



GNHCC News & Notes

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Rehearsal Sneak Preview:



This week we'll be working on Movement I of **Chichester Psalms** so, before rehearsal, try to listen to at least that movement on your rehearsal CD and look over the sections of your score that we've worked on so far.

We will also be working on **Make our Garden Grow** and **The Best of All Possible Worlds**. And if there's time, we might also start on **Candide's Lament**.

Choral Conducting Assistant Scholarship Applicant:



As you may recall, for the first time ever, GNHCC is establishing a scholarship for a Choral Conducting Assistant. Over the past few months, we have been seeking applicants from among students who are currently enrolled in a music degree program at a local university. Our goal is for the scholarship program to be mutually beneficial for both the scholarship recipient and for our chorus. With Christopher as a mentor, the Choral Conducting Assistant will gain real-world experience in conducting and working with a large mixed-voice chorus participating in all aspects of musical direction. Simultaneously, GNHCC will benefit by gaining increased flexibility for pursuing opportunities to sing throughout the community and we'll become more well-rounded as a chorus.

This week, we are happy to welcome scholarship applicant, Spencer Cromwell, to our rehearsal. Under Christopher's guidance, Spencer will be leading a segment of our rehearsal as part of his application process. Please welcome him warmly and give him your full, focused attention. ...And sing well!



Sopranos—

Julia Child? Rachael Ray? ...They've got nothing on you, right? Bring some treats for this week's refreshment break and show off *your* culinary skills.

Valentine Gift Basket



Sunday is Valentine's Day and at this week's rehearsal, our weekly drawing will feature a special Valentine's Day basket filled with an exceptional array of items, goodies and a gift certificate or two sure to impress your Valentine. Help support the GNHCC and wow someone special in your life—the lucky recipient will be announced at the end of rehearsal.



Parking Challenge

Parking next week (2/18) will be at a premium because of the N. H. Symphony concert being held that evening. Try to give yourself a bit of extra time to find a parking space—and carpool with a fellow singer if you can.



Save the Dates



- On February 27th the GNHCC Social Committee is planning a Pot-Luck dinner and party. Specific details will be released soon.
- Make plans now to attend the GNHCC Workshops scheduled for 3 Saturdays in March. The workshops will explore multicultural influences on choral music, exploring the origins, rhythms, sources, melodies, themes and theories behind: "The Latin-American Spirit"; The African-American Influences on Choral Singing and "Americana": All sessions will incorporate singing. This series of workshops is made possible in part through the support of the City of New Haven Mayor's Community Arts Grants Program. Invite your friends and family to attend as well. See Vickie Gerdon for information and registration flyers.
- The initial 'staged reading' of Sarah's musical is happening this week (through Saturday evening). You can reserve free tickets at: <http://www.yaledramacoalition.org/musicalthriller/>. It would be great if many of us from GNHCC can come out to support her.
- Steve Ullman, who joined GNHCC this past fall as a Bass, also sings with the New Haven Chorale. Steve would like us to all to know that the Chorale will be presenting **"Unforgettable Voices: American Masters of Choral Music and Song"** on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 4:30 PM at the East Haven High School Auditorium. Additional information is available on the New Haven Chorale's website: www.newhavenchorale.org. You can purchase tickets through this link: <http://unforgettablevoices.eventbrite.com>.