

Merrimack Concert Association
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Merrimack Concert Association is a recognized 501c3 organization. Our performances, by our band and chorus, are three times a year. We are governed by our board of directors.



Merrimack Concert Association's *Ring in the Holidays*

**Performances by the MCA Chorus,
Band, and "Granite State Ringers"**

**Saturday 12/16 at 2pm
Merrimack High School**

Enjoy our Concessions and Raffle Prizes!

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE MCA WEBSITE
WWW.MERRIMACKCONCERT.ORG, AT THE DOOR, OR BY SCANNING OUR QR CODE**

TICKETS

ADULT \$14

SENIOR \$12

STUDENTS \$8



Merrimack Chorus

Jamie Saucier, Choral Director ~ Dr. Olga Berkovich, Accompanist

Sopranos

Ami Grenier
Sarah DeWitte
Peggy Hodkinson

Debbie Coleman
Susan Riggi
Sharon Knotts
Pamela Smith

Ellen Riggi
Carolyn Morin
Jo Ann Rotast

Altos

Meg Hamm
Kim Curran
Clair Tessier
Kathleen MacDonald

Dawn Morrill
Renee Gregoire
Richelle Barb

Amy Shields
Betty Mulrey
Cheryl Barb
Diane Duff

Baritone

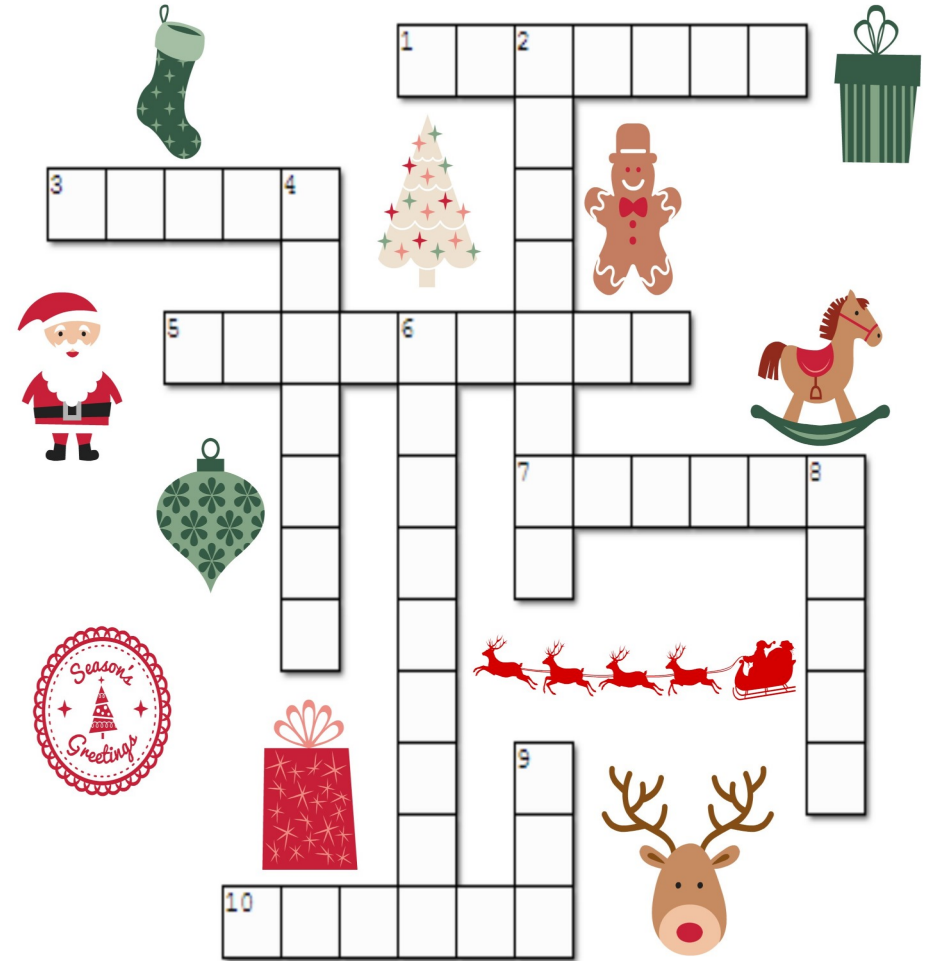
Tom Kolb
Phil Knotts

Ernie Gronblom
Bryan Plumb
Jim LaTouche

Barb DeFrancisco
Elaine Krawczyk

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across

1. One of Santa's Reindeer
3. Santa's Helpers
5. December 25th is _____.
7. Christmas Drink
10. The name of a popular snowman.

