

2007 Concert Schedule

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SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 11, 4:00 p.m.

Fortissimo: Song, Spirit & Mind
Our 2nd Annual Concert to Benefit the Piano Program at First and Central Presbyterian Church
1101 Market Street, Rodney Square, Wilmington, Delaware

Featuring

The Choir of the Cathedral Church of Saint John
With boys and girls from the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware

And special guests pianists,

Matthew Boatmon
Christine Delbeau
Wilson Somers
Roberta Watts
and Hiroko Yamazaki

For tickets, visit www.cathedralchoirschoolde.org
All proceeds benefit the piano program, which provides free private lessons for Wilmington-area youth enrolled in the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware.

December

- 2 Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
Festival of Lessons and Carols
Oxford Presbyterian Church
6 Pine Street, Oxford, PA
- 24 Monday
Christmas Eve Concert, 10:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service, 10:30 p.m.
Cathedral Church of Saint John

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On June 1, 2007 Choristers sang the National Anthem at the Phillies baseball game.

For Generations the Veasey Family Has Supported the Cathedral's Choir

THE VEASEYS ANNOUNCE A ONE-TIME CHALLENGE GRANT OF \$20,000 FOR CHORISTER SCHOLARSHIPS.



The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware has received a one-time challenge grant of \$20,000 from former Delaware Chief Justice E. Norman Veasey and his wife, Suzy. "By offering this challenge grant, our hope is to encourage others to contribute new money to the Cathedral Choir School's Chorister Scholarship Fund," said Norm Veasey. Now every dollar up to \$20,000 given to the Chorister Scholarship Fund before November 30, 2007 will be matched dollar for dollar by the Veaseys' pledge through this Challenge.

The Veasey family has been involved with the choir program at the Cathedral Church of Saint John for multiple generations. Norm sang in the Men and Boys Choir for five years in the 1940s. He was introduced to the Choir by his mother, Betty, who loved music and was a well-known soprano soloist in Wilmington. "Singing in the Choir was a very formative experience for me and taught me about being a responsible leader and citizen in my community," says Norm.

Norm's mentors in the Choir included the late Donald C. Taylor, Esq., and Dr. C. Webster Johnson – who would become his father-in-law upon his marriage to Dr. Johnson's daughter, Suzy. Norm describes Dr. Johnson as a "giant" of a musician and gracious human being who sang with the Choir for over 55 years, from 1912. Both Suzy and Norm are proud that the legacy of singing started by Dr. Johnson – has continued in their family. Their sons, Doug and Kip, sang in the Choir during the 1970s and now their grandchildren are discovering their own love of music.

Please make your gift to the Scholarship Fund before the end of November so that every dollar of the Veasey Challenge will be awarded! Checks should be payable to the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware Scholarship Fund, Ten Concord Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19802.

Save the Date!

The Cathedral Church of Saint John's choir program will be celebrating its 125th anniversary next year, and festivities are planned Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1. Former choirmasters and choristers, families, friends and special guests are invited. Details will be available soon, but please plan to come for a wonderful reunion weekend. Please visit www.cathedralchoirschoolde.org for more information.

In the Choir

SUMMER CAMP BY ANDREA HIGGINS

Recently I was able to experience techniques and training similar to the ones found at camps affiliated with RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) right here in my own backyard. From August 6 – 10, Choirmaster Dr. Roland prepared choristers for the upcoming choir season through a Summer Camp that included two rehearsals each day. We sang repertoire old and new and in English, Latin, and French. After practicing music, choristers were able to split into three groups for leadership lessons. Depending on their knowledge of leadership training, choristers either went to the Frost Library for "Peer Leadership 101," the former sectional room (now known as the computer lab) for "Peer Leadership" or the Common Room for "Peer Mediation." At the end of the week each class was able to put what they had learned into a skit which they performed at a talent show.

Now the Summer Camp was not just all choir rehearsals and leadership training. Choristers (and even Dr. Roland) also worked hard to learn lyrics to the RSCM song and a new dance (choreographed by Sarah Hearn), to go along with the popular tune "YMCA." During the talent show the song and dance were performed for parents and guests. Choristers also had the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at the Blue Rocks Game, go swimming at the Walnut Street YMCA, and take a guided tour of the Brandywine Zoo.

The Summer Camp was a success. On behalf of the whole choir, I would like to thank everyone who made it possible, especially: Dr. Roland, Mr. Boatman, Ms. Slinkard, Lori Muller, Sarah Hearn, Nancy Huston, the resource staff of the YMCA, parents, and each person who contributed money for student scholarships. THANK YOU!



Mentoring Matters

LESLIE ACKER-ROWE,
MENTORING ADMINISTRATOR

Our Mentoring Academy is gearing up for a new academic year here at the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware. And we are very excited by the response to our request for mentors. These men and women are incredible people with a willingness to serve as positive role models and share their life experiences with our youth. I have thoroughly enjoyed my interviews with them, and I know our children will benefit tremendously from their care and concern.

In addition to mentoring, we are also delighted to offer tutoring help this year, specifically in the areas of algebra, physics and chemistry. If you have skills in a particular area that you are willing to share with our students, please let me know.

It is not too late to volunteer as a mentor/tutor or to enroll your chorister in our program. Mentors agree to meet with their assigned child at a designated time and day for one hour each week here at the Cathedral (usually between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday). Training is provided.

Please contact me at (302) 654-6279, extension 118 or lacker-rowe@cathedralchoirschoolde.org Mentoring matters!



Willis Guyer (left) and Albert Dickinson (right), treble soloists who sang under Choirmaster George Henry Day. 1918

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Five ways the Cathedral Choir School can help you.

Your support means a great deal to us and we want to help you in any way we can. We'd like you to decide what you want to receive from us. Just tick the relevant boxes below and we will do our best...

1. By sending you free advice

We would be happy to provide you with some free information about creating a will. If you decide to remember the Cathedral Choir School in your will we would be very grateful.

- Please send me my free copy of "Prepare to Write Your Will: Be a Responsible Steward" by the Episcopal Church Foundation
- Please send me information on how to join the Cathedral Choir School's Saint Cecilia Planned Giving Society

2. By showing you and your friends life at the Cathedral Choir School

Our video tells the Cathedral Choir School story through the stories of choristers, mentors and alumni of the Choir. It will help you get to know us better –

especially if you have not yet visited a Cathedral Choir School rehearsal or heard us in concert.

- Please send me your video on a month's free loan
- Please send me my own copy to view on my computer. I enclose \$7 as payment

3. By inviting you to visit us

Visitors are always welcome at the Cathedral Choir School. If you want to visit a weeknight rehearsal please call us at (302) 654-6269, extension 2 to let us know you are coming.

4. By giving you information about the Cathedral Choir School's history

We have been producing our newsletter NOTES for five years. Past issues feature lots of interesting stories about alumni and students.

- Please send me a set of back issues of NOTES

5. By sending you information only if you want it

- I would prefer you take me off your mailing list