

Heart of New Jersey Chorus presents

HOLIDAY LIGHTS!

Special Guests - The Trentones

Saturday, December 6, 2025

3:00 PM

Snow Date December 7

Millstone Twp. Primary School

***18 Schoolhouse Road
Millstone Township, NJ***

email: honj.info@gmail.com



***Join us as we sing in the
holiday season!***

From the Director's Desk



Welcome to Heart of New Jersey's holiday show, "Holiday Lights".

We are delighted that you chose to spend your afternoon with us.

As of September of 2025, I have been directing the Heart of New Jersey Chorus for ten years! Where has the time gone? It continues to be a privilege to lead this chorus and share the musical journey, fellowship, and joy together each week.

HONJ is proud of our accomplishments at our 2025 annual Regional Convention/Competition held in Albany, NY – taking 3rd place in our division and 6th place overall!

We have recently moved to a new rehearsal location, at the Madison Park Volunteer Fire House, 3011 Cheesequake Rd., Parlin, NJ. Our intentions for moving were to find a more central location to help make the commute more equitable for our members and to reach a new community. I am happy to say that this has been a good move for us, so far. We have gained new members and have several new performances booked for the holiday season and Spring of 2026.

Heart of New Jersey Chorus continues to embrace our Core Values of Excellence: Community, Collaboration, Integrity and Welcoming.

One of the many things that I appreciate about HONJ is how much they care about each other. This has been a difficult year for many of our members, with personal and family concerns, job demands, and... Our chorus leadership has been doing a great job of encouraging flexibility in membership, allowing members to continue being a part of the chorus, allowing them to do what they love to do (SING), as they take the time needed to manage their personal circumstances.

Through all of this, I want to thank all our members for their dedication, support for me and each other, and their hard work throughout the year. I am proud to be a part of this chorus and value the friendships and teamwork that we build upon each week – not to mention the laughter and fun.

Special thanks go to you, our family and friends, for your on-going support. We hope you enjoy the show as much as we enjoy performing for you.

This year, we are pleased to share lots of new songs with you, and we are also delighted to have **The Trentones** back with us again this year! You are in for a treat with their contemporary a cappella music.

Enjoy the show!

Jeanne Elmuccio
Director



From Our President



*Welcome to Heart of New Jersey's
"Holiday Lights" !!*

We are thrilled to perform for you today! Thank you for spending the afternoon with us. We have so much to celebrateit has been quite a year for our chorus. We won third place overall in our division at Regional Convention in Albany. We are also proud to welcome four new members to our chorus: Mona Carol Albala (bass), Jeanne Viscito (baritone), Johanna Nachtergaele (lead) and Debbie Yivrades (lead).

We would like to thank our enthusiastic members who come together each week to do what we all love.....creating harmony together!

We welcome past members Kerrie Blum, Patricia Paulikens and Mary Jo Tort-Bergeron, who are joining us on the risers today.

We truly appreciate the support from our friends, family and our loyal audience throughout the year.

Special thanks and appreciation to our amazing Director, Jeanne Elmuccio, who shares her talent and boundless energy and enthusiasm with us every week! She has a way of bringing out the very best in each of us and is truly the "heart" of this chorus.

For more information about Heart of New Jersey Chorus, please visit our website: www.honj.org Your voice has a place in our chorus!

In Harmony,
Becky Woodard, Board President

“HOLIDAY LIGHTS” PROGRAM

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Arr. Nancy Bergman

Feast of Lights

Arr. Greg Lyne

Simply Having a Wonderful Christmas Time

Arr. Jim Arns

Believe (from Polar Express)

Arr. Joey Minshall

O Christmas Tree/Rockin' Around the
Christmas Tree medley

Arr. Carolyn Schmidt

Eight Candles

Arr. Larry Wright

Carol of the Bells

Arr. Avis Fellows

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Arr. Larry Wright

We Need a Little Christmas

Arr. June Berg

INTERMISSION

SPECIAL GUESTS - THE TRENTONES



Sing, Sing, Sing

Arr. Larry Wright

The Longest Time

Arr. Kay Bromert

Wonderful Day Like Today

Arr. Joey Minshall

If I Loved You

Arr. Larry Wright

Dancing Queen - OR - Cups

Arr. Larry Wright

As Long as I'm Singing My Song

Arr. Elaine Gain

How We Sang

Arr. Nancy Bergman

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Show Committee

Director	Jeanne Elmuccio
Assistant Directors	Carolyn Wolfe, Becky Woodard
Show Committee	Joyce Baldinucci, Sherry Barell, Teresa Conlin, Ro Gerber, Portia Licciardello, Carol Moroz, Megan Peterman, Lois Taylor, Becky Woodard
Audio/Video Technician	Sara Barriello, Andre Paras from TCNJ
Ads and Boosters	Lois Taylor
Baskets	Beverley Williams
Costumes and Makeup	Sherry Barell, Teresa Conlin
Decorations	Sherry Barell, Teresa Conlin
Emcee	Cass Cochrane
Grant Writer	Carolyn Wolfe
Music Team	Becky Cartine, Virginia Dearborn, KellyAnne DiBello, Karen Grande, Esther Krutzel, Carolyn Wolfe
Publicity	Virginia Dearborn, Esther Krutzel, Megan Peterman, Becky Woodard
Raffles	Carol Moroz
Script	Jeanne Elmuccio, Cass Cochrane
Sound Technician	Brian Krutzel
Ticket Sales	Sherry Barell
Visual Team	Karen Grande, Esther Krutzel
Volunteer Coordinator	Sherry Barell

A special thank you to all our volunteers.



