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The vision of Nashville Singers is to be a dynamic choral leader, enriching lives through the performance of significant music; collaborating with highly engaged and skilled donors to make a substantial impact on music education in our schools and the community.



Biography



The Nashville Singers organization was founded in November of 2008 by a handful of men committed to excellence in vocal and choral performance. The chorus performs a diverse, primarily a cappella repertoire, covering many genres of music.

Since its formation, this volunteer vocal ensemble has grown from four to 11 singers, learned over 90 songs, released two audio CDs, racked up 120 performances for 70 clients in 11 counties across Tennessee, and produced a successful concert series which has attracted 3,500+ attendees from 43 cities in 10 states across the USA. Performances by the Nashville Singers have been enjoyed by over 50,000 people to date.

The Nashville Business Journal's annual "Book of Lists" has ranked the Nashville Singers in the "Top 10" in their annual list of the top performing arts organizations in Middle Tennessee for four consecutive years.

Their mission is to enrich lives through singing and the support of music education. In the last six years, this volunteer ensemble has awarded \$19,000 in music education grants and scholarships, impacting hundreds of students at numerous schools and music-focused nonprofits across Middle Tennessee. The chorus also hosts master classes for middle and high school students, and a vocal performance clinic called Acappella Academy. Some of the world-class clinicians collaborating with the Nashville Singers to lead these programs include Dr. Kirby Shaw, Dr. Cedric Dent, and Derric Johnson.

The Nashville Singers have had the pleasure of sharing the stage with many talented performing artists that include Bath Male Choir, Ringmasters, Vintage Mix, Steve Williams, Erica Lane, Grace Thomson, Melody Myers, Kasey Hammond, Jennifer Danielle Green, Noelle LaRue, Music City Chorus, Lunch Break Quartet, The Suntones, Fisk Jubilee Singers, Nashville in Harmony, TuneTown Show Chorus, Metro Nashville Chorus, MLK Reunion Choir, The O'Donnells, MET Singers, Music City Youth Orchestra, Sound Company Children's Choir, and the Midnight Ramblers.

The Nashville Singers have also enjoyed singing for several dignitaries, including Nashville Mayor Karl Dean, United States Senator Trent Lott, Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam, and Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey.

For more information, visit the Nashville Singers online at nashvillesingers.org or follow the chorus via social media on Facebook, Twitter, ReverbNation, Instagram, and LinkedIn.



Reviews

I just had one of the most incredible musical experiences of my life this afternoon listening to the Nashville Singers. The power of their performance went beyond their exquisite musicality. It spoke to the heart of everyone in the room. People left weeping happy tears and said they had been touched like never before. Thank you for bringing a little piece of heaven to our world today at Lipscomb. Blessings to you! - **Janet McMahan**

The Nashville Singers are a true community chorus, investing their personal time as volunteers, and engaging dozens and dozens and dozens of partners for in-kind support. But possibly the best gift they give in addition to the amazing vehicle of their voice, is the commitment they have to public education, and the education and training of new vocalists. Please continue to support the Nashville Singers and impact our great and diverse arts community in Nashville. - **Jen Cole, Executive Director – Metro Nashville Arts Commission**

Congratulations on a marvelous performance Saturday evening. You made me laugh and made me cry, but most importantly, you filled my heart with the joy of good music. All of you are so dear to me for your commitment to music, both through performance and by supporting the next generation of musicians. Your generosity of financial support as well as your willingness to share your time and talents speaks volumes about the type of men you are. It is groups like you that make my job worthwhile and much easier. - **Carol R. Crittenden, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator - Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (retired)**

I am so impressed with the Nashville Singers and everything you are doing! It is an incredible group! I am now a fan. If anybody reading this is not, you should check them out ASAP! – **J. Jeff Beckman, Tennessee State University**

Exceptional concert last night by the Nashville Singers. I must admit that Eddie and I do not go out much do to working all of the time and we do not fight the traffic to Nashville, and this was south of Nashville. However, it was very much worth the drive. The group is fantastic. Great voices, very professional, just terrific. I would recommend this group and their concerts to everyone. – **Lori Kissinger, Executive Director VSA Tennessee**

GREAT job today by the Nashville Singers! I enjoyed your performance at the Donelson Hermitage Chamber Lunch. You guys looked like you had a blast, I am a FAN! - **Matt Fischer, Board Member - Metro Arts Commission**

