

KCS TIMELINE rev.8/5/20

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
1997 First KCC Tour to China
1998 - Non-concert Tour to Germany and Austria
1999 - Concert Tour to Scandinavia
2000 March – Kona Association for the Performing Arts (KAPA) formed from APAC (Aloha Performing Arts Center) and KCCO
2000 - Non Concert Tour - Alaska Cruise
2001 - Non Concert Tour to England
2002 November – KAPA dissolved; Kona Music Society incorporated
2002 - Singing Tour to Australia
2003 April – KMS received non-profit status and Amended Articles of Incorporation filed 2003
July – Official name Kona Music Society, Inc. established legally
2005 - Non Concert Tour to Italy
2005 June – Ken Staton resigned as Music Director of KMS
2005 July – Mark Barville contracted as Music Director of KMS
2007- Non Concert Tour to Scotland and Ireland
2010 January – Susan Duprey contracted as Artistic Director of KMS
2011 December - First Annual Joy to the World (JttW) Free Concert
2012 Danube Concert Tour
July 1, 2014 – Official name changed to Kona Choral Society (KCS).
2014 Circle Hawaii Cruise - Concert Tour
2014-15 – 25th Anniversary celebrated with special performances and a banquet.
2015-16- “Beyond Borders,” Sheraton Kona Resort & Spa;
June 17-28, 2016: “Beyond Borders” Performance Tour of Japan (Osaka, Kyoto & Tokyo) Nā Pu’ukani – Members of Kona Choral Society and Windward Choral Society combined
2017, February - First Annual African-American History Month Concert, St. Michael the Archangel Church
2018, May 19 Mozart’s Requiem, Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows; Guest Conductor: Dr. Joseph Flummerfelt
2019 - May 2019- “A Musical Journey” (From Faure, to Maori to Hawaiian) June 2019; Na Pu’ukani Tours New Zealand
2019 - Kona Youth Chorus celebrates 25 years
2020- In person rehearsals and concerts canceled mid-March 2020; May 2020 NYC Carnegie Hall Performance - cancelled because of Covid 19 pandemic; rehearsals continue on Zoom
2020- KCS begins 30th Anniversary