

THE CHORUSPONDENCE

Memphis Symphony Chorus Newsletter

Spring Concert Calendar

In addition to our stand alone concert, we are performing A Salute to John Williams with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra on April 29 and 30. Click [here](#) for the concert schedule:

Fundraising

We took a break from running the Fruit Sale in Fall 2016, opting to use our stand alone concert in February as our major fund raising event instead. This concert was a huge success last year, and we are hopeful that the modest admission fee of \$10 will generate needed funding this season. We are asking all chorus members to sell at least 5 tickets. 50th Anniversary Chorus CDs will be available for purchase at the concert for \$5 with ticket purchase. What a deal!



New Performance Attire Coming Soon

We're changing clothes soon! At its January 2017 meeting, the MSC Board voted to update our performance attire to a more contemporary look. Rather than the tuxedos for men and long black dresses and pearls for women, the new look will be a bit less formal but still versatile for all concert occasions. Men will be wearing black shirts under black suits, and we are still in the process of choosing the women's attire. We will all have a new look for next season!

MSC Stand Alone Concert

Mark your calendar and bring your friends! Back by popular demand, the MSC will again perform a **choral concert with special appearances by the Memphis University Singers**. The concert includes works by Felix Mendelssohn, Ola Gjeilo, Randall Thompson, and Michael Tippett. Tickets may be ordered online, by phone, or bought at the door.

Where: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1695 Central Ave

When: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 @ 7:30 pm

General admission: \$10

Chorus Director

Larry Edwards

MSC Board of Directors

- Lisa Mendel - President
- Steve Alsobrook
- Cindy Armistead
- Pam Gold
- Anita Hester
- Jim McClanahan
- Cindy McCool
- Sharon McDonough
- Lindsey McLennan
- Terron Park
- Shane Rasner
- Eugene Reyneke
- Jack Seubert
- Jackie White
- Al Whitney

Board member elections will be held in April. Several members are rotating off the Board, and there will be 5 member positions available. Please contact Lisa Mendel or any board member if you are interested in running.

In Memoriam

We were very saddened to lose several current and former chorus members during 2016.

- Bruce Donley
- Jack Page
- Grace Phelps
- Rick Johnson

Recap of Fall 2016 Events

The Memphis Symphony Orchestra welcomed a new principal conductor, Robert Moody, as the 2016-2017 performance season began. The Memphis Symphony Chorus was pleased to perform under Moody's direction in Fall 2016. Fall concerts included works by Forrest (*In Paradisium*) and Vaughn Williams (*Dona Nobis Pacem*) performed November 12 and 13, and the Magic of Memphis Holiday Spectacular concert December 2 and 4, complete with acrobats from Cirque de la Symphonie.

On November 10th before heading to the Cannon Center for rehearsal, the MSC pulled off a flash mob performance in the produce section of the new Midtown Kroger on Union. With Robert Moody singing the lead vocal, MSO's Scott Moore on his trumpet, and Dr. Larry Edwards directing us, we sang Leonard Cohens' *Halleluiah*. The performance was a very special experience that seemed all the more powerful when learned hours later that Leonard Cohen has passed away that same evening. See the flash mob performance [here](#).

Welcome new members!

Joined August 2016

Sopranos

Annabel Lee
Jennifer Nelson-Brown
Theresa Osbahr
Angela Price

Alto

Linda Arms
Katie McIntyre
Fedorina Stewart
Jessia Wiseman

Tenor

Peter Allen
Daniel Massey
Jay Wells
John Wilson

Bass

Matt Perry

Joined January 2017:

Sopranos

Nancy Allen
Sarah Hand
Madison Jackson
Tara Nabors
Helene Kramer
Carole Mathis
Naomi Kohl
Leah Somerville

Alto

Debbie Kirk
Alison Wetherald
Tiffany McKinney

Tenor

Josh Sigler

Bass

Fred Fields
Aaron Hand



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