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LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS MUSICAL TEAM

Our Music Director, Jeff Swan and Kimberly Swan, our Accompanist, are both experienced vocal performers and lifelong residents of Livonia. Both graduated from Livonia Schools and still reside in the city. Jeff has a Music Education degree from Central Michigan University and has sung in choral groups for more than 40 years, acquiring his conducting skills through study and performances with well-known Choral Directors in Michigan. Kimberly holds two degrees in vocal performance and has appeared in roles in national operas and musicals for over 25 years. She started her piano studies at age seven and continued her piano pursuits as part of her degree program at the University of Michigan. Since 2017 this dynamic duo has led our choral performance activities, significantly impacting our ability to nurture our vocal talents as well as to provide enriching musical experiences for Chorus members and our community.

Musical Leadership Team:

The musical leadership team of the Livonia Civic Chorus is two independent contractors (artists), a music director and accompanist. For fiscal year 2017-2018, the Board contracted with two new individuals because of the retirement of the previous team. This team now has three full years of experience working with the members of the Chorus to lead this volunteer group of avocational singers in preparation and performances for all of its musical programs. They are **Jeff Swan**, Music Director, and **Kimberly Swan**, Accompanist.

Jeff Swan, our Music Director, is a native of Livonia, Michigan, with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from Central Michigan University. Jeff has sung in choirs for more than 40 years at Interlochen Arts Camp, Central Michigan University, Schoolcraft College, and with the Measure for Measure Men's Chorus and the Michigan Gospel Singers, to name a few. With the Michigan Gospel Singers Jeff toured England, Scotland, and Switzerland. Jeff has acquired his conducting skills through study and performances with well-known Michigan-based Choral Directors such as Dr. Jerry Smith, Dr. Jerry Blackstone, Maynard J. Klein, Dr. Kenneth Jewell, and Dr. Nina Nash Robertson. His annual contract has been renewed once and the Board offered him a two-year contract for 2019-2021. Even this early in his tenure, we're talking very positively about the "Swan Era" of musical leadership for the Livonia Civic Chorus.

The second member of our Musical Leadership Team is **Kimberly Swan**, a highly regarded Livonia-based vocalist, vocal teacher and accompanist. We were able to hire her as our **Accompanist** to begin with our rehearsal season in September 2016. Kimberly frequently appears in the Metro-Detroit area as a concert soloist as an operatic soprano. Pertinent to this position, Kimberly started her piano studies at the age of seven. By age fifteen,



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Kimberly continued her pianist pursuits at the University of Michigan. She currently maintains both private and professional vocal studios that provide individual lessons to more than sixty students. She often accompanies her vocal students for music competitions and performances. Kimberly has served as Professor of Voice for Marygrove College in Detroit. She was also offered a two-year contract for 2019-2021 for LCC.

Since our Livonia Civic Chorus members are avocational singers and have varied vocal skills and singing performance experiences, Kimberly Swan also became our Vocal Coach. At that time, she conducted two summer seven-week vocal workshops called "**Vocal Production Basics 101**" and "**Vocal Production Basics 102**". About 15 Chorus members of different voices took advantage of these vocal workshops. Costs of these opportunities were paid by each individual Chorus members. That workshop is again available for Chorus members for Summer 2020 using a technology-based instructional process.