



Sunday, May 4, 2025  
3:00 p.m.

Lake Shore High School  
22980 13 Mile Road  
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our scholarship fund.*

# ABOUT THE CHORUS

In 1963, Ruth Brennan, a former teacher within Lakeview and East Detroit School Districts, founded the St. Clair Shores Civic Chorus. It was established when one of Ruth's students expressed a desire to continue singing after graduating high school. Under Ruth's leadership, the chorus presented both holiday and Spring performances. In addition, the organization appeared at various community functions throughout the city.

In 1993, Virginia Rivard Steiler, became director. Virginia was a graduate of Wayne State University with a degree in liturgical music. It was at this time the name of the chorus changed to the St. Clair Shores Community Chorus. Virginia introduced the idea of awarding scholarships to local graduating seniors. These students must demonstrate proficiency in vocal music and express an interest in studying vocal music. The use of costumes and choreography were also introduced at this time.

In 1998, Cynthia Ohrt embraced the directorship of the chorus. Cynthia is a former music education teacher within the Lake Shore School District. She earned her Bachelor of Music from Michigan State University. Under Cynthia's leadership, the St. Clair Shores Community Chorus introduced the Show Choir, Women's Ensemble, and Mixed/Men's Ensemble. Live music accompaniment was introduced with Lake Shore High School band students joining the concerts. After her retirement, local musicians from the surrounding area joined the chorus for their annual Spring shows.

In addition to regular Holiday and Spring concerts, the chorus has made numerous appearances for senior citizens and other organizations. The community chorus has also had the privilege of singing at the City of St. Clair Shores Annual Tree lighting and other special events within the city, including the Memorial Day Service at Veteran's Memorial Park. The Chorus has also had the honor of performing the National Anthem at Music on The Lake.

In 2013, the chorus became a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. In 2022, the chorus was honored to receive a proclamation from the City celebrating our 60+ years and in honor of our support of the City.

Please consider joining the chorus! No auditions are required, just a love of music. You must be at least 14 years of age and a high school freshman to join.



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Website

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[www.scscommunitychorus.org/registration](http://www.scscommunitychorus.org/registration)

# About the director



Choral Director, Ms. Cynthia Ohrt is from the Thumb Area of Michigan where she began her musical journey at the age of four. While in Bay City Ms. Ohrt was heavily involved in choirs, bands, musical theatre, church music, piano lessons, and numerous summer theater productions. She earned her Bachelor of Music Degree from Michigan State University (1969-1973). Additional endorsements were earned from Eastern Michigan University and Oakland University in school administration and curriculum. Finally, from the University of Phoenix, she earned a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

During her 38 years in the Lake Shore Public School District, Cynthia led her students to win numerous awards. She was named Teacher of the Year in 1989 and 1999. Ms. Ohrt became a mentor to two student teacher music educators which was a very rewarding experience. She guided these students to become fine Music Directors in Southeastern Michigan.

