



August 2011

Voices In Harmony is celebrating our 25th Anniversary Season! We have an exciting variety of programs and events throughout this milestone for the choir. Here is an overview:

November 6, 2011 – **Festival Of The Voice**

VIH will be joined by at least 14 ensembles from all over McHenry County representing the diverse vocal offerings available. This festival will show how many people of all ages are involved in choral singing. Join us for this celebration of music in our community!

December 11, 2011 – **Sing-Along Messiah**

Community and choir join their voices in harmony with Handel's great masterwork. It is presented with a 25-piece orchestra, excellent soloists and projections of beautiful calligraphy by Timothy Botts. The McHenry County College Chorus will supplement the on-stage choir. This is one of our area's most meaningful holiday traditions.

January 8 & 15, 2012 – **Ralph Vaughn Williams: Hodie**

VIH will join forces with the choir of *Holy Cross Lutheran Church* in Libertyville to present the choral masterpiece *Hodie (This Day)* by the renowned English composer, Ralph Vaughn Williams. This festive work for chorus, children's choir and soloists will be presented with full orchestral accompaniment. There will be two performances.

April 22, 2012 – **Silver Jubilee Concert!**

VIH celebrates 25 years of beautiful choral music! The program will recreate some of the most memorable performances from our first quarter century and look ahead to a bright future serving our community!

Innsbruck



Austria

A NEW VENTURE for VIH! - We are planning a 5-day trip to Innsbruck, Austria to participate in a choral festival under the direction of Dr. Eph Ehly, an internationally-known choral director. The trip will include rehearsals with the festival chorus and the final concert in the awe-inspiring Innsbruck Cathedral, as well as sight-seeing in the beautiful Tyrollean Alps. The trip departs on May 25, 2012 and returns May 30, 2012 (Memorial Weekend). Look for more information at our first rehearsal, or go to:

http://www.musiccelebrations.com/festivals/2012/eph.ehly_passion.within.html

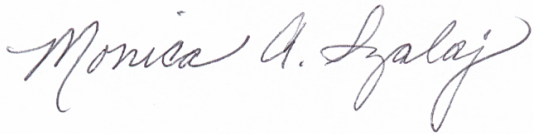
Rehearsals are held Mondays from 7:30 – 9:30 at Bethany Lutheran Church, 76 West Crystal Lake Ave., beginning **August 29**. Distribution of music at the first rehearsal will begin at 7:15. Registration fees for August through April are \$85, \$50 for each additional family member. Checks should be made out to **Voices in Harmony**. Please fill out the registration form and return it with your check to Monica by **August 22**. If special arrangements need to be made, please contact Monica at the phone or email below.

Registrations are accepted up to and including the first rehearsal. Signing up by August 22 will insure that we have enough music on hand for all singers! It is helpful to get your registration in as early as possible so the folders can be prepared.

New members are required to purchase performance attire - tuxedos for the men and a choice of 2 dress styles for the women. Ordering information will be available at the first rehearsal.

We look forward to our Silver Anniversary season! We hope to see you on August 29th. If you have any questions, please call Monica Szalaj.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monica A. Szalaj". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Monica A. Szalaj,
Membership Chair
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Registration for *Voices in Harmony*

Last name _____

First name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

*I will _____ or will NOT _____ need information on concert dress.

*Voice: (circle one, please)

Soprano I Soprano II Alto I Alto II Tenor Bass

PLEASE SIGN THE WAIVER BELOW

Crystal Lake Park District Waiver and Release of All Claims and Assumption of Risk

Read this form carefully and be aware that in signing and participating in this program/activity, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with is program/activity (including transportation services, when provided).

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of Physical injury to participants in this program/activity, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward or I) as a result of participating in this program/activity against the Crystal Lake Park District, including its official, agents, volunteers and employees (hereinafter collectively referred to as the Crystal Lake Park District.

I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the Crystal Lake Park District from any and all claims for injuries, damages, or loss that my minor child/ward or I may have or which may accrue to me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with this program/activity.

I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning or risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims.

Signature of participant _____ DATE _____

(Or parent/guardian of minor)

Mail with check to Voices in Harmony to:

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