

Notes from the Director

Dear Patrons and Friends,

The Chorale completed its tenth season just a few short weeks ago! As I look forward to the next ten years, it seems most fitting to take a moment to say two very important words: Thank You. You have helped us by attending concerts, contributing generously, and telling your friends about the Chorale. You have enabled the Chorale to present interesting music that otherwise would not be performed in the St. Louis area. We have sung in more than a dozen languages and our concerts have often included artists from other disciplines: dancers from many cultures, ethnic instruments, painting and sculpture, and even an African Storyteller. By supporting the Chorale, you have helped promote a sense of community.

ACC concerts have also served to benefit many worthy charities such as **Emmaus Homes, Youth In Need, Lutheran Family and Children's Services, Habitat For Humanity, Lydia's House, and Feed My People.** By supporting the Chorale, you have helped the less fortunate in our area in very practical ways.

The American Chamber Chorale begins its second decade with a newly-expanded Board of Trustees and a renewed commitment to continue the traditions that have made the Chorale so unique: bringing you the best in choral works that might not otherwise be performed in St. Louis, collaborations with other artistic disciplines, helping to make art more meaningful, and helping worthy charities in the St. Louis area by performing concerts that benefit them financially. We know that music speaks to everyone, regardless of economic, cultural, or racial background, and we believe that everyone should have the opportunity to experience art and music.

There is a story of an old Native American talking with his grandson. He tells the boy, "I have two wolves living inside me, always fighting. One wolf is joyful, loving, generous, truthful, and compassionate. The other wolf is greedy, envious, angry, deceitful, and self-centered." The boy asks his grandfather, "Which wolf will win the fight?" The wise old man answers, "The one I feed".

And so, I thank you for supporting the arts and helping to feed that which is best in all of us. Thank you for supporting the American Chamber Chorale. We look forward to a great, new season!

Stephen Norton

"Choral singing encourages, expresses, and exemplifies a true sense of community."



Chorale patrons have come to expect imaginative programming from the ACC and this concert will not disappoint. Salem's beautifully decorated sanctuary is the perfect venue for this popular Christmas-themed concert as the Chorale and orchestra will perform an engaging mix of modern Christmas music and fresh arrangements of traditional carols in an atmosphere of reverence and awe.

In keeping with our long-standing tradition of performing concerts to benefit other non-profit charitable organizations, a significant portion of proceeds from both December concerts will go to support Feed My People. This important St. Louis organization helps feed and clothe thousands of the less fortunate, right here in the St. Louis area. Be sure to join us for an open reception following this inspiring concert!

Admission \$25. "At the door" discounts: child (12 & under) - \$5; Students (ID req'd) - \$15; Seniors (65+) - \$20

Saturday, December 3rd, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Open Reception following the concert
Salem In Ladue United Methodist Church
1200 S. Lindbergh Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63131



This family-oriented concert of Christmas music will be fun for the entire family. The Chorale and orchestra will welcome a very special guest narrator for the heart-warming musical fable, Brother Heinrich's Christmas. You'll also enjoy singing along with many favorite carols! And, there is sure to be a surprise or two during the evening to hold the attention of young listeners. Special pricing for children 12 and under for this concert is only \$5.

In keeping with our long-standing tradition of performing concerts to benefit other non-profit charitable organizations, a significant portion of proceeds from this concert will go directly to Feed My People. This important St. Louis organization helps feed and clothe thousands of the less fortunate, right here in the St. Louis area.

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Sunday, December 4th, 2011 at 3:00 PM
Open Reception following the concert
Concordia Lutheran Church
505 South Kirkwood Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122



The Chorale performs at **Congregation Shaare Emeth** for the first time and gives St. Louis audiences a unique opportunity to hear a live performance of Handel's virtuoso setting of Psalm 110, **Dixit Dominus.** Handel's earliest surviving choral work was written in his first sojourn to Italy as a young man. His mastery of the Italian Baroque string style, a hallmark of Handel's writing, is evident in this outstanding nine movement work for chorus, soloists, and string orchestra.

Also on this program are Randall Thompson's beautiful **The Lord Is My Shepherd** and John Rutter's lyrical setting of Psalm 128, **Wedding Canticle.** Eric Whitacre's **Five Hebrew Love Songs** are settings of poems by Hila Plittmann. Ms. Plittmann, now the wife of Mr. Whitacre, was his fiancee at the time these poems were written. Ballet forms a perfect marriage with the music of Whitacre, Thompson, and Rutter.

Admission: \$18. Save by ordering season tickets or in advance.

Saturday, March 24th, 2012 at 7:30 PM
Pre-concert discussion at 7:00 PM
Congregation Shaare Emeth
11645 Ladue Road
St. Louis, MO 63141



The Chorale completes Season Eleven with a concert unlike any you've ever seen. Photographs not previously available to the public serve as the inspiration for selecting music in this concert. **Marsha Armentrout** has traveled the U.S. extensively over the years, capturing breathtaking photographs of some of America's most beautiful scenery. **Patrick Garrett** shares his gift for providing a unique perspective in photographs taken in St. Louis and beyond. Reproductions of Marsha's and Patrick's works will appear in the program along with information about the subjects of their unique photographs.