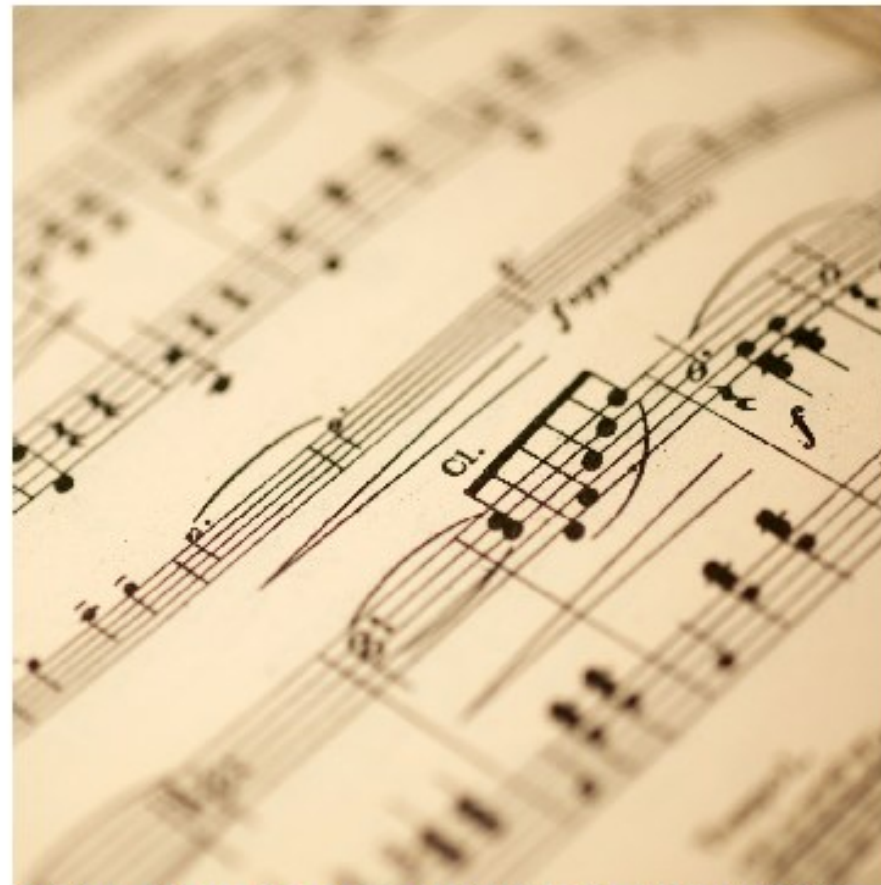
To enrich the music curriculum at Lake Shore, she introduced a Special Education Music Class for all levels of special needs students. In addition, she developed curriculum to allow students to earn Fine Arts credits for high school graduation thus, the Shorian Singers Show Choir became a part of the LSHS approved curriculum in 1988. In addition to directing the Lake Shore HS Choirs and the SCSCC, she was also the Lake Shore Public Schools Auditorium Director for 20 of her 38 years at Lake Shore.

Numerous Division I and II ratings were earned by the Lake Shore Singers, the Women's Glee Club, and the Shorian Singers Show Choir. From 1973-1986, LSHS Choirs attended the MSVA Solo & Ensembles. Following those local events, these groups became known nationally, under her direction, due to 25 years of competing in music festivals such as—Fiestaval Heritage, Magic Music Days, three Bahamas Music Festival at Seas aboard the Sovereign of the Sea and Monarch of the Sea (earning two Grand Championships), and finally, one year at Festival Disney. At these festivals, choirs under her direction always earned Division I or II and placed and ranked at the top position or at least the top three nationally. In addition to the competitions, her choirs performed numerous Broadway musicals including—*Les Misérables*, *Phantom*, *Showboat*, *West Side Story*, *Oklahoma*, *Grease*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Oliver*, *Anything Goes*, *High School Musical*, *Mame*, *South Pacific* and *No, No, Nanette*—just to mention a few!

In June of 2011 Ms. Ohrt retired from Lake Shore Public Schools and continues with her passion for music with the St. Clair Shores Community Chorus. She has been directing the chorus from 1998 to the present. This opportunity has allowed Ms. Ohrt to blend both young and mature people into the long standing chorus. She believes blending these voices into one vocal group helps promote a unified musical sound of all ages and is a unique opportunity that is helping to keep music alive in the Shores and beyond for years to come.

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# COMMENTS

From the director.....



# MEMBER WELL WISHES

Dear Chorus—Thank you for another great show! I am blessed to work with all of you. Musically yours—Cindy

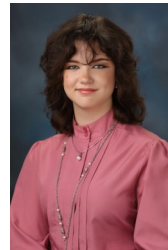
## **First Place Winner—**

Marissa Jolet is a dedicated and talented student at Regina High School, where she actively participates in the school's vibrant performing arts community. As a member of the Regina Choral Ensemble and the Regina Players, Marissa has showcased her vocal prowess and acting skills in numerous choirs and competitions. Her exceptional talent has earned her several lead roles in school productions, including memorable performances as Sophie in \*Mamma Mia\* and Little Red in \*Into the Woods\*.

In addition to her theatrical accomplishments, Marissa is an accomplished competitive dancer with over ten years of experience. She has achieved numerous dance awards as a soloist, reflecting her passion and commitment to the art form. Her dedication to both singing and dancing has made her a standout performer and a valued member of her school community.

Marissa's life goal is to continue performing and to be successful in all her endeavors. She aspires to make a lasting impact in the world of performing arts and achieve her dreams through hard work, perseverance, and creativity.

