



## News

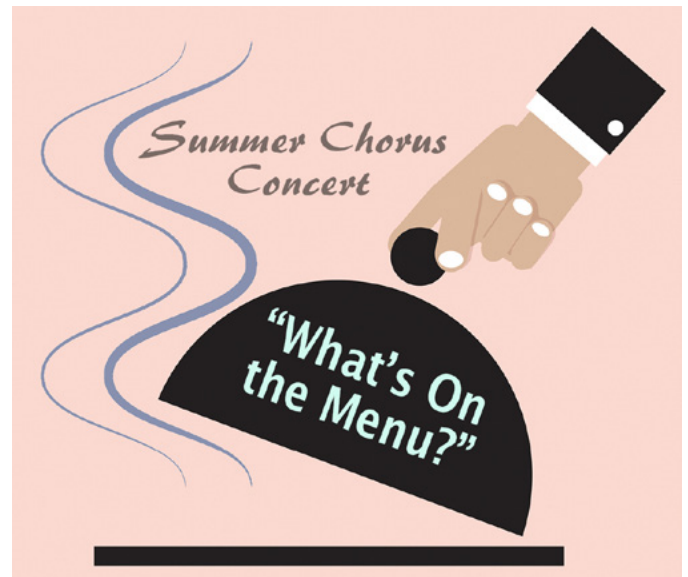
Update on the Benedictine Monastery – Grayson has been busy finding out who has bids on the property and setting up meetings. As it stands now, one other non-profit group has made a reasonable bid. If you haven't been around the block and looked at the buildings, this place is huge. Way more than we could ever use. They have great ideas about sharing the space for their purposes and we would fit right in. So we will be meeting with Debbi Chess-Maibe of the Tucson Foundation for the Arts to get some guidelines on how to proceed and come up with funding for us to lease space from them. Our purpose is not to charge the choruses rent – because they're already doing that in their assorted spaces now, but to take care of the lease through donor support. We would like for ALL choruses to get in on the discussion to develop a business plan and help us to move forward – all for YOUR benefit.

## ACAA needs Board Members!

We are not a chorus, but we are a conglomerate of choruses! We need visionaries and connections to help us achieve our goals to support all choruses in the Greater Tucson area and eventually the state of Arizona. DO you have a past board member who loves being on a musical board? We can use their help. Contact Terrie at 404-3148 for more information.

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Want to know more about the **Arizona Choral Arts Association**? Check us out at [www.azsings.org](http://www.azsings.org). Become a member and get involved with choral life in Tucson.



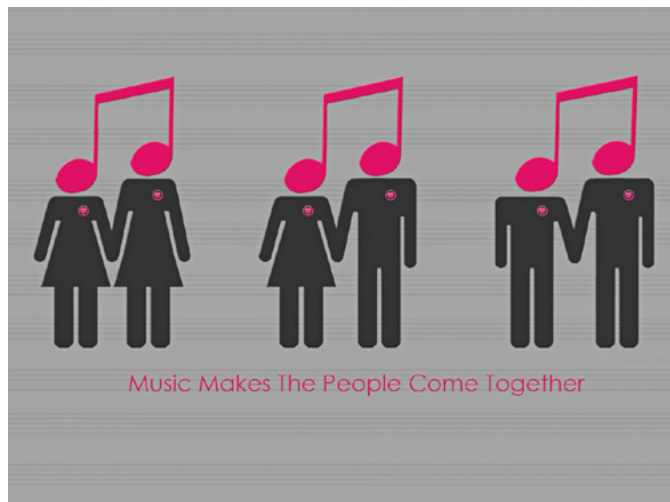
“What’s on the menu?” July 28, 7 PM at Ascension Lutheran Church 1220 W Magee Rd. Hungry for some summertime fun? The Summer Chorus and “Battle Moose Improv Company” presents silly songs and comedy improvisation about food—including the “Jalapeno Chorus”, “Food, Glorious Food” from the musical Oliver, “Lollipop”, “Pizza, Pasta”, and “Chocolate!” Conducted by Terrie Ashbaugh. Admission is **FREE**, although a donation of non-perishable food and/or cash to benefit Interfaith Community Services is encouraged.

## Featured Chorus –The Summer Chorus

is in its 7<sup>th</sup> year. The chorus consists of singers throughout the greater Tucson area who sing in other choruses September through May and take a break for the summer months. Community choruses such as the Arizona Repertory Singers, Sons of Orpheus, Southern Arizona Women’s Chorus, Tucson Masterworks Chorale, and many church choirs will be represented in their annual benefit concert, “What’s on the menu?” July 28, 7 PM at Ascension Lutheran Church 1220 W Magee Rd. Singers like to keep their voices in shape and often missed singing during the summer which inspired conductor Terrie Ashbaugh, a full supporter of choral arts in general, to start the Summer Chorus. Many people ask what is the name of the chorus, but because so many choruses with their own identities are represented, the name remains as generic as possible. This chorus is a founding chorus of the Arizona Choral Arts Association.

## Joint Chorus Festival

Dr. Betsy Shauer has been busy planning and coordinating a joint choral concert for January of 2018 at Centennial Hall. There are currently 9 choruses which have responded to participate in this event. ACAA is assisting with the event as this is exactly the kind of event we endeavor to host in our efforts to get the choral community together. Thank you Dr. Schauer for getting the ball rolling on this!



ACAA is now a member of [Chorus America](#).



## New Members to ACAA

We welcome to The Helios Ensemble. Founded and conducted by Ben Hansen.

## Current ACAA Member Choruses:



America's Singing Ambassadors