Down

2. Christmas Month
4. He hates Christmas!
6. You hang them by the chimney.
8. On Christmas morning we unwrap our _____.
9. ___ to the world!



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Merrimack Band

Toby Stillson, Band Director

Flute/Piccolo

Michele Coughlin
Elizabeth Butler
Michelle Carr
Erin Rauch
Susan Riggi

Oboe

Melissa Fogelson
Rhonda Hall

Clarinet

Robert Hughes
Mary O'Reilly
Kathy Yuhas
Rose Jalbert

Bass Clarinet

Sharon Hebert
Katie Davidson

Alto Saxophone

Tim Adams
Ryan Oxley

Tenor Saxophone

John Larson

Baritone Saxophone

Brendan Adams

Tuba

Michael Gregoire
Meagan Wolf

Trumpet

Robert LaQuerre
Sam Diggins
Ryan Boland

Trombone

Eileen Gribouski

Percussion

Michael Gregoire
Jimmy Peavey



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Renee Gregoire, Executive & Artistic Director - Alto

Renee grew up in Lowell, MA and has lived in Hudson, NH for over 20 years with her husband and two wonderful children. She is a graduate of UMASS Lowell with a Bachelor of Arts in Music, with a vocal concentration under the vocal coaching of Eunice Alberts. Throughout college and after graduating in 1993, Renee has been involved with multiple local choral organizations. She also enjoys community work, serving as vice president on the Hudson Old Home Days committee. Renee looks forward to working on growing the MCA chorus and band and it's contribution to the town.

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Dr. Olga Berkovich, Accompanist

Dr. Olga Berkovich is a pianist, piano teacher, composer, and musicologist. Dr. Berkovich is a graduate of the Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory named P.I. Tchaikovsky, holds degrees in piano and composition. She obtained a Ph.D. in pedagogy with her thesis on teaching composition to future music educators. Dr. Berkovich is an avid writer and has authored several publications in music theory and education. Her book *Methods of Teaching Composition and Improvisation* has been published in Russia and Germany and serves as a reputable source for music composition teachers.

Dr. Berkovich has almost thirty years of experience as an accomplished teacher, theorist, and composer across many schools and universities in Moscow. Her work has led her to teach multiple masterclasses and serve on the juries of several performance and composition competitions. During her time in Moscow, her students became professional pianists and teachers, as well as winners of regional and international piano and composition competitions. Dr. Berkovich currently resides with her family in the United States, where she continues her career as an active performer, teacher, and adjudicator. She is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP). Dr. Berkovich regularly works with the ABRSM and Royal Conservatory programs, successfully preparing students for piano and theory exams. Her students perform at festivals and concerts and triumph in numerous competitions.



Toby Stillson, Concert Band Director

Toby Stillson holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education degree from St. Cloud State University (SCSU). He has over 25 years of professional musical experience as a music director, performer, composer/ arranger. He began his teaching career in his first year at SCSU teaching Winter Drumlines and Percussion Ensembles in area High Schools and directing some of the summer Marching programs. He then took the position of Director of Bands in ISD 317 Deer River, MN before moving out of the Midwest area. He has continued to teach percussion at Central High School, Pinkerton Academy and is currently the Head Instructor and the Percussion Instructor for Alvirne High School in Hudson, NH. He has concentrated his studies and teaching to Concert Percussion and Marching Percussion. He has played with the Majestic Theatre Company, Windham Community Band, Grand Rapids Area

Wind Ensemble, St. Cloud Symphony and SCSU performing groups like: Wind Ensemble, Sonare Orchestra, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Mallet Ensemble, and The World Drumming Group.