## **Second Place Winner—**



Dana Lockhart is a dedicated and talented student currently attending Waterford Mott High School. Her passion for the performing arts is evident through her active participation in various esteemed groups and organizations. Dana's vocal talents have shone brightly as a member of the MSVMA State Honors Choir, and she has showcased her skills in the Mott Chamber Singers and the Mott Drama Club. Her commitment extends beyond her high school, as she serves as a high school intern with the prestigious Detroit Rackham Choir.

Dana aspires to become an opera performer, a goal she pursues with unwavering dedication and passion. Her hard work and involvement in these musical and theatrical groups have equipped her with the experience and expertise to follow her dreams. While her college choice remains undecided, Dana is exploring various institutions with strong music programs to further hone her vocal abilities and achieve her ambitions.

With a bright future ahead, Dana continues to inspire those around her with her talent, determination, and love for the performing arts.

Dana was unable to perform with us this afternoon due to previous out of town commitments with high school choir performances.

## Let's Go To The Movies!

### Third Place Winner #1 -

Adrian Harris is a dedicated and passionate student at Roseville High School. She is actively involved in the Drama Society, Symphonic Choir, and the Youth Coalition Group, where she shines as a talented performer and a committed advocate for her peers. With a flair for the arts and a strong sense of community, Adrian has made a significant impact in her school and beyond.

Adrian has set her sights on attending the University of Michigan, where she plans to study performing arts with a focus on acting. She dreams of a successful career in the performing arts, aiming to inspire others in the same way that she has been inspired by her favorite artists and mentors. Adrian's ultimate goal is to use her talents and passion to make a positive difference in the world, both on and off the stage.

### Third Place Winner #2—

Keon Celestine is a dedicated and passionate student at Fraser High School, where he actively participates in a variety of extracurricular activities. Keon is a proud member of the Fraser Singers Show Choir and Chamber Choir, showcasing his vocal talents in numerous performances. He has also graced the stage in productions of "Clue: The Musical" and "Big Fish: The Musical," demonstrating his versatility and love for the performing arts.

Beyond his musical endeavors, Keon is an accomplished athlete, contributing to the Fraser Swim Team and sharing his expertise by teaching swim lessons at Fraser Aquatics. His commitment to both music and sports reflects his well-rounded character and drive for excellence.

Keon's ultimate life goal is to inspire others through music, which has been a profound influence throughout his life. During challenging high school experiences, music provided him with solace and a sense of safety. It has been a guiding force, teaching him valuable lessons on personal growth and resilience. Keon aspires to touch lives and inspire people through music, just as it has inspired him when nothing else could.

### 2025 Scholarship Winners

**Third Place** Keon Celestine—*With You* from *Pippin*

**Third Place** Adrian Harris—*My White Night* from *The Music Man*

**First Place** Marissa Jolet—*Part of Your World* from *The Little Mermaid*

#### Full Chorus

Cinemagic! (from A Day In Hollywood/A Night In Ukraine) ..... Arr Mac Huff  
Let's Go To The Movies (from Annie) ..... Arr Alan Billingsley

The Greatest Showman ..... Arr Ed Lojeski

Hairspray Medley ..... Arr Mac Huff

#### Men's Ensemble

Jersey Boys ..... Arr Ed Lojeski

#### Full Chorus

Les Miserables Medley ..... Arr Ed Lojeski  
One Day More ..... Arr Mark Brymer

#### Show Choir

Footloose Medley ..... Arr Mark Brymer

#### Women's Ensemble

Mamma Mia! ..... Arr Mac Huff

#### Men's Ensemble

I'm Just Ken ..... Arr Alan Billingsley

#### Full Chorus

Dance the Night ..... Arr Alan Billingsley

#### *First half of raffle*

Somewhere Over The Rainbow ..... Soloist—  
Wicked ..... Arr Mark Brymer

#### *Second half of raffle*

#### Full Chorus

(I've Had) The Time of My Life (from Dirty Dancing) ..... Arr Mac Huff



# CONGRATULATIONS! 2025 WINNERS

## 2025 SCSCC Scholarship Recipients

Third Place #2 Keon Celestine

*With You* from *Pippin*

Third Place #1—Adrian Harris

*My White Knight* from *The Music Man*

Second Place—Dana Lockhart

*Ouvre ton Coeur* from *Georges Bizet*

First Place—Marissa Jolet

*Part of Your World* from *Little Mermaid*



## OUR EMCEES



George Munger

George Munger attended Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts in hopes of becoming a famous On-Air Personality. He briefly worked at WDFX, 99.5, The Fox, and found that being in a studio all alone was not really for him. He and a friend left the station and pursued a business together. That business is Elite Entertainment. If you are looking for a DJ, visit [weddingsbyelite.com](http://weddingsbyelite.com).



