



Atlanta Homeward Choir

Empowering the Homeless Through Music, and Inspiring the Housed to Action

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Mission

The Atlanta Homeward Choir works to bring together people from every background and belief system who have ever battled homelessness, using music and performance art as a vessel to uplift, encourage and instill a sense of community in its participants.

Upcoming Performances

Christmas on the Hill

December 15, 2019

The Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Atlanta, GA

The 7th Annual Christmas on the Hill joins both the Atlanta Homeward Choir women's and men's choirs and the Shrine Music Ministry along with a full orchestra for an evening of Christmas classics.

Caroling in the Park

December TBD

Woodruff Park, Atlanta, GA

The third annual concert featuring the Atlanta Homeward Choir women's and men's choirs along with the Georgia State University Choral Union singing holiday carols at Woodruff Park.

The Birthplace of Belonging

January 25, 2020

The Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta, GA

The Atlanta Homeward Choir will host the National Alliance for Music in Vulnerable Communities (www.namvc.org) for the third annual conference. The Choir will perform along with music directors and conference participants from all over the country at a performance along with Challenge the Stats musicians.



About the Homeward Choir

The Atlanta Homeward Choir (AHC), a 501(c)(3) organization, operates two choirs – a men’s choir and a women’s choir. Participants in these choirs come from all walks of life, some with prior music training and many without. Since its launch in 2013, the Atlanta Homeward Choir has received national, and international media attention and continues to grow as it shares its mission to uplift, encourage, and instill a sense of community through the music.

The AHC is proud to begin two new centers this year. The AHC will partner with Covenant House Georgia to provide music sessions for their youth who are residents at the campus on Atlanta’s Westside. Secondly, The AHC will start a community choir at St. Frances Table hot meal ministry at The Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, downtown Atlanta.

Each season the Choir performs numerous concerts across Atlanta including performances at Atlanta City Hall, The Atlanta Public Library, The Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and has performed The National Anthem for The Atlanta Hawks and The Atlanta Braves. In December 2015, The Atlanta Homeward Choir traveled to Washington DC and performed at The White House and on the steps of The Lincoln Memorial. The Choir’s journey was featured on the NBC Nightly News, The Washington Post, and many other news outlets.

In 2017 the Atlanta Homeward Choir formed an educational exchange with the Georgia State University Choral Union. Together the groups use choral music as a tool to engage with issues of homelessness in Atlanta. The goal of this collaboration is to “call the housed to action” by allowing students to get to know the homeless in our city and to raise awareness about the nuanced layers involved in breaking the cycle of homelessness.

The AHC women’s choir season begins in October and continues through March. Many of the women who participate in the choir are residents of City of Refuge (www.cityofrefugeatl.org), an organization that provides temporary supportive housing and job training and placement services. The women’s choir is led by artistic director, Matt Wauchope, who also serves as choral director at Oakhurst Presbyterian.



The AHC men's choir season begins in November and continues through March. Many of the men's choir participants are guests of the Central Night Shelter (www.cnsatlanta.org), a joint effort of Central Presbyterian Church and The Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, both located on Capitol Hill in downtown Atlanta. Participation in the choir is open to all shelter guests, as well as to other members of the community who were once homeless and are now housed. The men's choir is led by 2nd year Georgia State University graduate student, Samuel Potts.

Through generous donations from supporters across the world the Atlanta Homeward Choir formed partnerships with several local organizations. Since 2015 the Atlanta Homeward Choir, in collaboration with its partners, has helped 68% of participants secure jobs, placed 43% in permanent housing and 13% in temporary housing. Several Atlanta Homeward Choir alumni who are employed and no longer homeless serve as mentors to new choir participants.

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