rehearsals on Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
January-May and September-November  
Concerts in May and November

## **How To Reach Us**

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## **For More Information**

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Hampshire Choral Society is the longest-established, best-known independent community chorus in the Pioneer Valley. Our reputation for excellence and our membership have grown under the leadership of Allan Taylor. Please consider joining us.