

CHORUSPONDENCE

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ORPHANOS AND HANDEL

The Orphanos Foundation was established in 1997 by five men who sought to honor their Lord by providing for the needs of children, particularly orphans, in different settings world-wide. The name "Orphanos" comes from the Greek word for orphan

Their mission is based on the scripture that says, "This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit widows and orphans in their distress." (James 1:27).

They believe that visiting widows and orphans in

their distress" means to physically provide for their needs. They desire to be a blessing to orphaned children by providing assistance in meeting their physical and spiritual needs.

That's where the Memphis Symphony Chorus enters the picture. Orphanos has purchased four performances of The Messiah from the Memphis Orchestral Society as a fund-raiser for their organization. The proceeds from our concert will go to support the mission of Orphanos.



To read more, go to www.orphanos.org

SOULSVILLE CHARTER SCHOOL

The Board of the Memphis Symphony Chorus has decided to adopt the Soulsville Charter School as an outreach program. This school strives to produce students who will be able to read, communicate effectively and possess high-order thinking

skills through the interconnectedness of academics and music. (Wow—I wish they had this school when I was a kid!)

It's hoped that students who leave Soulsville will be highly motivated and inspired to

learn, which will make them better adults working in a global community.

You will be hearing more about our activities at the school.

www.thesoulsvillecharterschool.org



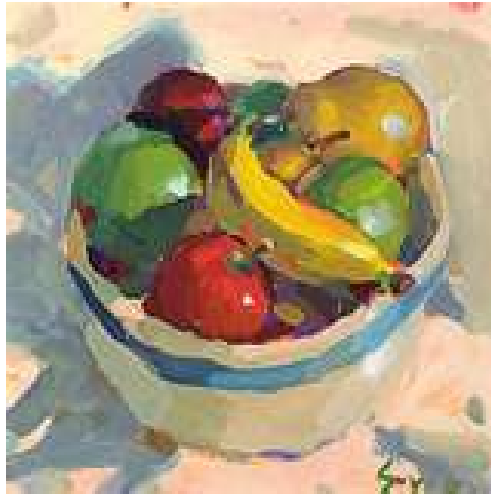
2007 FRUIT SALE BEGINS!!!

Get out those phone books and start calling everyone you know who has money and a heart! It's time to support the Memphis Symphony Chorus by selling fruit!

What a deal we give our customers! Not only will we take their order, but if you're willing, they can have it delivered to them as well!

See Linda Brittingham for fruit flyers (don't you love that name) and other supplies, like posters, etc., that you can display at your office, in your car, wherever....

This is our ONLY fund-raiser, so pitch in a sell! You could win a super prize!!!!



FRUIT BOWL

At Idlewild on October 21

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is hosting a fundraiser choral/orchestral concert in partnership with Rhodes College to raise money for small-scale drinking water purification systems to be installed in small villages in third world countries. Concert is 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, 10/21, in the Idlewild sanctuary. MOS musicians will be playing. Tickets are \$10 at the door. A premier of the piece *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* will be performed.

REHEARSAL SPACE

The Chorus Board is wondering if we can find a more central place to hold our rehearsals. Though we love First Congo—parking is great, inside space is fantastic, storage is wonderful—we're a little concerned about safety, location, and well, the bathrooms.

If you have a suggestion of a church, school, or other large facility that might want to host the chorus rehearsals at little or no cost, please notify Lisa or Larry.

Thanks!

GOING TO NEW YORK CITY?

If you want to hear the opera, call 212-362-6000 or visit www.metoperafamily.org. In fact, you Googlers know that you can check out all kinds of cool music websites, including our own: - www.memphissymphonychorus.org

PEANUTS By Charles M. Schulz