I truly admire all you do for young people and the positive difference you are making in the educational programs in our schools. I truly enjoyed the performance presented by the Nashville Singers!! Blessings Always. - **Belvia Pruitt, High School Principal - Ezell Harding Christian School**

Wow! Wonderful evening! What a joy! What fun it was this evening, to watch and listen to a bunch of guys reaching for world-class excellence, and then... achieving it! - **Jerry Jennings**

Attended a wonderful concert of the Nashville Singers! They are phenomenal! Not only do they sound awesome, but they're doing awesome things for music education! – **Danita Fisher**

Sound Company Children's Choir of Oak Ridge loves the Nashville Singers! We had so much fun with you backstage at the Titanic Memorial Tribute! You really inspired our young singers! - **Traci Roth**

I had goose bumps on top of duck pimples....that was incredible! - **Pat Williams**

I so enjoyed your concert, and was in awe the whole time. - **Janie Tiller**

I wanted to let you know what an incredible job you guys did Saturday night at the Season of Harmony. It was one of the most enjoyable evenings I've experienced in a long, long time. Accompanying me was a cousin I hadn't seen in a while. We were both laughing out loud, literally I found myself slapping my knee by the third song in act one. We each commented early on, that it was so remarkable to see a diverse group of men who clearly absolutely loved performing together. I was tremendously impressed! - **Sarah Beatty**

The Nashville Singers gave an incredible performance today at the monthly Donelson-Hermitage Chamber luncheon. Congrats to Todd Wilson and the whole team. Thanks for making this month's luncheon a very special celebration of ArtOber! - **Jeff Syracuse - President-Elect, Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce**

These guys are amazing. Beautiful sound. Thoroughly entertaining. Great performance tonight at Belle Meade United Methodist Church for our Here's Love Dinner. - **Marian Frances Bridgman Schmidt**

Thank you again for bringing the magic to Lisa's 90th Birthday! Your performance was amazing and everyone is talking about it and how incredible your group was. Thank you again so much! My heartfelt appreciation for making this event so special and memorable. - **Jacqueline Fuhrman**



Repertoire

Standard Repertoire (Current)

1. Blew by You
2. Can't Take My Eyes Off of You
3. Danny Boy
4. Happy Together
5. Home on the Range
6. How Deep is the Ocean
7. May Each Day
8. My Funny Valentine
9. O Jesu Christe
10. O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
11. Over the Rainbow
12. Ring of Fire
13. Saturday In the Park
14. Smile
15. The Salley Gardens
16. When I Fall in Love
17. Where Is Love

Standard Repertoire (Occasional Use)

18. Teach the Children to Sing
19. The Lord's Prayer
20. The Lord Bless You and Keep You
21. The Star-Spangled Banner

Standard Repertoire (Retired)

22. 76 Trombones
23. America the Beautiful
24. An American Trilogy
25. Angel Eyes
26. Beyond the Sea
27. Bad Day
28. Bring Him Home
29. Champagne Taste (on a Beer Budget)
30. Cups (When I'm Gone)
31. Dear Hearts and Gentle People
32. Elvira (with track)
33. Have a Little Talk with Myself
34. How High the Moon
35. I'm Yours
36. I Then Shall Live (with track)
37. Impossible Dream
38. Irish Blessing
39. Lost in the Stars
40. Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
41. Lullaby
42. Music of the Night
43. Man in the Mirror
44. Manly Men
45. My Lord and I (with track)
46. Oh Bla Di, Oh Blah Da
47. Pure Imagination
48. Satin Doll

Standard Repertoire (Retired)

49. Shenandoah
50. Silhouettes on the Shade
51. Smilin' Through
52. Swing Down Chariot
53. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
54. Tonight
55. What Kind of Fool Am I
56. When She Loved Me
57. With a Song In My Heart

Christmas Repertoire (Current)

1. Auld Lang Syne
2. Believe
3. Birthday of a King
4. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
5. I Wonder What You're Doing for Christmas
6. In the Bleak Midwinter
7. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear/Silent Night Medley
8. Merry Christmas Darling
9. Peace On Earth/Little Drummer Boy
10. The Christmas Song
11. The Secret of Christmas
12. Veni, Veni
13. Warm & Fuzzy
14. What Child Is This
15. White Christmas

Christmas Repertoire (Retired)

