



One Choir ♪ One Sound

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Notetations

Home For Christmas

The Christmas 2017 concert season dubbed *"Home For Christmas"* will include a first half of selections of Sacred and Gospel Christmas songs. Included are contemporary arrangements of "Silent Night", "O Little Town of Bethlehem", "Mary Had a Baby", "Rise Up Shepherd", "Kneel With the Shepherds", "Angel Alleluias" and "Noel Fanfare". We will be closing the first half with "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing".

The second half of the program will begin with a blended arrangement of "The Little Drummer Boy" and "Peace on Earth". Following this will be some popular secular Christmas season songs including "I'll Be Home for Christmas", "At Christmas", "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas", "We Wish You the Merriest, Merriest", "Holiday Road" and "Jingle All the Way Medley". We will end the program with a piece entitled "It Will Always Be Christmas To Me" which will wrap up and bring us back to the focus of the real meaning of Christmas. Samples of the music can be heard on the Woodbridge Community Choir web page under "Songs We're Singing". Check the webpage under Director's Notes for information about line solo and feature solo opportunities for this concert season which will be updated once all of the music arrives from the publishers.



Lee Irwin Culbreth
Musical Director

Mark Your Calendars!!!

Board Meetings

Held after Rehearsal
Open to All Members

- September 18
- October 16
- November 20

August 28 — 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 25 -

Choir Social after Rehearsal

October 23 -

Feature/ line solo auditions
following Rehearsal

ON-SITE REHEARSAL

November 27 -

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

CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES

Saturday, December 2

8:00 pm

Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Auditorium

Sunday, December 3

3:00 pm

Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Auditorium



Conclusion of 50th Anniversary Year Long Celebration

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The year long celebration of the Woodbridge Community Choirs' 50th Anniversary ended with the Spring 2017 concert season in which we looked at the parallel path of music selections from Broadway musicals over the course of the same 50 years. We began with a selection from the very popular musical "Roar of the Grease Paint" that was running on Broadway the same year that WCC was formed in 1966. From there we moved forward in time with notable selections from other Broadway musicals including "Hair", "Pippin", "Wiz", "Chicago", and "Barnum". In the second half of our program we included selections from "Les Miserables", "Phantom of the Opera", "Smokey Joe's Cafe", "Cabaret", "Ragtime", "Hairspray", "Wicked", "Fame", and "Bring It On". Our journey continues as the WCC moves into the next decade providing musical enjoyment for both members of the choir and the audiences that attend our concerts.

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.

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

From the North on Minnieville Road

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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 Michelle Wheeler.*
- **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 also have a supply of seldom-worn dresses at reduced prices. The price for items includes shipping and handling. The starting price begins at 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

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 2017 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.

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.

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

Larissa Miller
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

Mark Cohen
Research, prepare, submit grant applications.

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

Sign of the Times

Larissa Miller
Marketing/Publicity Chair

As "The Seekers" once sung: *The Times They Are A-Changin'*. The way we source our news these days is no exception. If we aim to reach new members and maintain our presence in the community, then we must embrace today's technologically driven world. In addition to our print media advertising, we will be looking for ways to post weekly updates on social media. For now, our aim is Facebook. If you have an account, make sure to "Like" our page and "Share" our posts to help spread our name and generate interest. Look for our logo when you search us by name.

In addition, you will see me taking photos of rehearsals and events. I will also be looking for members who are willing to share their own photos, thoughts, memories or a favorite reason for being part of WCC. If you've got something you'd like to share, please feel free to reach out to me either in person at rehearsals or by email at rissanando@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

OPPORTUNITY CALLING

The all volunteer Woodbridge Community Choir has provided free concerts to residents in and around Woodbridge, Virginia for over 50 years. There is now an opportunity for an experienced keyboard accompanist to join our organization and provide backup to the principal accompanist and assistance for sectional rehearsals. There may also be an opportunity to serve as the principal accompanist for some seasons as the need arises.

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.

WCC Has Adopted a Highway!

Abby Hayes
Conference Chair

WCC is participating in the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Adopt-A-Highway program. In exchange for conducting two trash pickups a year, VDOT will put signs on the road stating that the stretches of road have been adopted by Woodbridge Community Choir. WCC has adopted two stretches of road near our rehearsal and concert locations: Dale Blvd. between Cloverdale Rd. and Benita Fitzgerald Dr., and Benita Fitzgerald Dr. from Dale Blvd. to Cardinal Dr.

The first road cleanup was conducted on Saturday April 1, 2017. Seventeen members of WCC picked up trash (everything from banana peels to plastic bags to tires) and filled 18 bags with trash. The second cleanup happened on Saturday August 5, 2017. Future cleanups will likely be scheduled in April and October to coincide with concert seasons. Those who participated in the cleanups had a surprisingly good time. Picking up trash on the road is more fun than it sounds! For further information, or to volunteer for future road cleanups, contact Board Member Abby Hayes.