Heart of New Jersey Chorus Members

TENOR

Carol Moroz
Audra Nemeth ^^
Carolyn Wolfe *+ #

LEAD

Sherry Barell
KellyAnne DiBello @
Amy Desmond
Ro Gerber
Karen Grande +
Kristin Hofman
Laura Krajewski
Johanna Nachtergaele
Patricia Paulikens (Guest)
Megan Peterman
Lois Taylor
Debbie Yivrakes

BARITONE

Kerrie Blum (Guest)
Becky Cartine +
Teresa Conlin
Virginia Dearborn + # ^
Jeanne Viscito
Becky Woodard *+ ^^
Jessica Zorn

BASS

Joyce Baldinucci
Mary Jo Bergeron (Guest)
Mona Carol-Albala
Esther Krutzel + # ^
Portia Licciardello ^
Beverley Williams

MEMBER EMERITUS

Sharon Pitoscia

- * Assistant Director
- ^ Board of Directors
- ^^ President/Vice President
- # Section Leader
- + Music Team
- @ Member on leave



TCNJ: The Trentones



The Trentones were founded in 2002 by a group of passionate students with a shared love of a cappella music. The Trentones compete annually in Varsity Vocals' Mid-Atlantic International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) where they have advanced to semifinals and received awards for Outstanding Arrangement, Outstanding Soloist and Outstanding Choreography

in 2018, 2019, 2020 respectively and more recently placed 3rd and won Outstanding Choreography in 2023.

In addition, The Trentones have hosted workshops with middle schools and high schools all over New Jersey and regularly perform at weddings, engagement parties, event receptions, ICHSA deliberations and even had the amazing opportunity to open for the Grammy award winning group, Pentatonix.

The Trentones take pride in our musicianship and the members that make it possible due to their diverse backgrounds and wide range of interests. Our mission is to foster growth, friendship, musicality, leadership, and love through our shared passion of performing a cappella music.

Member of Note 2025



*Heart of New Jersey Chorus is
proud to announce our 2025
“Member Of Note”:*

Sherry Barell

Sherry brings cheerful and helpful energy to everything she does for the chorus. She is always willing to step up to do whatever is needed, even if it is out of her comfort zone. She is always prepared with her music, and she communicates well with all members about ideas and concerns to help the chorus.

Sherry has been our Show chairperson for several years. She does a wonderful job coordinating, advertising, creating flyers and tickets, etc. She is also responsible for finding our new rehearsal location in Parlin. Most recently, Sherry volunteered to take over our Costume Committee.

She always greets everyone with a warm, friendly and welcoming conversation. Her laugh is infectious! Sherry is truly a valued member of our chorus, and she is deserving of this honor.



Our Emcee: Cass Cochrane

Cass Cochrane is happy to be back among her Heart of NJ friends! In her spare time, she loves acting and directing in community theater and singing with Hickory Tree Chorus.

Happy Holidays everyone!



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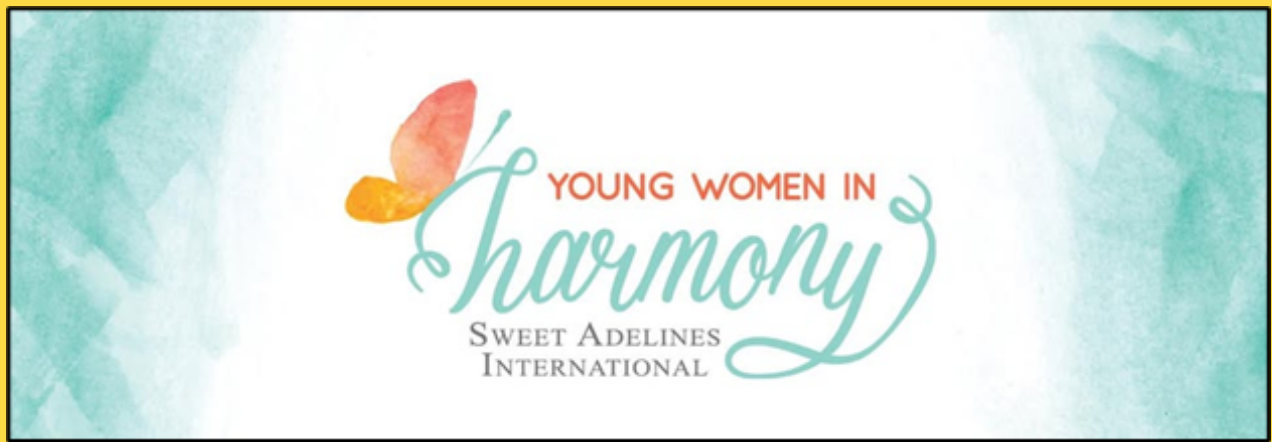
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For more information, visit www.youngsingersfoundation.org.



