



One Choir ♪ One Sound

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Notetations

Pop Tunes Time Machine

by Lee Irwin Culbreth



Later this year we will begin the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Woodbridge Community Choir. For the Spring 2016 concert we will travel back in time 50 years pulling a couple of pop songs from each decade to perform on the concert. We will begin with two songs from the current decade which will be *Fight Song* and *All of Me*. From the millennial decade we will sing *Together We Are One* and *What Hurts the Most*. From the 90's the selections are *My Heart Will Go On*

and *Waterfalls*. Traveling back to the 80's we will do *Africa* and *Nine To Five*. Continuing our journey back in time to the 70's we will sing *I Will Always Love You* and an obligatory Elvis song called *Burning Love*. As we near the end of our journey back in time we will sing a medley of songs from the 60's that includes: *The Twist*, *I Get Around*, *The Sound of Silence*, *I Got You*, *Respect*, *Spinning Wheel*, *Hey Jude* and *People Got To Be Free*. Our journey will end with another medley called *Lost in the Fifties Tonight* that includes: *Book of Love*, *Earth Angel*, *Graduation Day*, *In the Still of the Night*, and *Life Could Be a Dream*. If you have to get lost in time what better place is there?



Mark Your
Calendar

Board Meetings

after rehearsal on Feb. 15,
March 21, April 18, May 16
Open to all choir members

January 25

Rehearsals begin at Lutheran Church
of the Covenant. (LCOC)

Registration: 7 PM
Rehearsal: 7:30 to 9:45 PM

February 22

Choir Party/Social after Rehearsal

March 7

Feature & Line solo auditions
following a shortened rehearsal

April 16

P-Nat Game Performance Time TBD

May 2

On Site Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo Building
15941 Donald Curtis Drive
Woodbridge

CONCERTS

**May 7, 2016
8 PM**

Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo Building
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**May 8, 2016
3 PM**

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May 20-22

Rehoboth Beach

August 29

50th Anniversary Christmas
Rehearsals Begin

Christmastime

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As always, it is difficult to pinpoint what it is that warrants tagging a concert season as a success. It is really a matter of degrees because I do not believe we have ever had a Christmas concert that could be considered unsuccessful. There were I believe many positive indications of success this year such as increased choir membership and increased audience size. Fewer audience members left after intermission. Typically, every year some folks will make the comment "This was your best Christmas concert ever". This year there seemed to be a lot more comments similar to that. Additionally, there were quite a few favorable comments about the selection of music. The receipts from sales during intermission and donations were reported to be a lot higher than in recent past years. I think it is safe to say that this was an above average season.

The credit, however, must be shared by all. Members of the choir worked very hard in learning the music well. Rehearsals were run very efficiently with the help of our two assistant directors Angie and George and of course our primary and backup accompanists Meredyth and Vicki. Our performances were enhanced greatly by the addition of guitarist Mark and percussionist Steve. Behind the scenes were the efforts of a host of people helping with the set-up of the stage and then removing all of the equipment and decorations after the concerts. I also want to point out that all of the members of the WCC board carry out their respective duties and additional volunteer work involving countless hours throughout the year without which none of this could happen.

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

From the North on Minnieville Road

Take Minnieville Road South toward 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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Registration Discount

The Woodbridge Community Choir 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 Spring 2016 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.



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

- **Can you play the piano?** *Directors 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 Mary Ashton.*
- **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.

NOTETATIONS

Concert Attire

As in the past the Spring season is more relaxed and not as formal as our Christmas season. We **will not be wearing** long dresses, ladies or black vests and white tuxedo shirts, gentlemen.

Instead we will be wearing long black slacks/trousers for both men and women and solid rich tone color shirts with sleeves. Shirts and blouses should be dark reds, brilliant blues, purples, greens—vivid colors, no pastels. If you like yellow it should be a gold tone; if you like pink it should be a “hot” pink.

No pale reds, blues, purples, greens, yellows or pinks.



As always, wear comfortable black shoes and dark socks or stockings.



Did you know that the WCC has a Facebook page? Well, we do!!!

Please visit our Facebook page and like us.



Can you or someone you know play the piano? The WCC is looking for anyone who can assist with playing parts for sectionals, accompany small groups or even selections within the concert. Please let Lee Irwin Culbreth or any Board member know and remember that such a contribution adds to our overall performance.

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, 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, and submit grant applications.

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

Special Thanks

A special thank-you to all that helped with the set-up and removal of the sets for our concerts and special performances at Christmas. Without all of the volunteers it would not have been possible to get it all done. People do not realize how much time and effort goes into the entire process to make us look good on the risers and to have a decorated stage. Thank-you.

George Boyd

Mark Your Calendar

Join us when we will finally singing the National Anthem at the P-Nats game on Saturday April 16. The game time has not been set yet but it will probably be 7 p.m.

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 the County website at www.pwcgov.org, on local media and can be verified by calling PWC Info at 703-792-4636 to hear a recorded message.



Spring Break 2016!

May 20-22

Mark your calendars! We are once again heading to Rehoboth Beach Delaware for our Woodbridge Community Choir Spring Break. This getaway provides each of us time to unwind, get to know each other better, shop the sidewalk sales and of course enjoy all the wonderful food and activities that Rehoboth Beach has to offer.

Abby Hayes will be providing more information later in the season on the particulars as well as the actual cost and sign-up sheets. So again, mark your calendars and save up your pennies for a great social event for everyone!

