

Organizational History

In January of 2022, following the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Artistic Director Angela Burns created Wilmington Voices to rebuild a sense of community and connection across diverse groups of people in New Hanover County and the surrounding areas. Wilmington Voices presents choral music of the highest caliber to the communities of Eastern North Carolina and seeks to ensure that people from all walks of life have free access to high quality music and outreach programming. This ensemble is the first and only of its kind within 160 miles of its location.

The powerful and collaborative art of choral singing is valuable to all communities; it contributes to our spiritual and cultural life while nourishing our relationships with others. Wilmington Voices encourages new talent from all walks of life to audition for our ensemble – we recognize the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and we proudly welcome BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and minority performers.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to enrich lives and engage audiences with creativity and abiding passion for music through choral repertoire and choral expression. We are a collaborative ensemble led by our love of diverse music. We live our core values while demonstrating artistic and organizational excellence and championing a wide variety of musical styles. Our legacy is one of distinguished work and lasting impact. Like our name suggests, *Wilmington Voices* is a celebration of choral excellence in eastern North Carolina.