

Choral Festival at Brookhaven

Our Twenty-third Year!

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BE OUR GUEST! THE MUSIC OF ALAN MENKEN

If you've ever left a Disney musical play or movie, humming the tunes, you have already encountered Alan Menken. He is a Disney Legend (officially) and is also the composer of songs from presentations you may not associate with the Mouse.

Growing up in New Rochelle, the predominant musical genre enjoyed in that household was musical theater. He studied and played the masters – from Rodgers and Hart to Gershwin, Loesser to Kander and Ebb, Lerner and Lowe. Graduating from college with a degree in musicology, his first huge success, along with collaborator Howard Ashman, was *Little Shop of Horrors*. He is also the composer for such varied productions as *Sesame Street*, the film *Lincoln*, and the musical *Sister Act*. But his signature work is for Disney. That body of work includes *The Little Mermaid*, *Aladdin*, *Pocahontas*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Enchanted*, *Tangled*, and of course, *Beauty and the Beast*.

Menken is a member of the Songwriters Hall of Fame, holds Tony and Drama Desk awards for his *Newsies* score, has more Academy Awards than any other living individual (including four for Best Score, four for Best Song) 11 Grammy Awards, 7 Golden Globes, and the list goes on! The live action *Beauty and the Beast* was one of the blockbusters of 2017, and Menken's music is a huge part of that success.

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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

Most of our singers also perform with choruses across Long Island. While many if not all of them are on their summer hiatus, September arrives before you know it. Here is a partial listing of Long Island-based choruses and their websites, in case this summer experience has whetted your appetite for more!

- Bay Area Friends of the Fine Arts sponsors a chorus which meets on Wednesdays at the James Wilson Young Middle School right here in Bayport. Visit www.baffa.org for more information
- North Shore Chamber Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings at the Caroline Church in Setauket. Visit www.nschamberchoir.org for audition and other information.
- Long Island Choral Society holds a Summer Sing on August 13th, featuring *Carmina Burana* at St. Anthony's High School Chapel in South Huntington. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at the South Street Middle School, Rockville Centre. Visit www.lics.org for audition and other information
- Long Island Symphonic Choral Association rehearses on Tuesdays at the Three Village Church in Setauket. Visit www.lisca.org for audition and other information.
- Long Island Gay Men's Chorus rehearses on Wednesday nights. For more information, visit www.ligmc.org
- Huntington Choral Society meets Mondays at 8pm at Huntington High School. Visit www.huntingtonchoralsociety.org for auditions and more information
- East End Women's Chorus meets Thursdays at the William Floyd Middle School. Visit www.eastendwomenschoir.com for more information
- Long Island Voices is preparing to perform an original work, *Requiem Dies Magna*, as well as other works to benefit F.I.S.T. and 911 Veterans on September 17th at St. Peter's By the Sea in Bay Shore. Participation is open to all singers, and the first rehearsals are underway. For more information, visit Michael Bussewitz-Quarm's Facebook page.
- The Silver Chords is a multi-generational chorus that rehearses at the Smithtown Senior Center in Smithtown. More information at www.thesilverchords.com

This is just a sampling of the opportunities that are out there for those who love to sing. Local choirs need your voice and your support!

SOME REMINDERS

You need black binders for the concert

Concert Dress is white blouses, black slacks or long shirts for the ladies, black slacks and white shirts for the gents.

There are no tickets for the concert, but we are asking people to make generous free-will donations.