



GNHCC News & Notes

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Quick Notes:



Helpers for May 1st

If you have an idea of a fun activity that you'd like to plan for our May 1st Retreat, please talk to Susan Conover.

There are already a number of folks with plans in the works and they'll be needing some assistance. So if you'd like to lend a hand, please jump in and sign up!



This Week's Sectional Rehearsals

Sectional rehearsals will be held this week (April 15th) beginning at 7:00 PM for everyone **except** Sopranos.

Tenors and Basses (front room)
Altos (main room)



A Different Perspective...



How many times during our rehearsals have you wished that those ~~lights~~ weren't in your eyes as you watch our conductor? Well, this week we're going to try a solution to that problem. The seating arrangement will be turned 180° in the opposite direction—so that we have the lights **out of our eyes** (yea!) and behind us (which will also help to illuminate our music).

Concert Program Sponsorships



As Fran Giffin announced at last week's rehearsal, it's time to solicit ads and sponsors for our concert program. We are asking you, our members, to approach those in your community that you patronize—your friends and family—for an ad or a listing on the sponsor page of our program. This is an extremely important fund raising program that helps pay for the privilege of performing our concert. Sponsor sheets are available from Fran Giffin. Please return the ads and sponsor listings by May 6th.

April 22nd:

Next week's rehearsal (not this week, but next week) we will be rehearsing in Center Church. As the name indicates Center Church is in between the two other churches which face the New Haven Green.

It's just down the block and across the street from where we normally rehearse.

Be forewarned: in addition to the Hillhouse Opera's performance, the New Haven Symphony is also performing that night. And, it's "Restaurant Week" in New Haven. So parking will be a nightmare. Plan to carpool, come early and bring your walking shoes!

News Briefs:



A Sad Note:

One of our previous members, Anton Kompare died this week at the age of 90. He and his wife, Marija, sang for many years with us at GNHCC and with the New Haven Chorale. Some of you may recall seeing Anton and Marija when they attended the GNHCC 45th anniversary party in October of 2009.



Steven Black Heads West

Former GNHCC Artistic Director, Steven Black, will be leaving New York in the summer to finish his Doctoral studies at UCLA. People might want to send him wishes. See Jill Savitt for Steven's contact information.

A Note from Betsy Chorney Rosenberg GNHCC's Facebook 'editor',



OK everyone.... I'd like to put out two challenges:

- ♪ The first is to have our Public Page reach a total of 1,000 fans before the Spring Concert on June 12, 2010!
- ♪ The second is to see who can collect the largest number of fans!!!

Send out this link to our Public Page to all your Facebook friends:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/GNHCC-Greater-New-Haven-Community-Chorus/131529636219>

Ask your friends to become a fan of the page and then post your name on the discussion board topic, "I'm a friend of.....".

After the concert, I will tally the "votes" and have a special surprise for the "winner" - the Chorus member who brought in the most fans to our Page - to be presented at the Annual Meeting and end-of-season party on June 24th.



Start sending those notes, people!!!!

Keep reading. There's more...

Member Corner:



Gudrun Scheffler, (Alto I) a native of Germany, came to New Haven for love, and loves being here. In Germany, Gudrun was a teacher, a counselor, a farmer, and actually lived in a rural collective where she made cheeses from sheep's and goats' milk. In Connecticut, Gudrun teaches German in the public schools, and is also a massage and breathwork therapist.

Gudrun loves to hike, and loves to be out in the woods – whether it's in Sleeping Giant Park, the Black Forest or the rainforest of Vancouver Island.

Gudrun joined GNHCC in 2007, and especially loved our Fiesta de Gloria concert with its Latin rhythms. According to Gudrun, the chorus should be part of a national health plan, as she attributes overcoming a dysfunctional thyroid condition to singing in the chorus. Her thyroid levels were way off before joining the chorus and are now normal. Gudrun's enthusiasm for the chorus and for singing is boundless.



Upcoming Concerts



PSALM! - Stonewall Chorale

Sat, April 17, 2010, 8 PM–Holy Apostles (296 9th Ave @ 28th St, NYC)
Bernstein – Chichester Psalms; Benjamin Britten - Rejoice in the Lamb;
Kevin Oldham - Psalm 130; Robert Schumann - Zigeunerleben
Samuel Barber, Sure on This Shining Night; R.L. Pearsall – Lay a Garland
Tickets: Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 at the door
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/98062>

FAUST - Hillhouse Opera Company

April 24, 8:00 PM; Pratt Hall in New Haven, CT
April 29 & May 1, 8:00 PM; Immanuel Lutheran Church in Danbury, CT
A free will donation (suggested \$20 per person, \$30 per family, \$10 students and seniors) will be collected at the door.

MUSIC OF THE SPIRIT - Concora

Saturday, April 24, 8:00 p.m.
St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, Hartford
Music for a cappella voices, featuring Frank Martin's breathtaking
Mass for Double Choir
Tickets: \$10-\$45
Tickets and Information: www.concora.org • (860) 224-7500

PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN OUR TIME - Waterbury Chorale

Sunday, April 25, 4:00pm.
The Congregational Church, Naugatuck
Presenting:
"The Armed Man" - A Mass for Peace by Welsh Composer Karl Jenkins
This mass was commissioned by the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds for the Millenium celebrations and was initially dedicated to victims of the Kosovo crisis.
"Hymn To The Fallen" by John Williams and other selections
Tickets \$20.00 (can be purchased at the door)