



Performance Order "Songs for a Cause": Rehearsal Order 9/1/09

- * Star Spangled Banner (option)
- * Halleluyan
- * Prayer from "Hansel and Gretel"
- * The Neighbor's Chorus
- * Showboat Medley:
 - Introduction with "Ahs"
 - Make Believe: Judy and Ed
 - Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man of Mine: JoAnn and Sherie
 - Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man of Mine - Women's Chorus
 - Old Man River - Kevin
 - Old Man River - Men's Chorus
 - Old Man River - Full Chorus
- * True Light
- * Ubi Caritas
- * The Great Spirit of Love

VOCI Announcements: September 1, 2009

By Loren Veigel, Artistic Director

To be proud, Dear Friends, of a good work, is a healthful and positive attitude. It's one you should all possess after our first several rehearsals this season! From strong attendance, to good applied work, we are repaid for our excellent efforts: I'm very very pleased with your success.

Please keep attending to the self-disciplines of rehearsal attention, focused listening attention and musical detail.

With your help, we'll be repaid with even greater success, and our audiences will hear the difference. Best wishes as you head down the road toward our first concert event this season.

Loren

PROGRESSIVELY YOURS

Our performance of the National Anthem for the Cleveland Indians on Labor Day is upon us! A review is in order of the important details:

- We sing the National Anthem at Progressive Field at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 7, 2009.
- If you need any information/



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confirmation of the participation list, please contact Maxine in the VOCI office.

- Meet in the Cleveland Ave. parking lot of the Cultural Center sharply at 3:30 p.m.
- Dress code is black knit VOCI shirts, khaki slacks, athletic (or comfortable) shoes.
- Bring along layers according to the weather forecast.
- Your payment includes transportation, game ticket and dinner as well.

SONGS FOR A CAUSE

Thanks so much, personally from Loren, for singing the wonderful benefit this year on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association. Having helped care for my dad since his diagnosis more than eight years ago, it's a very personal issue for your director, as I know it is for many of you! Here's your preparation details:

- Program order is below in Singing Points (see p. 2).
- Our rehearsal on Tuesday, September 8th, will be an on-site rehearsal - regular time, 7:00 - 9:?? p.m.
- The event takes place at Community Christian Church, North Canton, located on Main St. adjacent to the old Hoover factory.
- Tickets are selling well for the 5:30 p.m. seating, but many are available for 7:00 p.m. They are \$15.00 including dinner, concert and donation and are available through the VOCI office.
- Performance dress: black knit VOCI shirts, khaki slacks, dressy shoes.
- Choir call on performance night is 6:00 p.m.: if any chorus members wish to eat, please purchase a ticket and you will be allowed first-in-line at the 5:30 seating.

See Announcements, p. 2

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- Concert times are 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Those who cannot stand for the entire performance will need to provide a stool.

GOD BLESS OUR VOLUNTEERS!

It's time once again for a special thanks to the many VOCI singers who give of their extra time to work all the needed jobs on our projects: committee members, costumers, script writers, and donation-seekers. A special thanks at this time to those who have assumed new offices as

members of the VOCI chorus board, and an even BIGGER thanks to our departing board members!

AND SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERS...

Loren will be asking several members to accept the position of section leaders this week. Thanks, in advance, for your willingness to serve and lead!

DUES, ANYONE?

Have you paid your dues, yet? Remember, our new treasurer, Allison Thompson, is on hand to collect at the beginning of rehearsals.

Dues are \$10.00 for the season. If not paid before the Songs for a Cause Concert, you will not receive new Christmas music!

A GENTLE REMINDER

The intent of these electronic newsletters is to provide written reinforcement and reference for singers and to reduce announcement time during rehearsals.

If you're in charge of any job, please submit your announcements to the VOCI office by noon Friday for inclusion in the newsletter. THANKS!!

Singing Points...

The suggestion from one of our members that this document could provide some reflection on each rehearsal and the sharing of challenges is a great idea!

With a bit of digestion (and practice), these singing (rather than talking) points each week can be of great assistance. Hope you got the opening ones last week. Now

Remember that next Tuesday, we will:

- Work through the Songs for a Cause in performance order.
- Time for spot checks and finishing interpretation on each piece.
- We must allow time at the end for the baseball singers to sing alone.

Loren has a special surprise guest to introduce!

- If you are singing at the baseball game, make sure the National Anthem is memorized.
- Know "Heleluyans" verses as groups to prepare for a processional, adding verses as needed on September 8th.



- Practice diction on "Neighbor's Chorus"
- Please work through your part on "Hansel and Gretel" several times, paying special attention to the middle chromatic section and the coda.

We will continue to entertain auditions for soli: ladies on "True Light" gentlemen on "Heleluyan." Step up and give it a shot!

A COSTUME REMINDER

Please sign up for Renaissance Christmas costumes by September 7 at rehearsal. *If you have a VOCI*

costume in your possession, please let Anney know. Her number is 330-904-4557.

Please return any VOCI costumes immediately! We will try to assign people costumes that they have had before, but there are no promises or guarantees.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 15, 2009: Songs for the Cause
- December 5, 2009: Christmas in Candy Cane Land