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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

Tenor

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@memphisymphonychorus.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 28th. 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.





Magic of Memphis Holiday Pops December 20-22

The Magic of Memphis Holiday Pops concert was a big success, with a run-out performance in Dyersburg on Friday night, before concerts at the Cannon Center Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. The Memphis Symphony Orchestra and Chorus were joined by actors from the Hatiloo Theatre, singers from Stax Music Academy, and dancers from Subculture Royalty (SubRoy) Studios. Maestro Robert Moody and Assistant Conductor Kalena Bovell both led the ensemble through the evening. Audiences enjoyed special appearances by News Channel 3 Meteorologist Jim Jagers conducting *Sleigh Ride*, and of course, Santa Claus!



Carmina Burana is coming!

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 25th and 26th. Get your tickets [HERE!](#)



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Our leadership

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Eugene Reyneke

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Barry White

Cindy White

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Ali Wetherald

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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

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

Sharon McDonough, Editor