



When we align, the sound doesn't just travel — it transforms.

notes from sherri

Those "Wow" moments we had last rehearsal...

These incredible moments. When everything aligns. The blend settles, the rhythm locks, the room seems to hold its breath for a second, and you realize you are no longer just singing your own part. You are part of a sound that none of you could make alone. Those moments are why we are here. They are fleeting (for as long as we sustain our breath), they are extraordinary, and they are completely available to us every single week if we listen for them.

Listening is a skill, and like any skill, it deepens with practice. It's easy to focus inward — on your own pitch, your own breath, your own page. But the richest experience of choir happens when you let your attention expand, when you tune into the alto beside you or the soprano section across the room and let their sound shape yours. That responsiveness, that mutual attunement, is what transforms a group of individuals into an ensemble.

This week, shift your focus outward. Instead of staying inside your own section, listen across the ensemble. Notice how your part fits with the others — where you support, where you blend, where you need to step forward or soften. That awareness is what builds a true choral sound. It's not just about knowing your notes — it's about knowing where you live inside the whole. And thank you for a really great rehearsal. Paul Carey loved what we're doing!

Sunday - May 3

**Small Ensemble
"Lift Me Up" at 5pm
Womankind & Fight
Song at 5:30pm**

Rehearsal at 5:45pm

Along with the regularly scheduled songs on the list, I'd like to add "Dance".

I've been contacting dance studios in DeKalb with no response. Please - if you have Jr High or HS connections, reach out for dance clubs or give me their info. Thanks!

What Does Bread & Roses Mean to You?

As part of developing further marketing and grant applications, we'll be sending a survey to all singers asking for your words on what singing in Bread & Roses has meant to you. All answers will be greatly appreciated and will help us as we pursue further grants. Those agencies always want to know the personal stories of the people involved. Expect the survey within the week and thank you in advance!

Movie Night: The Singing Revolution

There are nine people who RSVP'd they're coming - you're still welcome if you haven't responded yet. I'll have several pizzas (including Vegan), plus whatever anyone would like to add. There is lots of parking along the East side of Coolidge or a couple of people are welcome to park in our driveway. If you'd like to bring a guest (or partner), please do so!

Board Meeting: May 4, 6:30pm, via zoom

The zoom link to the next Board Meeting can be accessed through our website Member's Page > B&R Board & Meetings. All members are welcome!