



Singing

together is

how we turn

HOPE

into something

audible

notes from sherri

At Bread & Roses, each of us carries a vital piece of the music. No one else can learn your notes for you, just as no one else can bring your exact voice into the room. The time we spend on our own—listening, practicing, finding our way through the music—matters. It builds the foundation we all stand on. And when we arrive prepared, we give one another a gift: the chance to create something stronger, richer, and more alive together.

But singing isn't only about making sound—it's about listening just as deeply. In rehearsal, we learn to lean into one another, to blend, to adjust, to trust. We are not just learning notes; we are learning how to make music together. Each voice shapes the others. Each singer adds courage to the room. What might feel uncertain alone becomes steady when held in harmony.

And that is where the magic lives. The effort each of us brings is magnified the moment we sing side by side. The music grows fuller, more powerful, more connected. We are never doing this alone—we are building something together, breath by breath, note by note, lifting one another into a sound that none of us could create on our own. Come with your voice ready, your ears open, and your heart engaged—we are lifting each other into something powerful.

Below the newsletter is a message Shawna shared with my from singer/composer Ayo. She was the commissioned singer for the 2023 SSN Festival and has a beautiful message about trusting - and loving - your unique voice.

Sunday - March 22

Sectionals start at 5pm. Please be there if you can.

We'll be working on those tight harmonies in "Sing Me to Heaven" but this is also a time for you to bring requests - what would you like to work on?

When Questions are Silenced

During our rehearsal, we'll be working on "God Says Yes" the last song to be introduced this semester. It's a powerful piece that has been too often pulled off a program at the last minute. Read the lyrics, then ask why? Is it that god is called "she"? Or is it about questioning?

The Sound of Silence

I (on behalf of the Board) recently sent out an important request: "Would a few be willing to help find a new performance venue?" What followed was a powerful, unified response... of absolute silence. Not even a "I would, but..." For a brief moment, we considered singing our December concert in the Target parking lot—great acoustics between the cart returns. But alas, the need for indoor plumbing and heat prevailed. So consider this our gentle nudge: we REALLY need a task force of 2-3 willing to look for a new performance venue. Somewhere where our voices will ring, our audience can grow, and we can have room on the stage for more to join us. Our future stage is out there—we just need a few dedicated souls to help find it.