Carrie Kowalski

Carrie Kowalski, a lifelong resident of St. Clair Shores, is no stranger to the stage. As Miss St. Clair Shores 2002 and former professional performer, she is thrilled to be back to emcee her 4th SCSCC Cabaret. She and her pilot husband Mark have four children, Thomas, Amelia, Estele and Blaire. Carrie is a work from home mom, leading the way with Rodan + Fields. Whether you are looking for solutions for your skin and/or curious about partnering with the #1 Skincare Brand in North America, Carrie can help! Visit [cakovalski.myrandf.com](http://cakovalski.myrandf.com).



# MUSICIANS

## Jerry Rutallie



### Lead Guitar

Over the past 61 years, Jerry has refined his talent as a guitarist. His love of playing guitar has afforded him numerous opportunities to perform and accompany many stage presentations throughout southeastern Michigan. He is currently a guitar instructor at Huber and Breese Music in Fraser. Jerry resides in St. Clair Shores. We truly appreciate Jerry accompanying us this evening.

## Matthew Bono



### Bass Guitar

Matt is a private music teacher. He plays piano, guitar, and bass guitar. He is a bassist for The Judelaires, and is a church musician. Matt is also an accomplished author of 10 music education books. We are pleased that Matthew is accompanying us this evening.

## Nicholas Hunter



### Percussionist

Nicholas has been drumming since the age of 4. He attended Fraser High School, where he performed as a member of the drum line and symphony bands. He is currently employed as an assistant drumline instructor for Fraser High School. Nick is also a featured soloist at Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, where he is a member of the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir. He is also a member of the SCSCC. Nicholas currently resides in Roseville with his wife, Liz and their children. We appreciate Nick accompanying us tonight.

## SCSCC Show Choir

### Soprano

Julie Arnone  
Robin Barr  
Jillian Clauser  
Annette Cyburt  
Erica Fruhner  
Carmen Harms  
Kelly Luckadoo  
Abby Moore  
Dawn Tomlinson  
Erica Tyler  
Laura Verloove  
GayeWhite

### Alto

Jill Becovic  
Danielle Bishop  
Olathe Coleman-Harville  
Rose Cyburt  
Melissa Florek  
Ally Fuchs  
Raychel Gierman  
Shelby Hunter  
Olivia Lemon  
Heidi McInnes  
Bethany Schindler  
Amber White  
Shelby Woodward

### Tenor

Chris Ambrozy  
Mike Galat  
Jack Loomis  
Jason Wilkinson

### Bass

Ron Dest  
Ryan Sawka  
Doug Steen

## Men's Ensemble

### Tenor

Chris Ambrozy  
Adam Beauchamp  
Joseph Chirco  
Mike Galat  
Jack Loomis  
Jake McTevia  
James Torrento  
Jason Wilkinson

### Bass

Ron Dest  
Mike Fayad  
Larry Loomis  
Ryan Sawka  
Doug Steen

## Women's Ensemble

### Soprano

Julie Arnone  
Robin Barr  
Jillian Clauser  
Maryann Corona  
Kathie David  
Carmen Harms  
Jill Mielke  
Abby Moore  
Kathleen Williams

### Soprano II

Annette Cyburt  
Erica Fruhner  
Kelly Luckadoo  
Loretta Rehe  
Dawn Tomlinson  
Erica Tyler  
Laura Verloove  
Jan Wallace  
Gaye White  
Jessica Yenchar

### Alto

Jill Becovic  
Danielle Bishop  
Olathe Coleman-Harville  
Julia Cordova  
Rose Cyburt  
Cathy Edgar  
Melissa Florek  
Christina Floyd  
Ally Fuchs  
Debby Fuchs  
Raychel Gierman  
Shelby Hunter  
Olivia Lemon  
Heidi McInnes  
Taren Pawl  
Bethany Schindler  
Linda Walleman  
Amber White  
Shelby Woodward

