



Chatham Chorale

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CHATHAM CHORALE PRESENTS

A Broadway Benefit for the Family Pantry of Cape Cod

Chatham, MA / February 23, 2024 – It's truly said that music is food for the soul—but it's also true that people cannot live by song alone. So the Chatham Chorale is pitching in to help support the Family Pantry of Cape Cod with a musical feast of Broadway tunes, with piano accompaniment by Cape Symphony keyboardist Donald Enos. Concerts take place on Saturday, March 9, at 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm, and Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 pm, at the Dennis Union Church in Dennis village.

“We’re happy to be donating part of the proceeds from these concerts to the Family Pantry,” says Chorale Music Director Joe Marchio. “We’ll reward our audiences with a tasty buffet of songs, including servings from *Phantom of the Opera*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Oliver*, and more.”

A few songs on the program are food-forward, including “Be Our Guest,” a musical, magical celebration of the joys of hospitality from *Beauty and the Beast*. Its lyrics include “Beef ragout / Cheese soufflé / Pie and pudding *en flambé* / We’ll prepare and serve with flair / A culinary cabaret!”

The Family Pantry of Cape Cod has been responding to food insecurity on the Cape since 1989. Today the nonprofit, run by a small staff and more than 650 volunteers, welcomes Cape Cod residents to its headquarters on Queen Anne Road in Harwich, where it also accepts donations of food, clothing, and small household goods and maintains a garden that produces fresh food for clients. Its programs include the Healthy Meals in Motion Mobile Pantry, serving the lower Cape, and a satellite pantry on the campus of Cape Cod Community College. The Family Pantry also partners with the Greater Boston Food Bank, coordinating distribution to the 28 pantries/soup kitchens on the Cape and Islands. In 2022, the Pantry gave out more than 130,000 bags of groceries. Visit <https://www.thefamilypantry.com>.

Chatham Chorale is one of Cape Cod’s longest-established choral ensembles, for 52 years presenting an annual concert series with programs ranging from choral masterworks to pops stylings and premieres of new works by regional composers. The Chorale also regularly collaborates with the Cape Symphony—for example, in the annual Holiday Pops concerts—and sings in service to the community.

All tickets are \$35. They can be purchased at www.chathamchorale.org/tickets, by phone (774-212-9333), or at the door the day of the concert. For more information, visit www.chathamchorale.org.

The Chatham Chorale is proud to participate in Mass Cultural Council's Card to Culture program, in partnership with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Discounted tickets are available to holders of EBT or WIC cards. Please see the Chorale's website, www.chathamchorale.org, for details.

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Chatham Chorale Music Director Joseph Marchio and accompanist Donald Enos.
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