



PARKLAND CHORALE

The Parkland Chorale is the top auditioned mixed choir from Parkland High School in Allentown, PA, under the direction of Alison Lagan. Chorale includes students in grades 10-12 who perform advanced choral repertoire throughout the Parkland community. They rehearse after school twice a week, and all students participate in grade-level choirs during the regular school day. Chorale performs frequently throughout the greater Lehigh Valley, including appearances with the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, the Allentown Band, and The Bach Choir of Bethlehem. Notable performance features include the 2025 PMEA All-State Conference, the 2025 NAFME All-Eastern Conference, the PA State Capitol, and Carnegie Hall, and they are excited to be preparing for a performance tour of Italy this summer (June 2027.)

Alison Lagan, Director of Choral Activities at Parkland High School in Allentown, PA, where she oversees the Beginning Chorus, Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, Vera Voce, and the Parkland Chorale; she also teaches AP Music Theory and serves as music director for Parkland's award-winning spring musical program (2024 winner of the Freddy award for Best Production of a Musical for The SpongeBob Musical.) Alison is active as an educator, conductor, and clinician. She holds a master's degree in choral conducting from Michigan State University, as well as a master's degree in music theory and a bachelor's degree in music education from Penn State University. She resides in Maungie, PA, with her husband Brennan, goldendoodle Ringo, and cat Paul McCatney.



“BOW TIE BEN” YOUNGERMAN **Master of Ceremonies**

Yes, the mustache is real! Ben Youngerman is one of the Lehigh Valley's most versatile and seasoned entertainers, having performed for millions of people in his career.

Best known as "Bow Tie Ben," he is currently in his 13th season as Arena Host for the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, rockin' the microphone and big screen since the opening game at PPL Center in 2014. Part ringleader, part hypeman, part enabler of MeLVin's shenanigans. (IG: @bowtiebenhost)

Youngerman is the founder and solopreneur of Molten Metal Media, a social media management agency servicing Lehigh Valley small businesses and non-profits, including the Allentown Symphony Orchestra! (@moltenmetalmedia / moltenmetalmedia.com)

Ben is the frontman for Lehigh Valley rock band Midsummer, whose debut EP, "Tales of the Time Traveler, Vol. 2," is available on all major music streaming apps. (IG: @midsummerpa)

Before taking the ice for the Phantoms, Youngerman spent 8 seasons as an emcee and entertainer with the Lehigh Valley IronPigs. Previously, he spent seasons as an emcee and/or radio broadcaster with the Trenton Thunder (AA-NYY), Penn State WBB, ISP Sports, Auburn Doubledays (A-TOR), Cotuit Kettleers (CCBL), and Mat-Su Miners (ABL).

Ben earned Bachelor's degrees in Broadcast Journalism and Political Science from Syracuse University. While at 'Cuse, he portrayed mascot "Otto the Orange" for three years, and was honored to give Otto's induction speech into the Mascot Hall of Fame in 2023.

Ben is a proud product of the Parkland School District performing arts department. In high school, he was named Mr. Parkland 2005, earned 2 FREDDY Award nominations, and sang as a member of the Parkland Chorale and District Chorus.

Billy Joel once told Ben he was "very talented."