

Choral Festival at Brookhaven

Our Twenty-fourth Year!

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WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME!

Ah, apologies to HBO's John Oliver (that's how he starts each week!) We are so glad to welcome you to our 24th annual Choral Festival at Brookhaven! Our thanks to the Bayport United Methodist Church for their hospitality. We are here for the entirety of the Festival this year, so make yourselves comfortable and enjoy the music and the friendships that endure.

OUR CONDUCTORS

Our mighty trio returns – Eric Blatt, Martha Campanile and Alan Rubinstein. Eric teaches during the year at Mt. Sinai High School and brings a special kind of energy to his conducting. Martha is the director of the Bay Area Friends of the Fine Arts Chorus and teaches privately as well. Alan, a young but retired choral director (!) sings with SOLI (Singers of Long Island) – all come to us with tremendous experience and a real sense of what makes a great chorus.

Our Accompanist is Jeanette Cooper – in addition to being artistic director for the Long Island Gay Men's Chorus, she directs the choir at St. John the Baptist Church in Wading River and accompanies the North Shore Chamber Choir. Among other things!

CHORUS NEWS

We all come from various choruses around Long Island and love to share! If your own chorus is looking for new members, this is a great place to start your search! If you have events coming up, you've got a built-in audience here. Let Paulette Brinka know at pbbrinka@aol.com, so we can include you in this week's series of newsletters. We can also distribute flyers on your behalf. Choral performances take a lot of blood and sweat – let's network, so we can all appreciate your efforts.

Schedule

Festival Chorus

Monday 7/16 6:30p
check-in

Rehearsal from 7 to
9:30pm

Tuesday 7/17 7-
9:30pm

Wednesday 7/18 7-
9:30pm

Thursday 7/19 7-
9:30pm

Ice Cream Social to
follow!

Friday 7/20 7-9:30pm

Saturday 7/21 12-4pm,
with orchestra in the
afternoon

Sunday 7/22 Dress
Rehearsal 2-5p

Bayport United
Methodist Church

Dinner at 5p

Choral Festival
Performance 7pm,
Bayport United
Methodist Church

Reception to follow

TEE SHIRTS AND RAFFLES

We are taking orders at the registration desk for tee shirts and golf shirts. We need to get the order to the printer by Thursday, so we will close sales on Wednesday night. Make sure you get this year's edition!

Raffle tickets are also available at the registration desk. We sell these to help us cover the costs of the Festival, and there are many. The prizes are great this year, so please make every effort to sell several books.

WHAT LIES AHEAD THIS WEEK

We have some time honored, choral festival traditions to share – and some requests.

- ✚ We are in the church hall for most of this week but are back in the sanctuary on Friday night. The lighting is good, but if you need some extra, pack a book light. Both spaces are air-conditioned (yay!) so you also might want to bring a sweater or wrap. Please – only water in the sanctuary.
- ✚ On Thursday, we want to treat you to an ice cream social. After rehearsal there will be an ice-cream “bar” set up in the kitchen area. Grab a spoon and enjoy!
- ✚ Dinner is on us on Sunday night, between the dress rehearsal and the performance. It is simple and light, to prepare us to wow the crowd.
- ✚ After the concert is a reception for both chorus and audience. Once again, Greg Barbera is our chef, and he has promised some innovative snacks to celebrate our successful performance.

All this week, we will share information on both the concert and the music on which we are working. These newsletters will be available in hard copy, and will also be posted on our website,

www.brookhavenchoral.org.

