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Memphis Symphony Chorus Newsletter

## New Members

Auditions were held in August 2019. Congrats and welcome to our 15 new members!

#### **SOPRANO**

Amanda Bice Brooklyn Croom Christa Inmon Aoife Shanley Stephanie Tasch

#### **ALTO**

Lauren Crabtree Mary Alice Gaudet Jiana Hunter Cathryn Reynolds Anna Shelton

#### <u>Tenor</u>

Nicholas Clemm Adam Gordon Dylan Hooper John Sanborn

Bass Bill Gaudet



## **Welcome Back Pool Party**

Chorus Board members Barry and Cindy White opened their home in early September, hosting a pool party to kick off the concert season. It was a beautiful day for a dip in the pool and a great time to visit and welcome new members. Party goers enjoyed a delicious spread of barbecue, sides, and desserts provided by the Board and organized by our VP for Activities, Anita Hester. Many thanks to Barry, Cindy, and all who contributed!

## Next Audition Date: January 12, 2020

Auditions are by appointment only and will be held Sunday, January 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Any singers wishing to audition should send an email to info@memphissymphonychorus.org





## Memphis Pride Fest 2019

To show support for the LGBT+ community, the Memphis Symphony sponsored a booth this year at Memphis Pride Fest on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Several Chorus members volunteered to help out at the MSO booth to promote our Symphony and support Memphis Pride Fest. It was a fun day representing the MSO at the Mid-South's largest Pride gathering and watching one of the most colorful parades ever to roll down Beale Street!

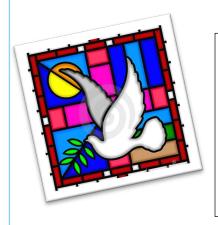
## Stained Glass Series Debut

The Memphis Symphony's new Stained Glass Series began this Fall with two choral concerts. This new program series is performed in churches, placing more concerts in different venues out in the community.

### Stained Glass 1: October 20

The first concert was performed at Christ United Methodist Church on Poplar Avenue and featured the Memphis Symphony Chorus, Chamber Choir, University of Memphis Singers, and guest soprano, Candace Johnson. The program was a big success and included a wonderful variety of works, challenging to prepare and rewarding to perform.





#### Handel's Messiah: December 5-7

The Chamber Choir again performed Handel's Messiah, adding a third concert this season. Soloists Mary Wilson (Soprano), Logan Tanner (Alto), Daniel Stein (Tenor), and Hyung Yun (Bass) joined the Choir and Orchestra, delivering outstanding performances. The first two concerts took place at Lindenwood Christian Church on Union Avenue in Midtown. The third was performed at a new venue, Maples Memorial United Methodist Church in Olive Branch, Mississippi. All three concerts were enthusiastically received, and plans are to continue expanding the Messiah performances into additional church venues.



We will be singing one of the most famous choral works of all time in Spring 2020 – **Carl Orff's** *Carmina Burana* at the Cannon Center, April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Get your tickets HERE!





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## Our leadership

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Liz Parsons

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## Survey Coming Soon!

Plans are in the works to recognize chorus members who have sung with us for 20 years or longer. Be on the lookout for a short survey in January 2020, which will gather information on the amount of time members have been participating. The survey will be used to create a record of membership, enabling us to recognize individual member's long-term commitments to the Memphis Symphony Chorus.

#### In Memoriam

Ali Wetherald

We were saddened at the passing in September 2019 of Dennis Walker, husband of chorus member Deb Walker.