

June 2023 -
May 2024

Foothills Community Choir (FCC) Annual Report



Our Mission

FCC is a non-audition chorus in Denver, Colorado with the goal of community enrichment. The Choir works to create an environment of joy, laughter, and fun while maintaining the credo of respect and inclusiveness. FCC strives to develop choral excellence within a supportive and nurturing community environment.

June 18, 2024



Members, Friends, and Supporters of Foothills Community Choir,

What a remarkable year it has been! After several years of post-Covid rebuilding and major changes including our name, rehearsal location, and music directorship, our April 13th concert truly felt like a celebration of how far we've come as well as a sneak peek at what is possible. The level of investment Taylor has brought to the choir and inspired in all of us is truly paying dividends.

In some ways, it feels like a shift is upon us: we are making moves to become more financially stable and we are starting to plan for a meaningful, sustainable, and growth-focused future in ways we have never been able to before. What's not shifting, though, is the soul of the choir— the knowledge that we are an inclusive, welcoming group of folks who love to make beautiful music together.

This first Annual Meeting serves several important purposes. The choir board has been focused on bringing additional organizational transparency to the table, which you will see with our financial updates. We are also making moves to level up the organization in both fundraising efforts as well as community visibility; you'll hear about those changes as well. We'll also share more about some structural changes to the organization and tell you about opportunities to get involved beyond choir membership.

Our hope is that you leave this meeting feeling well-informed, excited, inspired, and appreciated for your contributions to the choir. Thank you for taking the time to attend, and we can't wait to see you at the next fundraising or social event!

In Song,

Bekki Henthorn
Board President
Foothills Community Choir



June 18, 2024

Foothills Community Choir Family,

It is with immense gratitude that I write this letter to our choir members and supporters. The 2023-2024 season was a season to be remembered! I am honored to continue in the role of Music Director for this upcoming season and, along with the Board, am thrilled to get back to singing with you soon.

This past season we entertained our audiences with a dash of the classics; rang in the holiday spirit for a Candlelight Dinner; and explored mesmerizing contemporary music while engaging the services of several talented local musicians. We averaged the largest membership in years, with many new recruits planning to join this fall. We rehearsed our music diligently and expanded our artistic capabilities—all while promoting a positive atmosphere for growth and an ever-joyous Tuesday evening experience.

As we look ahead to this coming year, let us keep growth in mind: growth in our membership; growth in our fundraising efforts and outreach to the community; growth in our personal musicianship and artistic capabilities; and growth in the possibilities that lie ahead. We are primed to ascend to new heights in the coming seasons, and we will get there through commitment to our mission, to our vision, and to each other.

The power of creating music—of creating beauty—is the universal tug that pulls us together, but it is the community bonds formed during those moments of beauty that keep us coming back. To each member in the choir: thank you for being an invaluable part of this community. Thank you for sharing your voices, your time, and your positive spirits. It is an honor to conduct this choir and make beautiful music with you.

Musically Yours,

Taylor Gonzales
Music Director
Foothills Community Choir

Our Vision

The vision of FCC is to move the Choir toward becoming a well-established and lasting entity within the community. The organization desires to grow artistically and expand its member base while giving back to the community through outreach and performance opportunities. In doing so, the Choir will continue to create and spread joy through love of choral music.



Activities

Performances

For a Breath of Ecstasy Spring Concert - April 2024

Folks and Favorites Holiday Concert - December 2023

Jefferson Avenue United Methodist Church
Candlelight Dinner -
December 2023



Fundraising

King Soopers Community Rewards

RaiseRight

Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission Grant

Shake Shack Fundraiser -
November 2023

Partnerships

FCC singers join Trinity Choir's world premiere performance of *Yosef and the Counseling Angel* -
December 2023

Christmas Caroling with Trinity United Methodist Choir -
December 2023

Opportunity to Travel to Europe and perform with Trinity's Choir

Impact

Free concerts open to the community with 100+ audience members in attendance

13 rehearsals + sectionals per session for members to learn and grow artistically through the preparation for concerts

Successful collaboration between Foothills Community Choir and local musicians

Additional opportunities for FCC singers to rehearse and perform with other choirs

Offer support to other non-profit choral organizations

Total raised to date helps support Foothills programming, outreach, and scholarships



Outreach

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

FCC believes in the transformative power of music to unite people from all backgrounds and walks of life. We celebrate the visible and invisible differences in everyone that enrich and strengthen our community, both through our music and in all our operations. We are committed to creating and maintaining an environment where everyone feels valued, welcomed, and empowered to participate fully in our musical community.

