

BCAS BEAT

AUGUST 28, 2024

TOP NEWS

Tickets

Season goal: 3,000

Buy tickets at the link [HERE!](#)

Volunteer!

Meat Raffle 9/28 - [Volunteer Sign Up](#)
Flyer Blitz - Talk to Ali Searer
Sabres 50/50 - Dates TBD

Attendance & Zoom

[CLICK HERE](#) for Zoom!

Meeting ID: 206 819 5928

Password: BCASZoom!

If you will be absent, please email choralattendance@gmail.com as soon as possible. Please join on Zoom if you feel unwell or have had a COVID exposure!

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD:

Welcome back, everyone! The board has been hard at work all summer to prepare for what should be an incredible upcoming season.

Given how much new information tends to come at the start of the season, we wanted to dedicate some time specifically to giving you that information; 5 minutes during break simply is not sufficient! This allows time for questions and allows David to prioritize music-making when rehearsal begins next week. Once we finish with our information, we will have time to catch up and socialize after a summer apart. We appreciate you taking the time to be here!

Please read through the next few pages and linked documents carefully. Please note: this is an overview, and we will provide more information when we meet. We wanted to give you the gist of the big things coming your way.

QUESTIONS?

Alec: Water bottles & 50/50

Beth Anne: Choir Genius

John: Dues

Nadine: Meat raffle

All: Flyer blitz for meat raffle

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

28: Meat Raffle
Fundraiser @ Hamburg
Knights of Columbus

OCTOBER

16: Dues are due!
23: Dress Rehearsal @
St. Joseph University
Church
27: Concert @ St. Joseph
University Church

NOVEMBER

13: Rehearsal at Sweet
Home Middle School
26: Tuesday Rehearsal at
Sweet Home High
School

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Dues for 2024-2025

Dues for the 2024-2025 season will be \$100. This was not a decision made lightly by the board, and it was one we put off as long as possible post-COVID. We continue to have some of the lowest dues for any choir in the region. If this increase presents a hardship for you, or if you would be willing to donate additional money to help others pay dues, please do not hesitate to reach out to Tom (tnaber1@gmail.com) or John (jpodvezko@gmail.com).



Season Schedule

Our full rehearsal and concert schedule (including concert times and locations) can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#). Please take note of any days that we will not be at Sweet Home HS.



Tickets, Ads, & Friends of BCAS

We will be ready to go at the meeting for ticket sales, ad sales, & Friends of BCAS fundraising. Online sales will go live at the end of that week. More information will be discussed at the meeting!



Choir Genius

Starting this fall, we will be migrating to a platform called Choir Genius. This will replace our "Members Only" section of the website, Dropbox, and Blogtrottr. It is a one-stop shop where you'll be able to access all things BCAS, while also providing greater security than our website could afford. It can be accessed from the web or from an app! Beth Anne will have more information & tutorials at the meeting!



Other Questions?

[CLICK HERE](#) to view a member information packet! (New members: you will receive a copy at the first meeting) Concert dress, concert dates & addresses, board contact information, & FAQs are all here!



The Meat Raffle!

Important Information:

When: Saturday, September 28, 2024

Where: Hamburg Knights of Columbus: 36 Pierce Avenue, Hamburg, 14075

Cost: \$15 cover for an individual, \$100 to reserve a table of 8. \$1/raffle ticket

Doors open: 6:00 PM

First raffle: 7:00 PM

More information can be found on [the poster, linked HERE!](#)

Tickets can be purchased at rehearsal or on our ticket website.

All money earned from the Meat Raffle will go towards our 60th Anniversary Celebration next season!

Day-Of Event Volunteers

Meat raffles are VERY successful fundraisers, but they require a lot of manpower. We need **30 volunteers** to help check people in, collect raffle tickets, sell pizza slices, & more. You can [sign up HERE](#) using Sign-Up Genius: this also allows you to choose the job you would like to do!

Flyer Blitz Volunteers

We will be running a flyer blitz to publicize the meat raffle during Labor Day weekend & the following week in Hamburg. They will run like last year's: choose one of six "zones" & drop off flyers we provide in the businesses in that zone within the window of the blitz. See Ali Searer to sign up!

Meet The Member!



Name: Ali Searer (she/her)

Voice Part: Soprano

Years in BCAS: since 2008

Occupation: Portrait & wedding photographer

Fun Fact: I once had the honor of speaking one line on a Broadway stage at what is now called the Red Bucket Follies alongside the cast of RENT! (It was "I was seven years old when RENT premiered")

[Submit your "Meet the Member" profile by clicking HERE!](#)