16. Angels We Have Heard On High
17. Away in a Manger
18. Carol of the Bells
19. Caroling, Caroling
20. Christmas Stays the Same
21. Christmastime Is Here
22. Coventry Carol
23. Do You Hear What I Hear
24. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
25. Hark the Herald Angels Sing
26. It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year
27. Jingle Bells/Sleigh Ride Medley
28. Kay Thompson's Jingle Bells
29. Let It Snow
30. Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
31. Rockin' Christmas Medley
32. Santa Baby
33. Santa Claus is Comin' To Town
34. Sleigh Ride
35. We Three Kings
36. We Wish You a Merry Christmas
37. Winter Wonderland



Clients

1. Anna Lee Acres
2. Antioch High School Music Department
3. Association of Music Ministers
4. Barbershop Harmony Society
5. Belmont University Basketball
6. Belmont University School of Music
7. Benedictine High School
8. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee
9. Brentwood Hills Church of Christ
10. Buffalo Wild Wings
11. Carrick Glen Senior Living
12. Cider Carols - Hope Clinic for Women
13. Cokeroft Family
14. Cool Café
15. Donelson Hermitage Chamber of Commerce
16. DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen conference
17. D'Souza Media
18. Edward's Steakhouse
19. Erica Lane
20. FiftyForward Madison
21. FiftyForward Nashville
22. First Baptist Church
23. Gentry Family
24. Harborview Community
25. Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce
26. Hendersonville High School
27. Hillsboro High School Music Department
28. Inter-Lakes High School
29. International Championship of Collegiate A cappella
30. Lebanon Road Church of Christ
31. Lifepoint Church
32. Lion's Club Middle Tennessee Conference
33. Lions Club State Conference
34. Lipscomb University Baseball
35. Lipscomb University Lifelong Learning Program
36. Lipscomb University Music Department
37. Liza Flagge Family
38. Made In Nashville
39. Men of Harmony Chorus
40. Metro Arts Commission Nashville Singers
41. Morningside of Belmont
42. Mullican Family
43. Music City Bowl
44. Nashville in Harmony
45. Nashville Sounds Baseball Club
46. Nashville Storm Football Club
47. Nashville Symphony
48. Nashville Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
49. National Anthem for Officer Commissioning Ceremony
50. Nguyen Family
51. Patrick Family
52. Priest Lake Presbyterian Church
53. Razz'z Restaurant
54. Rice Family
55. Rutland Place
56. Simply Smyrna
57. Sound Company Children's Choir
58. Sound of Tennessee Chorus
59. Sunny Day Group
60. Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
61. Tennessee Arts Academy
62. Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry
63. Titanic - Pigeon Forge
64. Treetop Adventure Park at Nashville Shores Lakeside Resort
65. Trinity United Methodist Church
66. Union Station Hotel
67. United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee
68. Vanderbilt ALS Clinic
69. Vanderbilt University Men's Basketball
70. Walter Hill First Baptist Church
71. Whitworth Memorial Baptist Church
72. Woodmont Baptist Church



Discography



1. Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!
2. I Wonder What You're Doing for Christmas
3. The Secret of Christmas
4. Silent Night, Holy Night
5. We Wish You a Merry Christmas
6. Coventry Carol
7. Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
8. Birthday of a King
9. Away in a Manger
10. Angels We Have Heard on High
11. Carol of the Bells
12. Auld Lang Syne

1. Happy Together
2. Shenandoah
3. That's Amore (performed by The Amore 4)
4. Over the Rainbow
5. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
6. The Impossible Dream



