

The Kona Choral Society, headed by Artistic Director Susan Duprey, consists of Kona Choral Society Adult and Youth Choruses, plus a Symphony or Chamber Orchestra that assembles for performance events.

The following timeline reflects our historic changes:

1990 Fall – Kona Community Chorus (KCC) founded by Ken Staton

1992 September – Kona Community Chorus and Orchestra incorporated

1994 January – Kona Children’s Chorus begun

1995 February – Kona Chamber Orchestra begun; name changed to Kona Community Chorus and Orchestra (KCCO)

1997 April – Kona Teen Chorus begun

2000 March – Kona Association for the Performing Arts (KAPA) formed from APAC (Aloha Performing Arts Center) and KCCO

2002 November – KAPA dissolved; Kona Music Society incorporated

2003 April – KMS received non-profit status and Amended Articles of Incorporation filed

2003 July – Official name Kona Music Society, Inc. established legally

2005 June – Ken Staton resigned as Music Director of KMS

2005 July – Mark Barville contracted as Music Director of KMS

2010 January – Susan Duprey contracted as Artistic Director of KMS

July 1, 2014 – Official name changed to Kona Choral Society.

2014-15 – 25th Anniversary celebrated with special performances and a banquet.