

# CHORUSPONDENCE

December 2008

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## HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT CHORUS INFORMATION

### Transportation & Info

- Buses will be available in the Central Library parking lot at 3030 Poplar Avenue
- They will leave at 6:00 pm sharp on Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>
- If you want to drive on your own, directions are below
- Box dinners and drinks will be provided on the buses
- Call is 8:15 pm in warm-up area in Dyersburg – be dressed in concert attire
- Women: Long black chorus dresses; no sparkling or dangling earrings
- Men: Tuxedos with *red* tie and *red* cummerbund

### Directions to Dyersburg State Community College

Take Route 51 North from Memphis towards Dyersburg

Turn right onto Route 78 once in Dyersburg

Turn left onto Parkview Street, following the signs to the gymnasium

Turn left into the third driveway and follow it to the gymnasium

### Also....

Box dinners and drinks will be provided on the buses.

No colognes and perfume—pay attention to personal hygiene, please!!!!!!!



*SPECIAL EVENT! The Cornell University Glee Club will be in concert on the evening of Tuesday, January 6, at the Germantown Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. All chorus members get 50% off the ticket price—we pay only \$5.00. Contact Dick Erali at RErali@aol.com for info and tickets.*

## TICKETS FOR CHORUS MEMBERS ARE AVAILABLE!

Chorus members can get discounted tickets for the Orphanos Messiah performance on Saturday night by going to the website [www.memphismessiah.org](http://www.memphismessiah.org) and click on Purchase Tickets. Under Promotions and Special Offers, indicate the

quantity of tickets you want and enter the word "CHOIR" as the special offer code—you'll get a 15% discount. We won't know about comp tickets until the week of the concert.

As for Pops tickets, you can

buy two tickets for the price of one. Call the symphony box office at 537-2525 for tickets and be sure to tell them you are a Memphis Symphony Chorus member.



## **IMPORTANT!!!** **REVISED REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

12/1/08 7:00 Balmoral Rehearsal  
 12/3/08 6:30 Cannon Pops Rehearsal  
 12/4/08 7:00 Cannon Pops Rehearsal  
 12/5/08 6:00 Main Library Parking  
                     Lot—Dyersburg Run-out  
 12/6/08 8:00 Cannon Pops Concert  
 12/8/08 7:00 Balmoral Messiah with  
                     Conductor  
 12/10/08 7:00 Cannon Messiah Reh.  
 12/11/08 7:00 Cannon Messiah Reh.  
 12/12/08 9:00 a.m. Cannon Messiah  
                     Performances—9:30/11:30/  
                     2:00 p.m.  
 12/13/08 7:00 Cannon Messiah

### **FRUIT SALE**

Chorus members can sign up to help at the Fruit Sale by talking to Linda Brittingham and/or Bill Weppner. We need workers on the weekend of December 19, 20, and 21.

Remember—orders must be received by December 3.

Prizes will be awarded sometime in December (sorry we can't be more specific....).

### **MSC 2009**

There will be no rehearsals on December 15, 22, or 29.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, January 4, with the first rehearsal scheduled for Monday, January 5, at Balmoral.



## **PERFORMING THE MESSIAH AT THE CANNON CENTER**

To park at the Cannon Center, enter the lot of the Convention Center from Front Street. The parking attendant will have a list of all singers for all rehearsals and the performance.

Women should wear black dresses with only pearl accessories—necklace and earrings, but NO dangles—studs only.

*All you really need to remember is diction, rhythm, harmony, vocal tone, pitch, the conductor, your appearance, composer instructions, and what page you're on!*

Men should wear black tuxedos—no red accessories.

Please don't wear any perfume or after-shave—people with asthma and allergies really suffer while trying to sing in a scent-infested environment. Please consider personal hygiene carefully.

Use only black folders during the performance and turn off cell phones and

paggers.

Remember to turn pages quietly—paper clip them in advance.

If you need a cough drop, please unwrap it BEFORE the concert begins.

Follow the direction of the concertmaster when standing and sitting.

Do not EVER talk to your neighbor while on stage or wave to friends and family in the audience.

**WATCH THE CONDUCTOR!!!**

## **A NEW PERSON TO LOVE!**

New chorus member, Mark Vaughn and his wife Debbie, welcomed Jacob Matthew Vaughn at 9:43 a.m. Saturday, November 23. He weighed 9 pounds even and was 20.5 inches long. Little sister Abbie is thrilled.

We  
congratulate the  
family!



Little Jacob and mama Debbie