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Lead



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Wells**
Lead/Tenor



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Wilson**
Baritone/Tenor



**Todd
Wilson**
Bass/Tenor



**Sloan
Yarborough**
Bass



**Dann
Zehr**
Baritone



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Inspiration



ARTISTIC DIRECTOR - **Todd Wilson** has guided Nashville Singers from the beginning with his vision for attaining the highest standards of choral excellence on and off the stage. His enthusiasm for the impact of choral music on the lives of both singers and listeners is evident at any rehearsal or public performance, as well as through the music itself. Todd's experience as a singer started at age six. He has provided musical leadership to six different mixed, male or female choral ensembles in Florida, Texas, Illinois, and Tennessee. Todd has earned six International Chorus Championships with the internationally-acclaimed **Vocal Majority Chorus**, and an International Quartet Championship with **ACOUSTIX**. That foursome has produced six CD projects since 1991 and has appeared on another 35 audio and video releases to date. Wilson got his college education from the **University of North Texas**, **Strayer University**, and **Palm Beach Community College**. Todd has worked for **Amazon** since 2016 in a variety of roles. He currently works as a Compliance Analyst and is based at BNA12, Amazon's corporate office in Nashville. In 2000, he was inducted into the "Hall of Fame" of the Southwestern District of the **Barbershop Harmony Society**. Wilson is a 51-year member of that organization and is also a member of the **National Society of Collegiate Scholars**, and the **Association of International Champions**. Todd and his oldest son Taylor are two of the four founders of the ensemble. When he's not musically engaged with the Nashville Singers, Todd and his youngest son Travis play in the trumpet section of the **Nashville Community Concert Band**. He and his wife Jennifer have been married since 1989. Todd received the Nashville Singers **Member of the Year Award** for 2009.



DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Sloan lives in the Nashville area and is involved in the arts as a conductor, chorus member, studio singer, professional actor, teacher, and guitarist. He is passionate about the arts and currently serves as the Musical Director at **Act Too Players**. In this role, Sloan provides musical direction and vocal instruction for the high school students working on musicals during each semester. Additionally, he has several private voice students. From 2002-2009, Sloan was very active in the Nashville theater community and appeared on stage in over 25 shows mostly at the **Boiler Room Theater in Franklin**. Since September 2009, he's enjoyed singing with **Nashville Singers** and currently serves as the Director of Music. From 2012-2015, Sloan served as the Associate Director of **The Nashville Choir** conducting rehearsals and performances at Nashville churches and the **Schermerhorn Symphony Center**. From August 2018 - July 2019, he served as the Interim Chancel Choir Director at **Covenant Presbyterian Church**. He has also enjoyed singing with Nashville Chamber Singers. Sloan enjoys golf, watching college football (War Eagle!), practicing piano, reading, exercising and hanging out with his two nephews Dylan and Derek. He resides in Brentwood, Tennessee. Sloan was the President and Board Chair of Nashville Singers in 2012. He currently serves as the Director of Music, Bass Section Leader, Board Member At Large and on the Music Evaluation Committee. Sloan received the Nashville Singers **Member of the Year Award** in 2012 and 2015.



Advocacy

MISSION: The mission of the Nashville Singers is to enrich lives through singing and the support of music education.

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OUTREACH & PHILANTHROPY: To fulfill their mission, these volunteer singers travel from across Middle Tennessee to donate 4,000 hours annually to provide service to the community through performances, music education programs, grants and scholarships.

ADVOCACY: In addition, the Nashville Singers recognize an outstanding music educator or arts advocate with their annual Arts Advocate of the Year Award.

SUPPORTING OUR CAUSE: The Nashville Singers, Inc. is a tax exempt, 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible and help us impact the lives of others by perpetuating vital outreach and music education programs.



2016 Carol Crittenden Arts Advocate of the Year Award presented to Ron Alley



2015 Carol Crittenden Arts Advocate of the Year Award presented to Dr. Carol Nies



2014 Carol Crittenden Arts Advocate of the Year Award presented to J. Jeff Beckman



2013 Carol Crittenden Arts Advocate of the Year Award presented to Margaret Campbell-Holman



2012 Carol Crittenden Arts Advocate of the Year Award presented to Carol Crittenden



Philanthropy

The **Music Makes a Difference** grant program supports Middle Tennessee school music programs or nonprofits with a music education mission.



Youth Empowerment through the Arts
2016 Music Makes a Difference Grant Recipient



Nashville Notes Homeschool Music Association
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Music City Youth Orchestra
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Bellevue Middle School
2014 Music Makes a Difference Grant Recipient



Ezell Harding Christian School, I.T., Creswell Arts Magnet Middle School, and H.B Williams Elementary School
2013 Music Makes a Difference Grant Recipients



Lakeview Elementary School and Oliver Middle School
2012 Music Makes a Difference Grant Recipients



John Overton High School
2011 Music Makes a Difference Grant Recipients



The **Educator of the Future** scholarship program provides scholarships for students pursuing a music education degree.



2016 Educator of the Future College Scholarship to **Olivia Zemer**



2015 Educator of the Future College Scholarship to **Bryan Sanders**



2014 Educator of the Future College Scholarship to **Dexter Olivia Lowe**



2013 Educator of the Future College Scholarship to **Kasey Hammond**



2012 Educator of the Future College Scholarship to **Michael Collins**



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