

RETIRED? *What are You Doing for an Encore?*

Encore Creativity for Older Adults has announced its expansion into the Denver area with the formation of **The Highlands Ranch Encore Chorale!**

The Highlands Ranch Encore Chorale is a non-auditioned community chorus under the leadership of Brian Patrick Leatherman, Artistic Director and Cindy Runkel, Executive Director and Accompanist. The unique national Encore Creativity program emphasizes the social, physical and mental health benefits of singing. It is open to anyone 55 and better who is interested



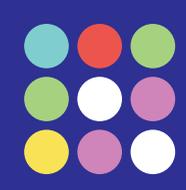
in a fun and challenging musical adventure, with or without prior choral or singing experience. The repertoire will include arrangements of popular music, show tunes, and other holiday favorites that will appeal to singers and audience members alike.

The first 15-week session of The Highlands Ranch Encore Chorale is just \$95.00 as a Charter member. The session will kick off on **Friday, January 13, 2017**, and will culminate on Sunday afternoon, May 15, 2016 with a free spring concert. The choir will rehearse weekly on **Fridays from 10:30 am - noon** at the Recreation Center at Southridge, 4800 McArthur Ranch Road, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80130.

For more information, e-mail 5280PLUS@centurylink.net or call **303-482-7077** or **720-255-1860**.

To register, please call 303-471-8818. **Activity #157806.**

The Highlands Ranch

 **Encore
Chorale**

A Community Chorus for Older Adults

What is The Highlands Ranch Encore Chorale?

The Highlands Ranch Encore Chorale is a National Affiliate of Encore Creativity for Older Adults, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing an excellent and accessible artistic environment for older adults who seek arts education and performance opportunities under the direction of professional artists. Based in Maryland, Encore Creativity currently has more than 750 singers in 13 chorales throughout Maryland, Washington, DC, and Virginia, and affiliate chorales in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Florida, Iowa, California and now Denver, Colorado!



BRIAN LEATHERMAN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR

Brian Patrick Leatherman leads a multi-faceted life as conductor, teacher, singer, and clinician. He recently celebrated his 20th season as conductor and music director of Denver's Cherry Creek Chorale, a thriving community chorus of 140+ members. Recently retired, after 30 years as a vocal/general music specialist—the last 15 in the Douglas County school district, students and adults under his direction have performed at the National Conference of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association and the Colorado Music Educator's Association annual Clinic/Conference. He is an active choral clinician and adjudicator.



His conducting posts have included the Pueblo Chorale, church choirs, and the Chorus of the Rockies—a Road Scholar/Elderhostel choral program for seniors. Mr. Leatherman has appeared as guest-conductor with the Arapahoe Philharmonic, Boulder and Pueblo Symphonies, and the Greeley and Colorado Springs Chorales. As tenor and counter-tenor soloist he has sung with numerous Colorado choirs and orchestras as well as the San Antonio Symphony, Santa Fe Desert Chorale, Robert Shaw Festival Singers, and Robert Shaw Festival Chorus.

He holds degrees in Music Education and Choral Conducting from Colorado State University and cites as his two biggest influences Barbara Grenoble in pedagogy, and Robert Shaw in conducting.



CINDY RUNKEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & ACCOMPANIST

Cindy Runkel began musical training with her father while in kindergarten, then studied piano with Elizabeth Pastor, concert pianist and faculty member at The Cleveland Institute of Music and Ashland (OH) University. Ms. Runkel served as accompanist for her award-winning high school choral program and received multiple college scholarships, including a full piano scholarship to Miami University (OH). There she held various choral leadership roles, accompanied and sang in multiple ensembles, performed in two European concert tours and graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education degree.

Cindy currently serves as both Principal Accompanist and Marketing & Development Manager for one of Colorado's largest adult community choruses, the Cherry Creek Chorale. She performs professionally throughout the Denver area for a variety of public and private events, at senior living communities and churches, and has served as accompanist for Chorus of the Rockies, a Road Scholar/Elderhostel, Inc. experiential choral program for seniors.