

SPRING 2022

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Memphis Symphony Chorus Newsletter

We're back for a full Spring Season!

This Spring will be our first full season with the Full Chorus since Covid-19 interrupted us in Spring 2020. We are finally back together and rehearsing in a wonderful new venue, the choir room at the First Baptist Church on 200 E. Parkway North. MSC is thrilled to be in such a comfortable rehearsal space with such great acoustics. Much thanks goes to our Director Larry Edwards, our President Lisa Mendel, and our Chorus Board for making this such a seamless transition.



Save These Dates!

Choral Concert Details:

Beethoven's Ninth

Date: Friday, March 25th
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Ford Center in Oxford, MS

Date: Saturday, March 26th
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Cannon Center

Date: Sunday, March 27
Time: 2:30 pm
Location: Cannon Center

Considering Matthew Shepard

Date: Friday, May 6th
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Halloran Center

Date: Saturday, May 7th
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Halloran Center

Date: Sunday, May 8th
Time: TBD
Location: TBD

New Attire Guidelines

More Dress Flexibility

We are very excited about our transition this season to a more flexible approach in which women will not need to purchase attire from us. Instead, we have established guidelines that will allow us to continue to look great as a chorus, but allow for greater variety in style choice. Anything in one's closet that meets our guidelines is permitted, no additional purchase will be needed. Our Chorus Handbook has the guidelines detail -

<https://www.memphissymphonychorus.org/s/Member-Handbook-9ys6.pdf>



Fall 2021 Recap & What's Coming in Spring 2022

Fall Concert Activity

Our amazing Chamber Chorus performed the **Dvorak Mass in D Major** in an all Dvorak program at Christ Church Methodist in November. The concert was perfection. The Full Chorus opened the holiday season with the **Magic of Memphis**, participating in a celebration of our rich artistic community. The Chamber also continued their tradition of performing **Handel's Messiah** in multiple venues during the Christmas season that included Germantown United Methodist, Lindenwood Christian Church, and Maples Memorial United Methodist Church.



About Considering Matthew Shepard

In 1998 outside of Laramie, Wyoming, a 21 year old gay man named Matthew Shepard was tied to a ranch fence post, beaten, and left to die. In 2016, famed composer and conductor Craig Hella-Johnson created one of the most important and powerful oratorios ever written. With inspiration from Bach to Gospel, Cowboy tunes to Broadway, this work is not about hate and death, but ultimately about Unity and triumph over Hate.



MSC Welcomes New Members

*Joined
Fall 2021*

Soprano

Katie Brown
Kristy Keppta
Hayleigh Wilson

Alto

Christine Hughes
Rebecca Powers

Tenor

Elijah Bell-Clarke
Paul Powers

Bass

Rudy Bernil
Sam Hughes
Donavon Hughes

*Joined
Spring 2022*

Soprano

Andrea Sanchez
Emma Zyriek-
Rhodes
Katie Payne

Tenor

Will Brown
Brian Green

Baritone

Marcus King

Bass

Tom Link

*ORCHESTRA UNPLUGGED
Save the Date!!!*

Memphis Symphony
Orchestra Concert:

Secret of Strings

Date: April 7th and 8th,
2022

Time: 7:30 pm
Place: The Halloran
Center



*Many thanks to MSC Board
member, Joseph Powell, who
keeps our website updated.
Check it out at:*

www.memphisymphonychorus.org

2022-2023 Season Announced

We look forward to next year's season which will include
Brahms Requiem! More details to come.



Our fearless leaders

Chorus Director
Lawrence Edwards

Accompanist
Liz Parsons

MSC Board of Directors
Lisa Mendel (President)
Alicia Butler
Pam Gold
Jim McClanahan
Cindy McCool
Gerre Harrell
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Eugene Reyneke
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In memoriam

We were very saddened to have lost a dear friend and chorus member, Jack Seubert, who passed away in September 2020. A memorial service will be held in the Goldsmith Room at the Botanic Gardens at 2:00 pm on April 9, 2022.

