

CHORUSPONDENCE

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THE MEMPHIS MESSIAH

The Memphis Messiah, an annual benefit performance, is truly a five-star evening. In partnership with Orphanos Foundation, the event brings together:

- *one of the greatest musical compositions ever written

- *the most life-giving words ever written

- *the instrumentation of the world-class Memphis Symphony Orchestra

- *the voices of the world-class Memphis Symphony Chorus

*the comfort and acoustic splendor of the Cannon Center for the Performing Arts.

Orphanos specifically chose Handel's Messiah for this annual benefit performance because of the rich history of the piece. Over the last 250 years, this work has, in the words of one music historian, "fed the hungry, clothed the naked and fostered the orphan." The first performance in Dublin was given as a benefit for orphans, a charity hospital, and for people in debtor's prison.



The Memphis Messiah celebrates this unique aspect of the history of Handel's work by bringing help and healing to children at risk.

NEW CHORUS MEMBERS!

The Chorus announces new members this month. They include (in no particular order):

Mark Vaughn
Tom Carpenter
Merry Sebelik

Jaime Yanes
Terri Watts
Johnathon Gibbs
Benjie Maxwell
Nicole Pugh
Arron Powell

Donald Monteith
Becky Darnell

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

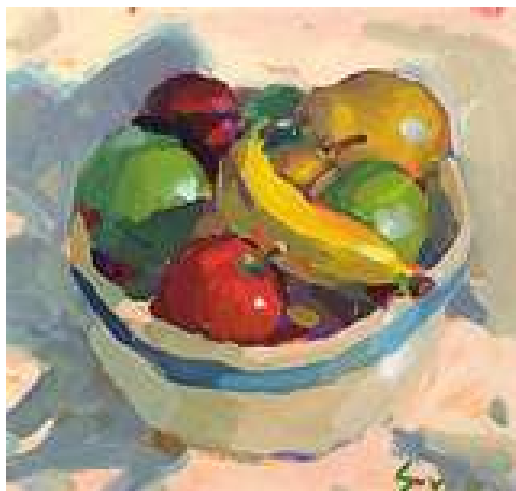


SELLING FRUIT FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

By now, everybody in town should know that the Symphony Chorus sells fruit as our only fund-raiser. But do YOU know what you can win by being a big seller? The top three sellers have a chance to win a Photo Printer, an MP4 player, or a digital camera. Other great prizes include a Coca Cola rolling ice chest, Tiger basketball tickets, the world's tiniest Memphis Symphony Chorus CD, a treble clef stress reliever, personalized Memphis Symphony Chorus flash drives, and chorus luggage tags. We may even have some chorus garment bags!!!

Seriously, this is some cool stuff!

**Work hard, raise money,
and go home a winner!!!!!!**



U OF M UNIVERSITY SINGERS AND CHAMBER CHOIR FALL CONCERT

Idlewild Presbyterian Church
1750 Union Ave.—November 9
4:00 p.m.—No admission charge

Performing:

When David Heard by Eric Whitacre—
sometimes the choir is singing in 24-parts!

Lux Aeterna by Morten Lauridsen—work for
organ and choir—five movements.

William Byrd's 5-Voice Mass—one of the
finest works of the late Renaissance period.

PLUS—other tunes they performed on their
tour of Austria.

BE THERE TO SUPPORT LARRY AND OUR
FUTURE SYMPHONY CHORUS MEMBERS!

MEMPHIS SYMPHONY UPCOMING CONCERTS....

*Friday, November 7 — A Trip Across the Pond—Bert Chamber Series
Buckman Performing Arts Center, 8:00 p.m.*

*Saturday, November 22 (Cannon) and Sunday, November 23
GPAC—Themes on a Piano*

Saturday, December 6 — Home for the Holidays

Saturday, December 13 — The Memphis Messiah



JASON HOWLAND



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Concert at 8:00 p.m.—Cannon
Center

*The family treat that kicks off
the holiday season will feature
guest conductor Jason
Howland. Complete with sing-
along!!! Featuring:*

THE MEMPHIS SYMPHONY
CHORUS