

Forest City Rainbow Chorus

MEDIA POLICY

Effective Date: March 30, 2026.

1. Purpose. The Forest City Rainbow Chorus (“the Chorus”) values the privacy and dignity of its members while celebrating our mission through media that shares our music, our community, and our message. This policy outlines how photographs, video recordings, and audio recordings are captured, used, and shared, as well as how members may opt out of media coverage in certain circumstances.

2. Scope. This policy applies to all members, volunteers, staff, and guests participating in rehearsals, social gatherings, fundraising events, and other Chorus-related activities. It does not apply to public concerts, as outlined below.

3. Media Use

- The Chorus and its authorized representatives may take photographs, video recordings, and audio recordings during rehearsals, events, and performances for the purposes of publicity, documentation, archiving, and community engagement.
- Media may be shared on the Chorus’s website, social media, newsletters, press releases, and printed materials.
- All media is the property of the Chorus or the individual photographer/videographer under agreement with the Chorus.

4. Concert Performances. Because concerts are public performances and audience members may take photographs or video, participation in concerts requires consent to being photographed, filmed, and recorded. Members who do not wish to be photographed or recorded cannot participate in concerts.

5. Opt-Out Procedure for Non-Concert Events

- Members who wish to opt out of being photographed or recorded at rehearsals, social events, or other non-concert activities must inform the Chorus in writing before the event.
- At such events, the Chorus will provide a clearly visible “opt-out” sticker to be worn **in a conspicuous place**. This sticker signals to photographers and videographers that the individual should not be intentionally included in images or footage.
- While the Chorus will make every reasonable effort to respect opt-out requests, it cannot guarantee that an individual will not appear incidentally in background shots.

6. Respecting Community Values. The Chorus is committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and affirming environment for all members. No images or recordings will be used in ways that are derogatory, exploitative, or inconsistent with the Chorus’s values of respect, dignity, and representation for the LGBTQ+ community.

7. Questions or Concerns. Members who have questions or concerns about this policy or the use of their image should speak with a Board member before the relevant event.