Toke Note!, Inc.

2021-2022 update

Dear Friends,

Let the sun shine in! As the warmer spring weather holds the promise of new possibilities, we hope this finds you and your loved ones well and looking forward to the renewal that the season offers.

As we reflect on the past year, and indeed on the past 19 years, we are overwhelmed with gratitude. We are humbled by the fact that you have continued to support Take Note! and our mission through your generous donations to the organizations for whom we have sung, by showing up for our performances and encouraging us to continue, and through your financial support of our ensemble. The fact that you've supported us during the pandemic, when there have been so many other very worthy causes, speaks volumes. Thank you!

We are happy to let you know that Take Note! is still very much together and committed to fulfilling our mission. During much of the summer and all of the fall we rehearsed weekly, and we were fortunate to be able to hold a live concert in December (our first in nearly 2 years). Now, we are rehearsing weekly in preparation for singing for you in person again, at our donor appreciation concert in June. Meanwhile, if you need a little Take Note! fix before then, we have added to our YouTube video library, including a recording of our December 2021 concert. You can find our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyGh8pgzTI9eY0ZAGgnBvpw, or you can also access the channel by scanning the QR code on the reverse page.

The December concert referred to above, Music to Warm the Heart, was held on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the Storrs Congregational Church, and benefited the Windham Region No Freeze Project. The concert successfully raised nearly \$2500 for the project, and was a heart-warming experience for us all. After nearly two years without a live performance, we were touched that over 80 people joined us at Storrs Congregational Church to support Take Note! and the No-Freeze Project. The audience seemed undaunted by the requirements that we all be masked, vaccinated and socially distanced. And, while we can't say that it was easy to sing with masks and farther apart from one another than we are accustomed, it was thrilling to be singing for others again, and we were delighted to see so many friends in the audience!

We invite you to mark your calendars for Sunday, June 12, at 3:00, when we plan to hold our donor appreciation concert at the First Church of Christ in Mansfield. We are currently in the process of lining up concerts for Fall 2022/ Spring 2023 as well. Unlike days in the past, every new booking includes the caveat that changes in public health guidance might cause us to postpone, but we are cautiously optimistic that we may soon resume our normal concert schedule. We promise to keep you posted. Meanwhile, if you think that you or someone you know would be a good fit for Take Note!, we currently have openings for tenors and basses. To arrange an audition, please contact Linda Tracy, Artistic Director, at director@take-note.org.

As we continue our commitment to arts education, the Take Note! Antonia Brancia Memorial Scholarship is again being offered this year. This year's applicants are currently being reviewed. The \$2000 scholarship, in memory of Take Note! charter member, Toni Brancia, is awarded to qualifying eastern Connecticut high school seniors or university undergraduates who will be/are majoring in the field of music at the university level.

As always, we sincerely thank you for your continued interest in and support of Take Note! Our 19-year success story could not have been written were it not for those who believe in us and our mission. We are very grateful!

The Members of Take Note!

Linda Tracy, Maggie Breen, Cheryl Chase, Barbara Comstock-King, Julia DeLapp, Arthur Dimock, Christine Dimock, Laura Dzurec, Kiev Federowicz, Bill Glenister, Deb Hubbell, Drew Jaffe, Fran Jaffe, Bruce Lyman, Cynthia Myers, Berkeley Nowosad, Deb Russel, Laurel Thurman, Linda Wenner, Don Wilson

Many Thanks to Our 2021-2022 Season Donors!

We are extremely grateful for our community's continued commitment to our organization. As we share our love of choral music, your support of our endeavors helps us make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. It takes many different notes to make wonderful music, and we are humbled that you choose to help us with whatever level of support you are able. Donations are acknowledged in concert programs and on our web site.

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Through performances in support of charitable endeavors, we are raising voices, raising spirits, raising hope.

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