



Choral Art Society

A South Shore Community Chorus Since 1958

Dear Supporters and Friends of the Choral Art Society,

Welcome to our 50th anniversary season! We are celebrating 50 years of choral excellence and also preparing for the future. Our performances this year range from holiday pops and classics to Mendelssohn's 1836 oratorio, *St. Paul*.

Star of Wonder is this year's holiday concert, on Sunday, December 7th, at 4:30pm, at St. Luke's Episcopal church in Scituate. Please come and bring a friend or two. The program is full of lovely secular and sacred music. *Carols of the Southwest*, by Conrad Susa, is the major work; we will also perform some holiday favorites and include three pieces from Mendelssohn's *St. Paul*, our major work this spring. The ever-popular sing along is part of the program, with a new twist.

We'll celebrate with you this year in grand style, for 2008-09 is not only the Choral Art Society's 50th year – it is also the 85th anniversary of the Braintree Choral Society (which I also direct) and Felix Mendelssohn's 200th birthday! Our gala 50th anniversary concert program is *St. Paul*, which will be performed on Saturday, May 30th, at Thayer Academy's new performing arts center. We will perform with orchestra and anniversary chorus, which will consist of our regular members, Choral Art Society alumni/alumnae, including former directors; the Braintree Choral Society, and other choral singers from Boston and the South Shore. Our renowned soloists from Boston are: Robert Honeysucker, as Paul; and Thomas Gregg, tenor, Rebecca Folsom, mezzo-soprano, and Dana Schnitzer, soprano.

In addition to our two major concerts, we are planning more outreach singing, where members will sing at nursing homes, retirement villages, and schools. Also, on February 28th, we look forward to seeing you at our fourth annual *Cabaret au Chocolat*, our major fundraising event of the year. This is at St. Mary's Parish Hall at Scituate Harbor. On Sunday afternoon, April 5th, at the Ventress Library in Marshfield, we will perform a preview of *St. Paul*, sing a couple of short works by Mendelssohn, and have a sing along. In May 2009, we will award our first William T. Adams Memorial Scholarship, in honor of our founder, to a student from the South Shore going to college to major in music.

For the last fifty years, the Choral Art Society has existed to provide opportunities for excellent choral singing and sharing music with others in the community. We expect to continue into the next fifty years, to perform more concerts in varied locations, be able to hire more instrumentalists, and to award more scholarships. Your gift can help us to grow and to provide more performance and educational opportunities. I would be happy to discuss the possibilities with you. To make a donation or to purchase advertising, please see the details under Sponsorship.

I look forward to my fourth season as conductor of the Choral Art Society, and I hope to see you at all of our concerts and other events. Please call me at 413-348-9423 if you have questions or comments, or email me at sopranocon@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Danica A. Buckley, Conductor

Sponsorship

There are several ways to give to the Choral Art Society. The best method depends upon your interests and circumstances. Outlined below is an introduction to some of the options available to Choral Art Society donors as they consider commitments to support our 50th Season (and beyond!)

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Make a Matching Gift: Many corporations will match the gifts given to non-profits by its employees. Please check with your employer.

Securities: These investments make excellent gifts for many donors to consider. When a person owns securities that have a long-term gain and gives them to the Choral Art Society, they are received at the current fair market value. The donor is able to deduct as a gift on his or her federal income tax return the full fair market value of the securities, thereby avoiding all capital gains tax.

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Buy an Advertisement in our Program: The Choral Art Society sells advertising in the programs for its subscription concerts and many of its special events. If you are interested in buying an advertisement, please go to our website at www.choralartsociety.org

Representatives of the Choral Art Society welcome an opportunity to meet with you and discuss these or other considerations in more detail.

The Choral Art Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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