

# York County Choral Society

August 2009

If this gets to you before August 13, please do not pass up the opportunity to hear the restored  
D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ in Byrnes Auditorium

Thursday, August 13, 7:30 - WINTHROP ALUMNI RECITAL

A great program from 13 organists - about 90 minutes of super literature played by graduates  
from 1969 to 2008.

Friday, August 14, 7:30 - RICHARD ELLIOTT

Dr. Elliott is the Principal Organist of the Mormon Tabernacle.

This is the Inaugural Concert during which the donors to the Organ Restoration Fund  
will be honored.

Saturday, August 15 - 2 p.m. - DAVID LOWRY

Professor Emeritus of Music and Curator for the Restoration  
Program of works composed for him, and by him.

Sunday, August 16 - 7:30 p.m. - ROBERT RIDGELL

Organist of Trinity Church Wall Street, New York

This concert will include the world premiere of *We the People* by  
Leonard Mark Lewis for organ, two vibraphones, two marimbas, timpani

ALL FOUR CONCERTS ARE FREE

Obviously, this festival has been taking nearly all my time, hence we're a little late getting you this letter,  
BUT

## It's Our 29<sup>TH</sup> Season!

Two Concerts:

MONDAY, *December 7, 2009* at 7:30,  
Oakland Baptist Church, Rock Hill

### **A KALEIDOSCOPIC CHRISTMAS**

Special Guests will be the Rock Hill School District 3 Elementary Honors Choir  
**Dress rehearsal is Thursday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY, *March 21, 2010* at 4:00, Neely's Creek A. R. P. Church

### **MOSTLY MOZART**

**Dress rehearsal is Saturday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m.**

Regular rehearsals begin Thursday, August 20 at 8 p.m., Oakland Baptist Church  
The only Thursday off is Thanksgiving.  
Rehearsals resume January 7.

A Word from Dr. David Lowry – Artistic Director

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A word of explanation about the December concert: the Winthrop Festival of Carols has been declared "history." It has been very much in the way of academic responsibilities for some time, being on the last day of classes and 24 hours before final exams. Your board and I felt that we might soften the absence this first year by providing a mixed Christmas program and invite the Honors Choir to join us, giving them a replacement spot for their holiday music.

## Literature thus far:

- \* **Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten - the SSA version, with harp. (Some of you own the SATB version. That is not usable for this concert. Women only.)**
- \* **Fantasia on Christmas Carols by Ralph Vaughan Williams. We did this some years ago, so some of you own it.**
- \* **The Twelve Days of Christmas by John Rutter. This is published separately, however it is also in the Oxford Carols for Choirs Book 2 (orange cover). We've not done it with separate copies before**
- \* **I have two other Christmas pieces for which there is no charge.**

The SPRING concert will be at Neely's Creek, where member Greg Reynolds is organist and member/treasurer Jeff Culp attends. A new organ has been installed in the renovated and acoustically favorable worship space. The "mostly" part of the program will include Mozart's Solemn Vespers and the Ave verum corpus. The remainder of the program is still under construction.

Significant to this season is we will not use an orchestra for anything - just a harp for the Britten. We are conserving funds while planning our

## **30<sup>TH</sup> Season!**

which will be a performance of the Verdi Requiem on Sunday, February 13, 2011. We will be joined by the Winthrop Chorale and employ a full orchestra. Already on board as soloists are Krista Wunderlich, soprano, and John Fowler, tenor. A special fund-raising committee has formed and is already actively making plans.

Please arrive early for the first rehearsal so that the dues/music/information details can be collected with some degree of expediency.

AUDITIONS are August 20 and 27 at 7 p.m. Encourage new members to join us!