



notes from sherri

There are concerts we enjoy for an evening... and concerts that stay with us for years. A phrase. A lyric. A chord that somehow found the exact place inside us that needed it. Long after the applause fades, the music remains – repeating itself in our minds, returning unexpectedly while driving, washing dishes, lying awake at night. Music has a way of slipping past our defenses. The words we sing become part of us.

That’s part of why music has always carried more power than speeches or slogans alone. We may forget a quote we once read, but a song can live inside us for decades. The melodies become “earworms,” yes – but also heartworms. They repeat and repeat until their message sinks deeper: You are not alone. Rise again. Hold on. Keep hoping. Keep loving. Keep fighting for one another.

That is why we sing in Bread & Roses. We sing for our audiences, because music can comfort, inspire, challenge, and heal in ways ordinary conversation cannot. But we also sing for ourselves. We need these songs, too. We need their reminders of courage, resilience, tenderness, and hope. Sometimes the most powerful act of hope is simply to keep singing the words we need to survive.

**Sunday - May 24**

**Regular rehearsal at 5:45pm**

**We’ll be going through each song in concert order. See our Member page for the order.**

**The exceptions: We’ll do the pieces with other musicians first.**

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**Lori Lawson - May 21**

*You’ve all worked SO hard and this concert will be beautiful!*  
**What’s left to do? Please...**

**Share the event personally, not just publicly.**  
A personal invitation is far more powerful than a generic post. Message friends directly and say why this concert matters to you personally.


**Talk about the message, not just the music.**  
Tell people what the concert is about – resilience, hope, justice, courage, healing, community. Many people come because they connect to the purpose.

**Invite people who’ve never attended a choir concert.**  
Especially coworkers, neighbors, younger friends, or people who “don’t usually go to concerts.” Tell them this isn’t a formal or stuffy event – it’s emotional, powerful, and welcoming.

**Carry the excitement into everyday conversations.**  
Mention the concert at work, church, community groups, book clubs, coffee shops, volunteer events, or online groups. Enthusiasm is contagious when people can feel how much the music means to you.

**Share on Facebook: Become a member of “What’s happening DeKalb”** (or whatever town you live in) and post our concert graphics there with a link to our website for more info.

**What Does Bread & Roses Mean to You?**



**Please fill out your survey if you haven’t already.**