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Jillian Clauser  
Maryann Corona  
Annette Cyburt  
Kathie David  
Erica Fruhner  
Carmen Harms  
Jessica Hartbarger  
T. Rose Harville  
Katie Holloway  
Pam Kidd  
Kelly Luckadoo  
Kelli Martin  
Jill Mielke  
Abby Moore  
Loretta Rehe  
Karen Ryan-Light  
Peggy Sobodos  
Dawn Tomlinson  
Erica Tyler  
Laura Verloove  
Jan Wallace  
Julie Washburn  
Gaye White  
Kathleen Williams  
Jessica Yenchar  
Donna Zetterlund

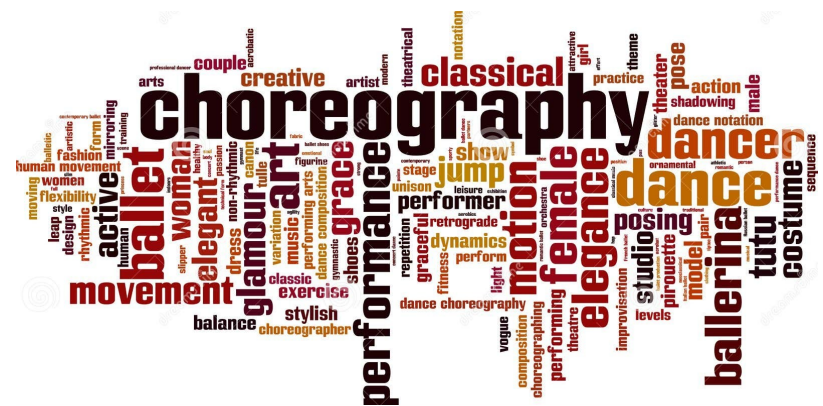
Julia Anderson  
Jill Becovic  
Maggie Bennsette  
Danielle Bishop  
Olathe Coleman-Harville  
Julia Cordova  
Rose Cyburt  
Cathy Edgar  
Eleah Fayad  
Melissa Florek  
Christina Floyd  
June Foukes  
Ally Fuchs  
Debby Fuchs  
Raychel Gierman  
Jennifer Hunter  
Shelby Hunter  
Ange Jentz  
Olivia Lemon  
Heidi McInnes  
Taren Pawl  
Janice Petrocik  
Bethany Schindler  
Rose Torrento  
Linda Walleman  
Amber White  
Margaret Wood  
Shelby Woodward

Chris Ambrozy  
Adam Beauchamp  
Joseph Chirco  
Emily DeMattia  
Mike Galat  
Roxane Kowalski  
Jack Loomis  
Jake McTevia  
Denelle Parker  
James Torrento  
Jason Wilkinson

Ron Dest  
Mike Fayad  
Larry Loomis  
Ryan Sawka  
Doug Steen

## A group of six young women are posing for a photo against a light-colored brick wall. They are arranged in two rows, with three women standing in the back and three crouching or kneeling in the front. All six women are smiling at the camera. The woman on the far left in the back row is wearing a black and white striped cardigan over a green top and glasses. The woman next to her is wearing a black top. The woman on the far right in the back row is wearing a white zip-up hoodie. In the front row, the woman on the left is wearing a black vest over a white long-sleeved shirt. The woman in the middle is wearing a teal t-shirt and blue jeans. The woman on the far right in the front row is wearing a white hoodie and black pants. The overall atmosphere is friendly and celebratory.

Beth Schindler, Jenni Millmine, Ally Fuchs, Erica Tyler  
Raychel Gierman, Erica Fruhner





## Become a Friend of the Chorus

Ticket sales cover only a portion of our expenses. The Chorus must rely on private donations to help support our mission. We cannot do this without your help. Supporters of the St. Clair Shores Community Chorus (SCSCC) are welcome to become a Friend of the Chorus. Friends of the chorus are a vital part of our organization. Our friends partner with the SCSCC to support our growth and to bring music to our local community.

Donations are greatly appreciated. We do need your help to keep the arts alive! Please consider supporting the SCSCC by becoming a Friend of the Chorus. To donate by mail, please print and complete the form. Send completed form and donation to address provided on the contribution Form. All Friends of the Chorus donations are gratefully acknowledged in each concert program and on our website. Donations that exceed \$250 or more are entitled to complimentary tickets as shown below. Complimentary tickets are only available through the SCSCC. Complimentary tickets are not available for special events.

