

Hello Everyone,

My name is Amy Boteilho, and I'm honored to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors for Chorale Bel Canto. As we begin our 44th season, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the highlights of last year.

Traditionally, Chorale Bel Canto has celebrated Johann Sebastian Bach during our March concert. But last season, we took a fresh approach. Our music director, Dr. Linda West-Brown, proposed a season-long celebration of Bach and his influence across musical genres.

- Our first concert featured his original works.
- The second explored his impact on composers who followed him.
- And our final concert traced his influence on popular music, including artists like The Beatles, The Beach Boys, and Simon & Garfunkel.

Audiences responded enthusiastically to the theme and enjoyed discovering how Bach's legacy continues to shape music today.

All of our concerts were very well-attended. We were thrilled to collaborate with the Whittier College Choir for our second concert—and even more delighted to join them for their own performance two weeks later. Sharing the stage with local college students was a joyful experience that reminded us of the power of community and song.

In February 2025, we hosted our annual fundraiser with a Route 66 theme. Our singers and crew did a fantastic job, and the audience loved it! Looking ahead, we're excited to continue this tradition with our next fundraiser, which will move to October for the 2025–2026 season.

Last season also marked a renewed focus on the financial health of our organization. The Board of Directors will continue working toward sustainability by encouraging donations and managing our current resources responsibly.

We do have a few vacancies on the Board that we're hoping to fill. We're currently seeking:

- A **Fundraising Chair** to lead our annual fundraiser and coordinate new fundraising efforts
- A **Corresponding Secretary**
- A **Treasurer**

If you're interested in any of these roles—or would simply like to serve as a member-at-large—we'd love to speak with you. Chorale Bel Canto is stronger because of our dedicated members and supporters.

Thank you for being part of our community. Here's to a wonderful season of Beautiful Singing ahead!