

The Santa Cruz Chorale, a community based non-profit organization founded in 1983, performs a wide-ranging repertoire including works from the 14th century through music of the 21st century.

Although several members of the Santa Cruz Chorale are professional musicians and some direct musical groups of their own, all volunteer their time, and are, at the very least, amateurs in the original sense of the word: people who seriously pursue an art for the love of it.

Founded over 30 years ago by Mary Lynn Place Badarak, Lecturer for the Department of Music at UC Santa Cruz, as a volunteer adult chorus, the Santa Cruz Chorale continues in this tradition today. Following Badarak's leadership, the Chorale was directed by the late Gene Lewis, Paul Vorwerk, Murray Walker, and

Eduardo Mendelievich. Under the leadership of Paul Vorwerk, the Chorale went on two exciting international tours: the first to Northern Italy and Croatia, and the second to Spain.

Since 2006, the Santa Cruz Chorale has been directed by Christian Grube, performing three concert sets per year, showing off the beautiful acoustics of Holy Cross Church in Santa Cruz. The Chorale has been able to attract three of Santa Cruz's most well known accompanists, Vlada Moran, Yalenda Listmann, and Maria Ezerova.

Christian Grube is emeritus professor of choral conducting at the Berlin University of Arts. His choirs are known for their exquisite sound, impeccable intonation, broad range of dynamic expression and ability to interpret the most diverse styles. You can find out more about Director Christian Grube at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Grube.