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Happy Holidays!





*"Cookin' so good...
you'll think we kidnapped
your mother!"*



A Word from the Chair

We decided to call this concert “Dreams on a Snowy Night,” and as I contemplate what that means to me, I am also struggling with the strong urge to shut down and to disconnect from the larger world around me. The results of the latest election are hard for me to look at without thinking “it really doesn’t matter what you do to affect change... America is too committed to its racism, misogyny, transphobia, and homophobia.” Escaping into movies I love, into video games that take my mind off my troubles, and into some fuzzy nostalgia for the traditions of the holidays is how I’m coping with that idea these days. I’m pretty sure this is unsustainable cope... but I’m going with it at least until the New Year.

Dance of the Sugar Plum Faeries. Christmas Cookies. Menorahs. “A Charlie Brown Christmas” on TV. Holiday Music playing in the background. Decorating the house. The touchstones of the holidays are a comfort to me. Yet the nostalgia of it all has a sadness in it too; it contains a longing for a time less complicated (or to a time when my understanding of the world was less complicated) and sitting with that unfulfillable longing is so hard for me.

So here we are at concert time, and I’m onstage with my best friends, surrounded by an audience filled with supporters of the people on that stage and of the people who are non-singing members and tech crew. This is my happy place, and I’ve never needed it more. During this time, I’m going to escape into the music and the love in this room and be so grateful that I have the opportunity do that.

This will be my last month as Chair of the Board. We have an exciting new leadership team on the new Board that will be steering the ship for a time. I’ve been blessed by my years in the position, which included my getting to wear the sash of the Grand Marshall at the State Fair’s Pride Parade this last summer.

I hope you all find healthy ways to cope with whatever you’re going through these days. And I guess I encourage you to take a break from



time to time to escape into whatever nostalgia gives you comfort.
Hopefully we will deliver some of that to you today!

Happy Holidays and enjoy the show!

Mark Miller
SGLC Chair

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 20, 2024 at 6:45 pm - 7:15 pm

SGLC will perform holiday music for
Holiday Nights at Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnett Park.

Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Rehearsals begin for the Pride Concert season and
new members can join.

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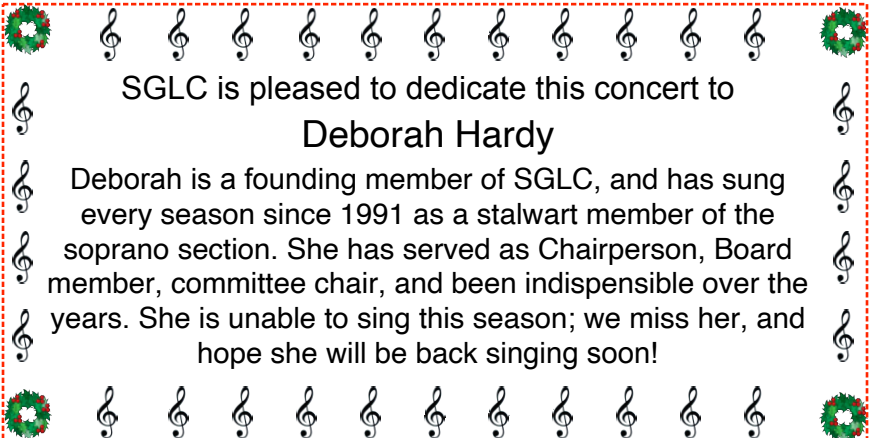
Friday, June 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 14, 2024, at 7:00 pm

SGLC presents our Pride Concert.

May Memorial Universalist Unitarian Society

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 SGLC is pleased to dedicate this concert to
Deborah Hardy
Deborah is a founding member of SGLC, and has sung
every season since 1991 as a stalwart member of the
soprano section. She has served as Chairperson, Board
member, committee chair, and been indispensable over the
years. She is unable to sing this season; we miss her, and
hope she will be back singing soon!



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Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus
Holiday 2024 Concert

Dreams On A Snowy Night

- Snow, *From Irving Berlin's White Christmas*.....Irving Berlin
Arr. by Mark Brymer
- Footprints in the SnowGreg Gilpin
- Carol From an Irish CabinDale Wood
- A Welsh LullabyTraditional Welsh Folksong
Arr. by K. Lee Scott
- Believe, *From the movie The Polar Express*.....Alan Silvestri
& Glen Ballard
Arr. by Mark Hayes
- Hope Lingers On.....Lissa Scheckburger, Arr. by Andrea Ramsey
- Blue Rondo for Christmas.....Dave Brubeck
Based on Blue Rondo A La Turk Arr. by Kathy Strauss

Cabaret

- Snowman Sia Furler and Greg Kurstin
Jolene Roosekrans
- Once Upon a DecemberLynn Abrams
Kiki Raymond
- What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?.....Frank Loesser
Fred Belcher

Intermission



Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus
Holiday 2024 Concert

Dreams On A Snowy Night

- Angels Singin' Glory..... Andy Beck
- Carol of the BellsUkrainian Folk Song
Arr. by Kirby Shaw
- Dance of the Sugar Plum FairyPeter Tchaikovsky
From The Nutcracker Suite Arr. by Jeff Funk
- Christmas Time is Here..... Les Mendelson & Vince Guaraldi
Arr. by Steve Zegree
- Linus and Lucy..... Vince Guaraldi
Arr. by Philip Kern

Sing Along

Up On The Housetop

Here We Come A-Wassailing (with SATB choir music printed in the program)

White Christmas - Refrain only

How Many Christmases, *From Cool Side of Yuletide*.....Jim Papoulis
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Up on the Housetop

1st Verse

Up on the housetop, the reindeer pause
Out jumps good old Santa Claus;
Down through the chimney with lots of toys,
All for the little ones, Christmas joys.

