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1 Brattleboro Harmonia enters a landmark season:
2 Celebrating 30 years, a new identity, and the legacy of Becky
3 Graber

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6 This spring, after three decades of creating harmonies
7 together, Brattleboro Harmonia (formerly the Brattleboro
8 Women’s Chorus) enters a new chapter. The chorus’ 30th
9 Anniversary spring semester marks both a rebrand and a heartfelt
10 farewell to founder Becky Graber, who celebrates her final season
11 as musical director.

12 To honor these milestones, Brattleboro Harmonia invites
13 new singers to join the chorus for this once-in-a-lifetime spring
14 season. Rehearsals begin Thursday, March 5. The first one is open
15 to new singers to see if the chorus is a good fit for them. Advance
16 registration is required via the website.

17 Rehearsals will be held Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon
18 at the Brattleboro Music Center, or Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30
19 p.m. at First Congregational Church in West Brattleboro. “Evening
20 rehearsals are required for those who want to sing in the Mother’s
21 Day concert at the Latchis Theatre, while morning rehearsals are
22 for more relaxed (but equally fun) singing, without the pressure of
23 concert preparation,” said organizers.

24 The spring 2026 semester is “more than just a series of
25 rehearsals; it is the culmination of three decades of song.” Not
26 only will Graber lead her final concert as director this Mother’s
27 Day, she will pass her title of musical director on to local
28 musician Anna Patton, who “brings a wealth of musical depth
29 and a fresh, eclectic repertoire to this milestone semester,” wrote
30 organizers.

31 Brattleboro Harmonia welcomes women and
32 nonbinary/gender-queer folks, ages 10 and up, whose range
33 comfortably includes the A in the middle of the treble staff
34 (soprano, alto, and tenor ranges). Whether seasoned vocalists or
35 those who have only ever sung in the shower, Brattleboro
36 Harmonia welcomes singers of all abilities.

37 The chorus uses the oral tradition, “teaching most music
38 by ear through repetition and joy — making the experience both
39 accessible and powerful,” said organizers.

40 Advance registration for the March 5 Open Rehearsals is
41 required via the website. For those who choose to join for the full
42 season, tuition is offered on a sliding scale (\$85–\$180), with
43 financial assistance readily available to ensure community
44 singing remains accessible to all. Register at
45 brattleboroharmonia.org.

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