

NoVA Lights Chorale

About Us

NoVA Lights Chorale is an all-volunteer, community-based vocal group based in Arlington, Virginia. We are a non-auditioned ensemble and sing several concerts each year. Our free performances include a wide range of musical styles, including popular, jazz, Broadway, global, sacred, folk, holiday, and classical. We welcome all singers without regard to race, gender, national origin, faith, or musical training.

NoVA Lights is an independent corporation, not affiliated with any religious or cultural organization. We depend on donations for our income. We currently rehearse and perform at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3439 Payne St, Falls Church, Virginia. The Chorale is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



The Chorale usually performs two concerts per year – Spring (May/June) and Fall (December), with an 8 to 12 week rehearsal schedule. We have been rehearsing on Mondays, 7–9 pm. Concerts have been on Sunday afternoons with the dress/tech rehearsal on the preceding Saturdays.

History

The Chorale's inaugural concert, "The World Sings for Peace," took place on September 11, 2011, and began with handbells tolling four dissonant chords representing the four crash sites on 9/11.

Since then we have performed thirteen free public concerts. We have also performed several private concerts at local retirement communities, at the Arlington County Fair, and on Columbia Pike. Our original chorale of 30 singers has grown to over 60 strong.

The Members

Our members come from all over the Metro DC area. With a retention rate of 80-85%, many of our members return to sing with us from year to year. We usually have a chorale of 50-60 singers.

The Board

The NoVA Lights Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers who represent a diverse skill set that is vital to shaping and accomplishing NoVA Lights goals. Responsibilities include managing donors, events, finances, logistics, meetings, music library, program, publicity, and website.

Artistic/Music Director

Founding member **Barbara Stefan** - An experienced and gifted musician with an established track-record in organizing and directing community groups, Barbara received the Elizabeth Campbell Award for Outstanding Community Arts from the Arlington Branch of the American Association of University Women. Barbara retired from our organization in 2017 and we are currently seeking a new Music Director for NoVA Lights who shares our vision of community and joy.

See our website for additional information, <http://novalightschorale.jigsy.com>.