



Join with us, as Con Brio celebrates its 20th Anniversary Season!
Christmas Concerts: December 9 and 11, 2016, Gala Spring Concert: April 23, 2017

Dear

October, 2016

We are so thankful to all our friends and supporters in our local communities. Your generosity has been wonderful. You made Con Brio possible. So, on this happy Anniversary, we would like to share with you some of our good news.

Programming

Over our first two decades, we created and established the “Con Brio style” of varied, exciting and challenging programming, but always in genres that our growing, loyal audience loves:

- 8 and 12-part renaissance pieces sung “in the round,” as well as *A Cappella* pieces
- Major works, scored for chorus, professional soloists and full professional orchestra
- Performances with world-class local soloists such as our recent Beethoven *Choral Fantasia* with Mihae Lee, piano, and our upcoming Beethoven *Mass in C* and Mascagni *Easter Hymn*, with Patricia Schuman, soprano
- Old fashioned *Christmas Concerts* (two performances to meet popular demand)
- Exciting new works by American composers: Stroope, Gwyneth Walker of Vermont and Peter Bagley of UCONN
- Long-lost, but recently discovered music, such as Vivaldi *Dixit Dominus* RV807
- Powerfully moving pieces that speak to us of peace, including Jenkins *L’Homme Armé* (A Mass for Peace), and Vaughan Williams setting of Walt Whitman’s poems *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Membership and Musicality

Today, Con Brio is stronger than ever. The chorus has grown to 70 auditioned choristers, attracting new, younger members, achieving a remarkable full, rich, sound with exciting dynamics and great musicality.

Finances

Ticket sales, plus our member’s dues and donations, cover a full 2/3 of our annual budget! This demonstrates the health and vibrancy of Con Brio, in the community and among our own members. So we are confident in asking you to join with us, in this our 20th year, by making a tax-deductible contribution to Con Brio. Your gift will help Con Brio continue to offer splendid, exciting choral music, performed locally, *by* your friends and neighbors, *for* our friends and neighbors.

Thank you again, as always, for your generosity.

On behalf of Con Brio Choral Society

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