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young singers foundation



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CONGRATULATIONS TO HEART OF NEW JERSEY CHORUS

On 30 Years sharing your hearts and music 🥰🎹

I joined in January of 1995 as a 'non barbershopper'. learned 2 songs, the choreography, and made my own costume. Then in March 1995 sang in my first regional with HONJ in Philly. I was hooked !!!

My Favorite Memory was on Memorial Day 2004 we got to sing all over Washington DC, at the dedication of WWII Memorial, Mount Vernon, Veteran's hospital, and anywhere they would let us.

Music heals the soul, as the singer, and the audience.

♥ Cheers to many more years HONJ ♥



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Mary Jo Bergeron

Kerrie Blum

Pattie Paulikens



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**Simply having a wonderful time
Singing with the Heart of New Jersey Chorus**

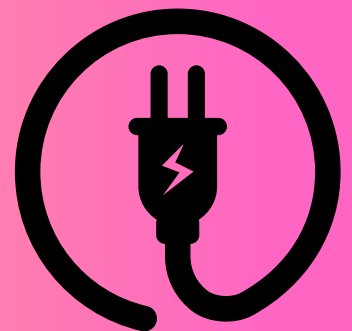
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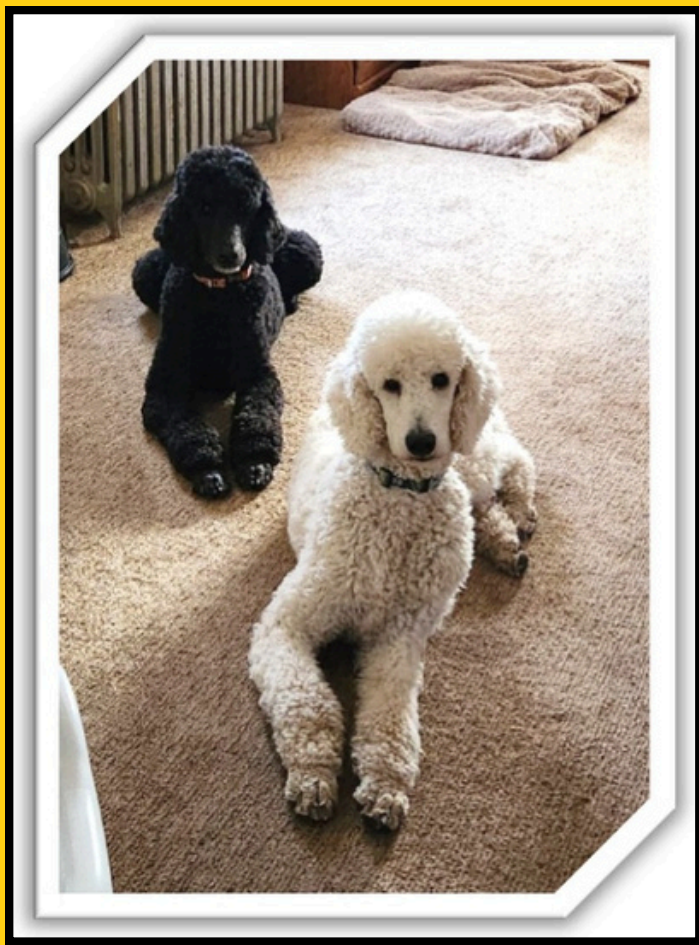
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We celebrate Bev Williams!

Hurrah Heart of NJ Chorus!

Elsie McKee



Boosters

- Break a leg, Portia (not literally, LOL)
- A shout out to our Section Leader, Virginia.
We love harmonizing with you!
- Have a great show Mom and Aunt Ro!!
Love Pete (meow meow)
- It's a joy and privilege to sing with such talented women. Thank you for welcoming me! Debbie
- Go tenors! Grateful for every week with you.
- For our favorite section leader:
We sing the low notes, but you keep our spirits high!
Love and thanks from the Basses - Beverley, Joyce, Mona, and Portia

Love and best wishes to our friends,
new and old.
So happy to be singing with you!

**HONJ Thanks All of Our
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Heart of New Jersey Chorus Upcoming Performances

December 3rd at Old Bridge Public Library

7 - 8pm

1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

December 6th at Millstone Twp Primary School

3pm

18 Schoolhouse Rd., Millstone Twp, NJ 08510

December 13th at Sunrise of East Brunswick

1:45pm

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March 8, 2026 at Monmouth County Library

2 - 3pm

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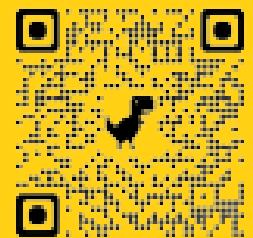
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