The Choir strives to learn and perform music representing a broad range of styles, cultures, observances, and experiences, and the individuals who created that music. While the Choir could never comprise people of every identity, we can, do, and will honor music that brings the unique perspectives of as many as possible into our community.

Each concert creates a journey through the soundscapes of worldly experience, inviting participants and audiences alike to explore the complex and beautiful mosaic of humanity's diverse musical heritage.

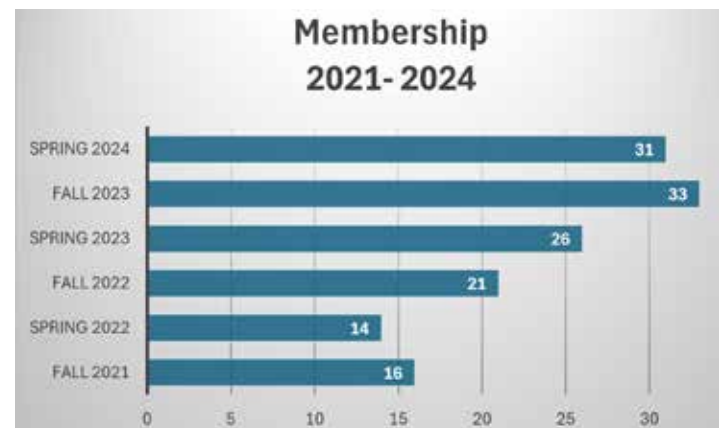
All of FCC's goals and activities are intended to increase the Choir's individual and social impact through diversity of identity, experience, personality, thought, and music. We apply the principles of equity, inclusion, and accessibility in our pursuit of that aim.

Scholarships

Anyone who wants to sing with FCC is welcome to join, regardless of ability to pay the membership fee. FCC is pleased to offer scholarships each session. On average, 10% of our membership receive scholarships each session.

Membership Growth

We are currently in the rebuilding phase after the COVID-19 pandemic. FCC's goal is to grow our membership to allow for additional performance and outreach opportunities and to offer more diverse and challenging repertoire.



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Website - Coming Soon!

<https://foothillscommunitychoir.org>

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<https://www.facebook.com/FoothillsCommunityChoir/>

Leadership

Board of Directors

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Member-at-large

Taylor Gonzales
Music Director

Committee Chairs

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Fundraising

Walter LaMendola
Outreach

Choir Historian

Carla Miller

Pianist

Brenda Olmsted





Thank You to Our Donors and Supporters

Foothills Community Choir could not succeed without the generous donations from our members and friends.

We would also like to acknowledge the following individuals for their unwavering support over the years through their time, talent, and financial contributions:

Ben Casebolt
Emily Ward
Jeri McCarthy

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the following:



Jefferson Avenue
United Methodist
Church

Financial Report

Foothills Community Choir

ASSETS	23-24 Actual	24-25 Budget
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 397.54	\$ 728.24
Donations	\$ 2,088.00	\$ 1,000.00
Membership Dues	\$ 5,925.00	\$ 5,280.00
Grants	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Investment Income	\$ -	
Fundraising	\$ 277.76	\$ 2,750.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 9,188.30	\$ 10,758.24
FIXED (LONG TERM) ASSETS		
Building/Headquarters	\$ -	
Furniture/Fixtures	\$ -	
Vehicles	\$ -	
Equipment	\$ -	
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER ASSETS		
Deferred Income Tax	\$ -	
Other	\$ -	
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$ -	\$ -
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COMMON FINANCIAL RATIO	23-24 Actual	24-25 Budget
Debt Ratio (Total Liabilities / Total Assets)	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.97
Current Ratio (Current Assets / Current Liabilities)	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.03
Working Capital (Current Assets - Current Liabilities)	\$ 728.24	\$ 339.04
Assets-to-Equity Ratio (Total Assets / Owner's Equity)		
Debt-to-Equity Ratio (Total Liabilities / Owner's Equity)		

Statement of Financial Position

LIABILITIES AND OWNER'S EQUITY	23-24 Actual	24-25 Budget
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Program Services	\$ 1,193.08	\$ 2,950.00
Administrative Costs	\$ 766.98	\$ 700.00
Rent	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies		
Wages	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 6,269.20
Legal Fees		
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 8,460.06	\$ 10,419.20
LONG TERM LIABILITIES		
Bank Overdraft		
Bank Loan		
Insurance		
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -
OWNER'S EQUITY		
Owner's Investment		
Retained Earnings		
Other		
TOTAL OWNER'S EQUITY	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNER'S EQUITY	\$ 8,460.06	\$ 10,419.20