

Southington Festival Chorale receives funding to increase catalog of songs

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SOUTHINGTON — The Southington Festival Chorale has received \$1,000 in funding from the Southington Arts Council Legacy Fund, KAWFY Memorial Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation.

“Southington Festival Chorale would like to thank the Southington Arts Council Legacy Fund and the KAWFY Memorial Fund at the Main Street Foundation for its \$1,000 support of Southington Festival Chorale,” Katherine Magzag, president of the Southington Festival Chorale, said. “The money provided will enable us to increase the size of our music library and share a greater variety of music with our commu-

nity.”

The Southington Festival Chorale, established in 1976, is currently under the musical direction of Matthew Bartlett. Magzag said that the group “brings together a community of music lovers of all ages and experience.”

“The Southington Festival Chorale performs concerts at First Lutheran Church in Southington each May and December and always welcomes new singers, offering a great variety of songs for all to enjoy,” she said.

On Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. the Southington Festival Chorale will perform its winter concert, “It’s Wintertime in the City” at the church at 232 Bristol St., Southington.

“We will be singing seasonal favorites, including ‘Silver Bells’, ‘Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella’, ‘White Christmas’ as well as two new compositions from local artists,” Magzag said. “We are grateful to the Main Street Community Foundation for their support of the arts and the numerous health



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The Southington Festival Chorale at a past concert.

and social benefits of joining together to sing for others.”

The Southington Arts Council retired its operations in 2018 and established the Southington Arts Council Legacy Fund to continue supporting the Southington community.

According to the Main Street Community Foundation, during its 36 years of operation, the Southington Arts Council “worked diligently to build community awareness for and participation in the cultural opportunities in Southington.”

The organization was

founded in 1982 by Carole S. Milano to make the cultural arts accessible to town residents. Grants from the fund support “programs and organizations for the promotion and appreciation of artistic and cultural opportunities that will benefit the community of Southington.” These include “visual, performing, creative writing and holistic arts opportunities.”

In 2019, the KAWFY Memorial Fund was established by an anonymous donor. The Fund supports “projects and programs that will benefit the community of Southington.”

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