

The Buckthorns



The Buckthorns are a popular North Shore singing group that has performed at public and private events throughout the Chicago area since 1995, primarily to raise money for local charities and volunteer groups. The group performs both a cappella and accompanied arrangements of songs ranging from rock and roll oldies to folk, country, gospel, doo wop, religious choral

and holiday. Accompaniment includes guitar, mandolin, keyboard and percussion. The Buckthorns' first CD, "*Branching Out*", was released in September 2003. The Buckthorns' second CD, "*On a Silent Night*", a collection the group's most requested Christmas songs, was released in November 2004.

The Buckthorns have performed for audiences ranging from 20 to 1,000 and twice have performed live on local access cable television for a fundraising telethon. They have received media coverage in the Chicago Tribune, Forest & Bluff magazine, and the Lake Forester (a Pioneer Press Publication).

For private parties and performances sold by charitable organizations at fundraising events, the group's performance fees are written directly to charity. For corporate and public performances, the group is paid directly for its services. While none of the group's members are paid for their singing, funds received from corporate and public performances are used to pay for the group's sound equipment and performance expenses.



The Buckthorns have performed for groups such as Artists on the Bluff, Rotary International, Lake Forest Hospital, Catholic Charities, the C.O.O.L. Food Pantry in Waukegan, Daisy's Resource Center in North Chicago, the Village of Lake Bluff "Bluffinia Summer Concert Series", and at locations that include:

- Art Institute of Chicago
- Chicago Curling Club (Northbrook)
- Community Church (Lake Forest)
- Shoreacres Country Club (Lake Bluff)
- First Presbyterian Church
- Gorton Community Center
- Huron Mountain Club (Michigan)
- John Hancock Tower
- Lake Forest Club
- Onwentsia Country Club
- Lake Forest Senior Center
- Union Church (Lake Bluff)
- Exmoor Country Club (Highland Park)
- Winter Club (Lake Forest)
- Harrison House (Lake Bluff)
- Westmoreland (Lake Forest)

Current members of The Buckthorns include Liz Bermingham, Carmen Gunning, Susie McMurray, June Miller, Jim Passalino, Steve Ragsdale, Louise Ries*, Michael Shea, Walt Sloan, Sandy Stuart, Mary Jane Stutz, Sandy Turner*, and Kimberly Whipple.

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