

Choral Festival at Brookhaven

Our Twenty-third Year!

7/24/2017

Edition 1, Volume 2

IT'S HERE! AND IN BAYPORT!

Our rehearsal site this year is the Bayport United Methodist Church. At the intersection of Middle and Snedecor Roads, it has been part of the Bayport community since the late 19th century.

According to the Church history, the church started out with 19 members. Once there were pews, attendance doubled! The sanctuary was built in 1873. At the time of its construction, the windows were made of plain, clear glass. During a renovation and expansion project in 1927, the windows were replaced with stained glass.

OUR MUSICAL STAFF

Our conductors this year are Eric Blatt, Martha Campanile and Alan Rubinstein. In addition, we are delighted to welcome Jeanette Cooper back to her accustomed place at the piano! Jeanette teaches piano privately, and accompanies the North Shore Chamber Choir during its regular season, along with several school choirs. This year she has been appointed Artistic Director of the Long Island Gay Men's Chorus! The Choral Festival orchestra joins us on Saturday, as we prepare this glorious music for Sunday's performance.

bottom. For example, just inside the sanctuary from the parlor entrance is the Agnus Dei, or Triumphant Lamb. That particular window is dedicated to the Sunday School. Each window tells its own, unique story.

Many churches feature stained glass that depict Bible stories. These are unusual in that they are all laid out in the same pattern, but with different Christian symbols toward the top, and dedication panels near the

Some reminders

- Please take raffle tickets and sell them for us. Great prizes, great support for the Choral Festival
- 2017 shirt orders taken tonight. T-shirts \$15, golf shirts, \$20
- Admission to Sunday night's performance is a free will donation – no tickets required!

Schedule

Festival Chorus

Monday 7/24 6:30p
check-in

Rehearsal from 7 to
9:30pm

Tuesday 7/25 7-
9:30pm

Wednesday 7/26 7-
9:30pm

Thursday 7/27 7-
9:30pm

Ice Cream Social to
follow!

Friday 7/28 7-9:30pm

Saturday 7/29 12-4pm,
with orchestra in the
afternoon

Sunday Dress

Rehearsal 2-5p at the
Gateway Playhouse,
South Country Road,
Bellport

Dinner at Gateway at
5p

Choral Festival
Performance 7pm,
Gateway Playhouse

Reception to follow at
the Playhouse

WELCOME TO THE HAMLET OF BAYPORT

Bayport is a hamlet, located in the Town of Islip and borders on the Great South Bay. One of its most famous sites is the Bayport Aerodrome, the last remaining public grass airfield on Long Island. Vintage planes fly out of this location on Church Street all the time. Owned by the Town of Islip, it is supported by the Bayport Aerodrome Society, which includes aviation professionals and those interested in preserving aviation history.

At one time, Long Island had as many as 120 private and commercial airfields. (We are not known as the Cradle of Aviation for nothing!) As Long Island grew into more and more of a suburban and residential community, most of those airfields gave way to development. Just after World War II, a former Civil Air Patrol pilot, Curtis Davis, cleared a rustic working airport out of the woods and the Bayport Aerodrome was born. John Rae formed the Society thirty years later. Two of more than 20 hangars on site are purposed as museums. You can visit this living tribute to aviation – for more information, its website is www.bayportaerodromesociety.org.



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