A free reception follows the concert where patrons can meet the photographers and members of the Chorale. Reproductions of Marsha's and Patrick's works will be available for purchase at the reception.

Admission: \$18. Save by ordering season tickets or in advance.

Saturday, May 19th, 2012 at 7:30 PM
Pre-concert discussion at 7:00 PM
Memorial Presbyterian Church
201 S. Skinker (at Wydown)
St. Louis, MO 63105

2011-2012 SEASON TICKET ORDER FORM

ORDERING TICKETS IS EASY

CALL the ACC direct at (314) 638-0793 or...

MAIL the order form below to:
American Chamber Chorale
PO Box 4375
St. Louis, MO 63123

ORDER ONLINE at

americanchamberchorale.com/ordertickets/

SEASON TICKETS

RESERVED ADMISSION FOR "A Very Special Evening" Event & 3 CONCERTS
(Includes Choice of 1 Christmas Performance)*

Season Tickets _____ x \$59 = _____

*Circle your Christmas concert preference below:

Candlelight Christmas | St. Louis Family Christmas

SINGLE TICKETS

A Very Special Evening (info on reverse)
September 24, 2011 _____ x \$15 = _____

A Candlelight Christmas
December 3, 2011 _____ x \$25 = _____

A St. Louis Family Christmas
December 4, 2011 _____ x \$25 = _____

Psalms, Canticles & Love Songs
March 24, 2012 _____ x \$15 = _____

Music At An Exhibition
May 19, 2012 _____ x \$15 = _____

SEASON TICKET TOTAL + \$ _____

SINGLE TICKET TOTAL + \$ _____

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION + \$ _____
(see reverse for donor levels)

GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____

PLEASE COMPLETE MAILING INFORMATION ON REVERSE

"DINNER FOR EIGHT" RAFFLE

The "Dinner for Eight" raffle includes a four-course dinner with wine in your home for 8 guests provided by the STLwinegirl, Angela Ortmann! Angela provides all the ingredients, prepares the meal, and serves the appropriate wine with each course while informing you and your guests of the reason for the pairings of food and wine. All you do is relax and enjoy the dinner party. Angela even cleans up after the meal!

Raffle tickets are available from any Chorale member beginning in August. You don't have to be present on September 24th to win, but we hope you will be.

If you prefer you can purchase raffle tickets online at our new website: americanchamberchorale.com/raffle2011

PATRON AND DONOR INFORMATION

In addition to your ticket order, we encourage you to make a tax deductible donation to the ACC. Select a donor level from below, and fill in your donation amount on the ticket order form.

Name (as it will appear in programs; or anonymous)

Address

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My company has a matching gift program.

Make checks payable to the American Chamber Chorale. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

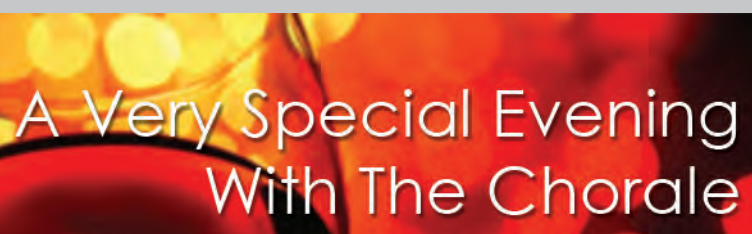
Mail to: American Chamber Chorale
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St. Louis, MO 63123
(314) 638-0793

DONOR LEVELS

Up to \$49	Supporter	\$500-\$999	Patron
\$50-\$99	Contributor	\$1,000-\$2,499	Benefactor
\$100-\$249	Friend	\$2,500-\$4,999	Conductor's Circle
\$250-\$499	Sponsor	\$5,000+	Founder's Circle

The American Chamber Chorale is an independent non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Your contribution is tax deductible. Contributions to the American Chamber Chorale are recognized in our concert programs unless otherwise directed.

2010-2011 SEASON IN REVIEW



The Chorale's special event on September 24th will be a great way to begin an evening out with friends or family. This informal concert will include a live performance by **Elsie Parker** and the **Poor People of Paris**. Members of the Chorale including Artistic Director Stephen Morton, will also perform. While enjoying the music, patrons can bid on great auction items as they enjoy the wine, beer, and appetizers included in the admission cost.

We will also draw the winning raffle ticket for "Dinner For Eight". This incredible raffle item includes dinner in your home provided by **St. Louis Wine Girl, Angela Ortmann!** Angela provides all the ingredients, prepares the meal, and serves the appropriate wine with each course while informing you and your guests of the reason for the pairings of food and wine. All you do is relax and enjoy the dinner party. Angela even cleans up after the meal!

Raffle tickets are available from any Chorale member beginning in August. You don't have to be present on September 24th to win, but we hope you will be. It promises to be a great evening! Patrons are invited to arrive any time beginning at 6:00 PM. Musical performances will continue to 8:00 PM with and refreshments served continuously during the event while you browse auction items and enjoy the music.

Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 6-8:00 PM

Admission Donation: \$15.00
The Chapel
6238 Alexander Drive
St. Louis, MO 63105



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Music At An Exhibition



Psalms, Canticles & Love Songs



A St. Louis Family Christmas



A Candlelight Christmas

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