



# AMBASSADORS OF GREAT CHORAL MUSIC

## Organization Profile

### Who We Are

Founded in 1980, the Connecticut Choral Society, Inc. (CCS) is an ensemble of auditioned singers from more than 20 towns in Connecticut. Under talented artistic director and conductor, Eric Dale Knapp, its members are committed to providing a music resource for Connecticut; to encourage singing and performing choral music of the highest artistic quality; and to stimulate greater appreciation and enjoyment of choral music. In addition to seasonal concerts in its local venues, the Connecticut Choral Society has appeared at Carnegie Hall, toured internationally, and performed on network television.

### Outreach and Community Involvement

The Connecticut Choral Society not only provides a significant cultural resource to the area, but is also very much involved in giving back to the communities in which it performs. Besides being one of the premier choruses in the region, the Connecticut Choral Society has had a very active role in community involvement by sponsoring a scholarship program and benefiting local non-profit organizations in towns where they perform. In the past these performances have helped Toys for Tots, Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity in Danbury, Yale New Haven's Children's Hospital, two local Lions Clubs of America in Washington and Woodbury, and the Mid-Fairfield County and the Western Connecticut Chapters of the American Red Cross.

For many years the Chamber Singers, a subset of the large chorus, has performed throughout the region in retirement communities such as Heritage Village, Watermark at East Hill Woods, Pomperaug Woods, and at local church and library functions, fairs, and such events as First Night in Danbury. For many years their concert has opened the St. Paul's Church Fair in Woodbury as well as the Woodbury town Christmas Festival.

Our December, 2009 Candlelight Concerts will be held December 11 at Trinity Church in Newtown and December 12 at the North Congregational Church in Woodbury. Our Spring 2010 concert will be held in May 15 in Danbury, CT, at the First Congregational Church, and May 16 at the Congregational Church of Naugatuck, CT.

This is our 30<sup>th</sup> season.

### Our Audience

The Connecticut Choral Society draws its audience and most of its membership from its targeted marketing area which covers the I-84 corridor from Waterbury to Danbury and the areas approximately 10 miles to the north and south of that corridor. We would very much welcome the support of the region's businesses and financial institutions, in addition to that of our friends.

*CCS is supported in part by funding from the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism, and the Connecticut Community Foundation, as well as by contributions, grants and underwriting from our loyal supporters and businesses and financial institutions in the region.*

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