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Level	Gift	Benefits
Platinum Note	\$1000 or greater	6 complimentary tickets
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The St. Clair Shores Community Chorus is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by the law. The value of tickets received may reduce the value of your deduction by that amount. Consult your tax advisor if you have any questions.

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## In Memoriam

### Former Directors

Ruth Brennan (2018)

### Former Chorus Supporters

Helen Duff (2013)  
Pauline Dyke (2013)  
Mary Ann Masters (2012)  
Jason Petrocik (2016)  
Darcie Hannah (2016)  
Beverly Simonenko (2017)



Even though you are gone,  
you are NEVER

*forgotten.*

### Former Chorus Members

Dorothy Ambrozny (2014)

Charlene Czeski (2017)

Joann Demos (2023)

Dennis Torp (2013)

Paul Duff (2001)

Kathleen Gallagher (2018)

Thomas Horman (2018)

Jack Humphreys (1996)

Thomas Lavender (2017)

Wendell Meike, our beloved mascot  
(2016)

Annette Moschelli (2018)

Betty Nett (2017)

Mary Shaw (2024)

Judy Snyder (2014)

Rose Marie Sosnowski (2022)

Irene Sweeney (2013)

Barbara Vethacke (2020)

Hartley Vezina (2011)

Anna Younis (2011)



- \* Special thanks to our amazing choreographers: Ally Fuchs, Raychel Gierman, Erica Fruhner, Erica Tyler, Jenni Millmine, and Beth Schindler! Your creativity is awesome!
- \* Thank you to Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church for continuing to allow us to use their facility for our rehearsals. We are so blessed.
- \* For those who graciously placed ads in our program today.....thank you for your generosity!
- \* Thank you to our musicians and emcees. Your special flair makes this show the best it can be! We are so grateful to have your many talents in our show tonight!
- \* Thank you to our volunteers and behind the scenes helpers! Where would we be without you?!
- \* Thank you to the magnificent people who donated items for our raffle and special raffle items! You are fantastic!
- \* Thank you to all our wonderful family and friends for their continued love and support! We couldn't succeed without you!
- \* Thank you to those who creatively made some of our props!
- \* Special thanks to the Lake Shore High School crew for providing excellent sound and lighting for tonight's performance. Brielle, Caitlynn, Jimmy, and Jason. And most especially Kelsey Elkins and Ray Filipek.
- \* We want to thank the custodial staff of LSHS for all their all hard work!
- \* Extra special thanks to Mr. Hanson for the Spotlight Signs and the artistic props! What a talent!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 25, 2025**—Memorial Day Performance @

SCS Veteran's Memorial Park

**June 4, 2025**—Perform National Anthem at Music in the Park

@ Veteran's Memorial Park 6:45 p.m.

**Sept 8, 2024**—Meet and Greet at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal begins

@ 7:30 p.m. for holiday concert season.

**December 2025 TBD**—Holiday Performance @ Lake Shore  
High School Auditorium

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## High School Student Scholarship Opportunity

The vision of the St. Clair Shores Community Chorus is to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors in support of furthering their education.

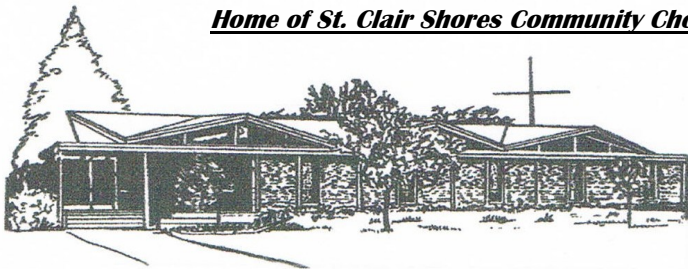
Any high school senior with an interest and demonstrated singing talent. All are welcome to audition. You *DO NOT* need to be a resident of St. Clair Shores.

Scholarship contestants are required to go through a submission and audition process. Applicants are judged on a points system and are judged in four key categories: Preparation, Presentation, Intonation and Diction.

Additional details @ [scscommunitychorus.org](https://scscommunitychorus.org)



Home of St. Clair Shores Community Chorus



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The St. Clair Shores Community Chorus Music Major Scholarship is administered by Macomb Community College. It is based on student accomplishments and recommendation of a music faculty member. This scholarship is designed to assist a student pursuing a transfer to a 4-year college or university with a major focusing in music.

Additional details can be found at:

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