Chorus

Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go?
Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go?
Up on the housetop, click, click, click,
Down through the chimney with good Saint Nick.

2nd Verse

First comes the stocking of little Nell'
Oh, dear Santa, fill it well;
Give her a dolly that laughs and cries,
One that will open and shut her eyes.

Chorus

3rd verse

Next comes the stocking of little Will;
Oh, just see what a glorious fill!
Here is a hammer and lots of tacks,
Also a ball and a whip that cracks.

Chorus



Traditional English

Here we come a-wassailing

Traditional English,
arr. Andrew Sims

1. Here we come a - was - sail - ing a - mong the leaves so
2. We are not dai - ly beg - gars that beg from door to
3. Good mas - ter and good mis - tress, as you sit be - side the
4. We have a lit - tle purse - made of ratch - ing leath - er

green, here we come a - wan - d'ring so fair - to be
door, but we are neigh - bours' child - ren whom you have seen be -
fire, pray think of us poor child - ren who wan - der in the
skin; we want some of your small change to line it well with -

seen.
fore. Love and joy come to you, and to you your was-sail too, and God bless you, and
mire.
in.

send you a hap - py New Year, and God send you a hap - py New Year.



White Christmas

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, just like the ones I used to know.

Where the treetops glisten and children listen to hear sleigh bells in the snow.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas with every Christmas card I write.

May your days be merry and bright, and may all your Christmases be white.

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May your days be merry and bright, and may all your Christmases be white.



Brian O. Ackles **SGLC Choral Director**



Brian Ackles (he/him) is a music educator and conductor with over thirty-five years of experience teaching, performing, and sharing music across age groups and venues. In addition to directing the Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus, he is the vocal music teacher for Marcellus High School and the choir director for the First Presbyterian Church of Skaneateles. He also guest conducts community choirs and local junior and senior high music festivals in the Central New York area. Brian received his bachelor's degree from Westminster Choir College and holds a Master of Music in Music Education from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

As an active educator, conductor, and vocalist, Brian is dedicated to promoting music's intrinsic and transformative power. At the core of his work, Brian seeks to create a safe and supportive space where all are welcomed and supported in their musical journey.

Brian lives in Marcellus with his wife and runs a small business, Finger Lakes Caning, that specializes in chair caning and weaving. He enjoys playing with his two grandchildren and spending summers on Skaneateles Lake.

Alicia Loomis **SGLC Assistant Choral Director**



Alicia Loomis (she/her) is pleased to join SGLC as Assistant Choral Director and still be able to perform as a singing member! Ali brings to the chorus over twenty years of varied musical experiences singing, conducting, and directing. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and



Alicia Loomis (cont.)

Vocal Performance from the Eastmen School of Music and a Master of in Music Education from Ithaca College. Ali taught junior and senior from the Eastman School of Music and a Master of Music in Music Education from Ithaca College. Ali taught junior and senior high vocal music and directed musicals in Central New York for 10 years before starting the Musical Theater department at Utica Dance, Inc. There, she taught voice and theater classes and continued her love of directing musicals for students in the Utica area. Ali has performed with numerous groups throughout New York State singing jazz standards, opera, musical theater, and more!

Ali is so happy to be able to keep music an important part of her life after a turn on her career path. She is now a personal injury attorney at MCV Law in Syracuse. Ali lives in Manlius with her spouse, Jerra, and their five children (Liliana, Elara, Lena, Owen and Arlo) and four dogs!

Barb Mushock Accompanist

Barb Mushock taught music education in the Auburn City School District for over thirty years before retiring in 2015. She is currently the accompanist for the Marcellus School District, the Syracuse Gay and Lesbian Chorus, the Masterworks Chorale of Skaneateles, and organist at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Barb has also accompanied many high school and middle school musical productions, Auburn Player, Merry Go Round and Auburn Public Theater productions as well as Onondaga and Cayuga County All County concerts.

Betsy Easson, Percussion

Dan O'Herien, Bass



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- Brian Ackles, for his patience, expertise, and enthusiasm in directing us and for enhancing our musicality;
- Ali Loomis, for her work directing us in rehearsals and in the wilds of Syracuse and beyond;
- Barb Mushock, for accompanying us both as a chorus and for individual cabaret performers, and for accompanying and sometimes running our sectional rehearsals at the same time;
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