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As a third-generation choral musician there was nothing strange to me hearing favorite Christmas carols from the living room as early as October. When I was young, my parents represented two public school choral programs in town as well as two different positions as church organists and choir directors in our moderately sized rural Ohio town. Frequently I would overhear my parents sorting through holiday songs in the living room after church to determine their Christmas programming as early as September and October. It never occurred to me, throughout my growing up, that perhaps the majority of those who LOVE the Christmas season would prefer to wait until AFTER Halloween to enjoy those familiar songs that are so meaningful to us during this festive season.

This fall the Decatur Civic Chorus was back to work as early as Labor Day. These singers, veteran and beginner alike, understood just as well as I did what it is like to begin preparing holiday favorites in 90-degree post summer heat! These enthusiastic singers gathered just weeks ago with anticipation, looking forward to seeing which holiday favorites would be in store for them this season. The members of the DCC were eager to gather again to see familiar choral singers and welcome more friends this fall; the preparation of their Christmas favorites was just a bonus!

On December 7th in the historic sanctuary of Oak Grove United Methodist Church; DCC will present "The Joy of Singing at Christmas," a free concert filled with many of our holiday favorites as well as some new or less familiar selections. The afternoon performance will take place in one of the most beautiful sanctuaries in Decatur. We invite you join us in the "living room" as we gather intimately around the proverbial "fireplace" as a family. We offer you the culmination of nearly four months of preparation in hopes that you will be as excited and full of anticipation as we are about the upcoming concert. Allow these holiday favorites both sacred and secular to be our gift to you this holiday season.

Thank you for your continued support this fall and winter, we look forward to sharing this beautiful holiday music with you on December 7th.

Scott D. Keeseey
Artistic Director
The Decatur Civic Chorus

Visit our website at www.decaturovicchorus.org. If you would like to receive information about upcoming Decatur Civic Chorus concerts by email, please send us an email to webmaster@decaturovicchorus.org with the words "Add to Email List" in the heading.

Tax Information: The Decatur Civic Chorus is a non-profit organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS code. (The tax ID # is 58 1298703.) Donations to the DCC may be deductible; please consult with your tax advisor.

The Decatur Civic Chorus gratefully acknowledges the support of Fidelity Bank!



Dear Patrons and Friends,

"Ah, music," he said, wiping his eyes. "A magic beyond all we do here!"

— J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

The magic of summer gives way to the splendor of autumn and then – to the wonder of winter. And in every season, music enchants, connects and entralls each of us. We launched the 2019-2020 DCC season with new members, new music, and new commitments to connect and reconnect with our cherished and talented, musical friends and family. We have a great community of musicians in the area that DCC is proud to partner with - and we are looking forward to exciting opportunities to share our talents with each other. Last year our collaboration with Glenn Moore and the Callanwolde Concert Band was a great beginning to an awesome future! To the journey!

Our Christmas concert this year is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 4:00PM at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 1722 Oak Grove Rd, Decatur, GA 30033.

See you there!

Kevin Fry and Nora Geer
Co-Presidents

Special Recognitions

In Memory of John Crawford

By Pamela A. Mills

In Memory of Jerry Deagan

By Pamela A. Mills

In Memory of my parents,

Anita & Harry Garnsey

By Patricia Ridgeway

In Memory of Patti Ireland

By Kathy J. Hill

In Memory of my mother, Mildred H. Kelso

By Robert W. Kelso

In Memory of Lion PDG Ken Massingale

By Mrs. Genie Massingale

In Memory of Susan Mather

By Bruce Mather

In Memory of my mother,

Joyce Parker

By Elizabeth A. Parker

In Memory of my parents,

Rev. Frederick V. & Lydia L. Schoening

By Nancy Van Wyk

In Memory of my brother,

James R. Schoening

By Nancy Van Wyk

In Memory of Dawn A. Thomas

By Bill & Mitzi Thomas

Bob & Debbie Thomas

Arnie & Nancy Van Wyk

In Memory of Hazel A. Thomas

By Bill & Mitzi Thomas

In Memory of Alcie Thornton

By Walter Thornton

In Celebration of Beautiful Friends

By Pamela A. Mills

In Celebration of the Engagement of

Peter Van Wyk & Heather Carter

By Arnie & Nancy Van Wyk

In Honor of Betty Baccus

By Madge E. Watson

In Honor of Peggy Merchant

By Mark Merchant

In Honor of Bill & Marcia Philips

By Colin F. Moore

In Honor of Tracy Roberts

By Colin F. Moore

In Honor of Pat Warthan

By Kathy J. Hill

Dear Sponsors and Patrons,

It seems that summer is hesitant to leave as the weather continues to be warm. But soon the leaves will begin to fall providing a plethora of color to the landscape and many of us will be hard at work getting our yards and gardens ready for fall and winter.

Members of the Decatur Civic Chorus began preparing music for the Christmas Concert in the beginning of September. I love the music of Christmas; it makes me think of getting together with family and friends. Many people, attending the DCC Christmas Concert consider it to be the unofficial start to the holiday season as we share the Joy of Singing at Christmas.

The DCC considers you, our sponsors and patrons, members of our extended "family." You have supported the DCC financially and encouraged us though your kind words and attendance at our concerts. We are humbled by your amazing loyalty and generosity. Words seem woefully inadequate to express our deep appreciation.

Please take a moment to consider the levels of support listed below. Contributions may be made **In Celebration of a Special Event, In Honor or In Memory** of a special person in your life. Special Recognitions will be noted in the printed Christmas Program; those received after the program has gone to print will be included in the spring newsletter.

My sincere wish is that you will feel loved and special throughout the Christmas Season.

Nancy Van Wyk,
Patron Chair

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Tracy Roberts
Social Media Chair

See the Decatur Civic Chorus ad in the November - December Atlanta Show Guide www.atlantashowguide.com. Decatur Civic Chorus presents "The Joy of Singing at Christmas."

Carl Seale,
Publicity Chair

The Decatur Civic Chorus - Sponsors & Patrons - May 2018 – September 2019

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