

# St. Charles Singers

welcomes you to



## Mayfest 2020

Ode To May  
by Peter Burn

Queen of months, supremely fair,  
Cloth'd with garments rich and rare,  
None in beauty can compare  
With thee, sweet May.

Lovely month, thou bringest mirth,  
Spreadest sweetness o'er the earth,  
Causest Nature to give birth  
To fruits and flowers.

Thou art lov'd by young and old.  
Joys for each thou dost unfold;  
Never shall our hearts grow cold  
To thee, sweet May.

*at home*

## Dear Friends,

*MayFest*, a favorite annual gathering of St. Charles Singers patrons and friends, will have a twist, this year. It will be a "Stay Home" gala, complete with a link to music specially selected by Jeff Hunt for your enjoyment.

*"End on a High Note"* In recent years, the paddle raise that concludes each *MayFest* has provided more than 10% of our annual funding, and is vital to our ability to make ends meet.

This year, more than ever, we need to "end on a high note." COVID19 related lost revenue and non-recoverable expense has, to date, surpassed \$40,000. Our recovery actions include melding the recently canceled "Kaleidoscope" concert into the spring of our 2021 season, yielding a savings estimated at \$20,000.

We hope you will join in this virtual "End on a High Note." If you have made a gift in the past consider matching that gift this year; or previous and new donors might prefer to choose from the enclosed WISH LIST of items the choir will need to fund in the coming year. Please note that we have added the option of scheduling pledge payments, a perfectly acceptable way to give.

As soon as is safely possible, we look forward to inviting *MayFest* donors to a celebration when we will share music and merriment, and will thank you personally for your support of our choir during these challenging days.

With gratitude,

Elizabeth Safanda, *MayFest* "Stay Home" Gala Chair  
Janelle Ream, SCS Fund Development Chair  
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Amber Grove McKee; Susan McDowell  
SC Staff: Jeff Hunt; Kay Kendall