Jamie Saucier, Choral Director

Mr. Saucier is a native of New Hampshire; having grown up in Derry and currently residing in East Kingston with his wife, sons and daughter. By day he is the Senior Project Manager/ Estimator for NESC, Inc. in Salisbury, MA. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music Pre-teaching. While at UNH, he was heavily involved in all choral ensembles and a cappella groups. He musically directed Alabaster Blue, a co-ed a cappella group, and founded Not Too Sharp, an all male barbershop and a cappella group. After graduation Mr. Saucier went to work in the public schools in the New England and New York areas. While in New York he attended Ithaca College and received his Master of Music degree in Music with a specialty in Music Education. After having taught for four years he went for a change of

careers and started his position at UNH Manchester as the Student Activities/Involvement Coordinator. While in this position he has raised tens of thousands of dollars for local charities and founded many musical student clubs (Milling Around, a cappella group; Brick and Mortar, theatre group among others). He is the founder and director of Voices of the (603), an a cappella festival for middle and high schools in the state of NH. He completed his Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in Educational Leadership specializing in Arts, Leadership and Learning from Plymouth State University. He is a volunteer on many nonprofits in the state including: Seacoast Entertainer, New Road Project, East Kingston Historical Society, and NHICC. He is a former Board chair of East Kingston School Board and Arts4NH (formerly NH Citizens for the Arts). When he is not conducting this chorus, he can be found conducting the Nashua Granite Statesmen (barbershop men's group).



SCHOLARSHIPS!!!!

PURPOSE:

To award two scholarships to either high school seniors and/or college students who are presently or will be pursuing higher education. One scholarship is intended to recognize a student who has displayed outstanding leadership skills, and the other scholarship is intended to recognize a student who has demonstrated outstanding creativity in the arts.

CRITERIA:

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or a college/university student in the year of the award and must be registered as a part-time or full-time college/university student in any major in the upcoming academic year.

Applications available on our website www.merrimackconcert.org
Applications must be received or postmarked no later than June 1, 2023. Applications received or postmarked after this date will not be considered.

For more information, contact:

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Concert Program

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Merrimack Chorus

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Merrimack Concert Band

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RUDOLPH ON THE HOUSETOP.....Iarr. Shaw
THE BELLS.....Edgar Allen Poe/L. Beery
THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS MEDLEY.....Various arr. Gilpin
BRING A TORCH JEANNETTE, ISABELLA..... Trad. Arr. Robinson
Soloists: Phil Knotts/Renee Gregoire & Susan Riggi/Ellen Rlggi
SWINGING ST.NICK..... arr. Gilpin
FIGGY PUDDING..... arr. Gray
A MARSHMALLOW WORLD (WITH THE CANDY MAN).....arr. Hayes
THESE BELLS WILL RING.....Chloe Grace Baker arr. Sinclair
Soloist: Pamela Smith

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD.....Weiss /Thiele arr. Saucedo
BABES IN TOYLAND.....Burns.arr. Forsblad
ALL IS CALM.....arr. Smith
BUGLER'S HOLIDAY.....Anderson arr. Edwards
SLEEPERS, WAKE.....JS Bach arr. Philip Spark
THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR.....Pola/Wyle arr. Moss
A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.....Anderson
IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER.....Holst Arr. Smith
THE LORD OF THE DANCEShardiman arr. Saucedo
CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG.....Various arr. Ployhar

Granite State Ringers

GOD REST, YE, MERRY GENTLEMEN.....18th Century English Carol, arr. Stephenson
RIU, RIU, CHIU.....Traditional Spanish Caroll arr. Eithum
LITTLE DRUMMER BOY.....David, Onorati, Simeone arr. Stephenson
JOY TO THE WORLD.....Handel arr. Johaneck
CAROL OF THE BELLS.....Leontovich arr. Maggs

~ *Intermission* ~

(Please take time to visit our raffle table and enjoy the concessions)

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for attending today's performance and
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