



One Choir ♪ One Sound

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Notetations

Christmas 2015

Looking ahead to next year when WCC will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the formation of the organization for which most likely the music selections will be pulled from the favorites of the many past concerts. With that in mind there is just under 52 minutes of Christmas music that has been selected for our Christmas 2015 concert season that will be a fresh blend of unique styles of music that includes both traditional melodies, lyrics and song titles as well as contemporary arrangements of old favorites and new songs that are sure to delight both the audience and members of the choir. Samples of the music will be available on the WCC website to preview and enjoy.

Rehearsals will begin August 31st and I hope that everyone is as excited about getting started as I am. Registration begins at 7:00 PM and the rehearsal will start promptly at 7:30 PM. Our principle accompanist for this season will be Meredyth Sterling and assisting with sectional rehearsals will be Vicki Bayer. I believe for the first time in the history of the organization we will have two assistant directors. Angie Tenne and George Boyd. There will be plenty of opportunities on the program for percussion and guitar accompaniment as well. There is also a possibility that other instruments may be needed.

For our many talented vocal soloists there will be an opportunity to try out for the various line solos and of course up to two feature selections. Check the WCC events calendar to find out the date of the tryouts and make plans accordingly. Let me remind you a feature selection can be performed by a soloist or an ensemble of voices and instruments. Line soloist and feature selections are judged by a panel of your peers and remember the strict requirements for a feature selection is that it must be memorized and concert ready. Concert ready means just as it sounds. In other words it is completely prepared and ready for a live performance to include the accompaniment.

Come early for the first rehearsal so you can be sure to get a packet of music and to give yourself a better choice of seating. If we run out of packets of music more will be ordered but in the meantime if we do happen to run out those registering late will have to find someone to share music with for a week or two until the reorder comes in which will take about a week to 10 days.

Lee Irwin Culbreth
Musical Director

Mark Your Calendars!!!

Board Meetings

Held after Rehearsal
Open to All Members

- September 21
- October 12
- November 16

August 31 — 7:00 p.m.

Rehearsals begin at Lutheran Church of the Covenant—
LCOC

Registration: 7 p.m.

Rehearsal: 7:30-9:45 p.m.

September 28 -

Choir Social after Rehearsal

October 19 -

Feature/ line solo auditions following Rehearsal

ON-SITE REHEARSAL

November 30 -

**Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Auditorium— 7:00 pm**

CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES

Saturday, December 5

8:00 pm

**Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Auditorium**

Sunday, December 6

3:00 pm

**Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Auditorium**



Spring 2015 Concert Summary

The Spring 2015 concert season entitled the **Best of Broadway** was well received by audiences and choir members alike. Although in keeping with recent trends the audience was smaller than in past years those that did attend seemed genuinely pleased with the selection of music and the performance. Choir members particularly volunteers as a rule will vote with their feet. In other words they will simply quit coming to the rehearsals if for any reason they do not enjoy what they are singing.

There were many favorable comments received from audience members as well as choir members about the selection of music and how well the choir performed them. The song selection as it turns out was a good blend of styles and difficulty that appealed to members of the choir. The selections were derived from songs from the top 14 longest running Broadway Musical shows based on a dynamic ever changing listing of shows as it stood at the end of December 2014.

*Lee Irwin Culbreth
Musical Director*

Our Rehearsal Site: Lutheran Church of the Covenant
15008 Cloverdale Road

From the North on Minnieville Road

Take Minnieville Road South towards Dale City. Take a left onto Dale Boulevard. Follow Dale Boulevard to Cloverdale Road (4 lights). Take a right at the light for Cloverdale Road. Follow Cloverdale down the hill and back up again. LCOC is located just past the 7-11 on the right side of the road.

From Interstate 95

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WCC NEEDS YOU!

For every concert season, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes where **we need your help**.



- **Can you play the piano?** *The Director can use your talent to help with rehearsals.*
- **Like to work on fundraisers?** *Karen McReynolds needs you.*
- **Can you move risers? Or help with stage setup?** *George Boyd is looking for you!*
- **Can you contact people to take out ads in our programs?** *Let Karen McReynolds know.*
- **Do you have photos we could use in our scrapbook and website?** *Contact Angie Tenne.*
- **Do you know of someone who can serve as ushers or help with the sales tables?** *Let Karen McReynolds know.*

There are so many ways for you to get involved. Please consider volunteering to help make our concerts special.



Concert Attire

Women: Attire to be ordered from WCC Board approved catalog choices. All black dress with long sleeves, black shoes and black stockings/socks. The sleeves are to be straight and the hem of the dress should come to the top of the shoes. The black dress shoes should be comfortable and the stocking/socks should be opaque. Darker undergarments that will not reflect light should be worn since we have strong lighting. We order dresses from an outlet that has performance attire and we have a supply of seldom-worn dresses at reduced prices. The price for a new dress is about \$70.00.

Men: Black vest with white Tuxedo shirt, black trousers, black socks, black bow tie and black dress shoes. We can order the black vest for any man who needs one at a price of about \$40.00 or you may buy your own as long as it is not completely satin material--a satin cowl collar is acceptable.

Registration Discount

As many of you know the WCC has kept the registration at \$30 per season for many years. With the increased cost of doing business we have been forced to increase registration dues to \$35. If you are not able to pay we offer a scholarship fund to help. Let any Board Member know because we do not want to prevent anyone from participating.

The WCC Board of Directors wants to offer a way to reduce or even eliminate your registration fee and increase our membership.

When you register and bring a new member for the Christmas 2015 Concert Season your registration fee will be reduced by \$10 per person up to \$30. If you bring a new member after you register you can still receive a discount but it will be applied to the next concert season. A new member is anyone who has not sung for the past two concert seasons. So, bring your friends and neighbors to join.

WCC Committees

Fund Raising Committee

Karen McReynolds
Planning and manning fundraising events.

Production Committee

George Boyd
Transport and set-up risers, lights, sound equipment, and staging.

Marketing/Publicity Committee

Angie Tenne
Press releases, distributing flyers, mailings, and soliciting advertising.

Social Committee

Abby Hayes
Coordination & Set-up of choir social.

Nominating Committee

Lee Irwin Culbreth
Prepares slate of officers for June BOD elections, recruits new musical directors, accompanists, and Advisory Board Members.

Grants Committee

Faith Boruta
Research, prepare, submit grant applications.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these committees - please contact the committee chair.

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Snow Policy

As a reminder, no rehearsal will be held if Prince William County government is closed due to inclement weather.

PWC closings are announced on local television/radio and can be verified by calling PWC Info at 703-792-4636 or by calling 703-590-0249 to hear a recorded message.

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WCC to Sing the National Anthem at Potomac Nationals Game

After two rain-outs this past spring, the Woodbridge Community Choir will be singing (weather gods be willing) the National Anthem before the Potomac Nationals game on Tuesday September 1, 2015. Nearly 40 singers, friends, and family members have signed up to join in this memorable occasion. If you want to sing and didn't sign up in the spring, we can make arrangements to have you join us. Please see Abby Hayes at the first rehearsal on Monday August 31 (the day before the P-Nats game). We will practice the anthem that night as well. Attire for singing at the ball game will be khaki pants and a "patriotic" (red, white and/or blue) top. Hope to see you there! Go P-Nats!

*Abby Hayes
Special Event Chair*