



# DECATUR CIVIC CHORUS

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The historic Decatur Civic Chorus, now in its 71<sup>st</sup> season, is back to work again each Monday evening preparing for another Spring Concert. This year the annual spring performance will take place on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the beautiful sanctuary of Decatur First Baptist Church, 308 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur, Georgia.

“Reflecting the many faces of love” is the theme for this performance and was originally inspired by the unconditional love of my mother. As I searched for songs that would be appropriate for a concert on Mother’s Day, I was led toward titles that spoke of other cherished and influential entities; love of God, country, friends and family are just a few that came to mind. And so, the program evolved becoming a prism that would reflect the many faces of love.

“If I speak in the tongues of man or angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” (I Corinthians 13:1–3)

As our chorus continues to transform and grow, adding several new choristers this season, we maintain the same level of intense musical study – constantly modifying our collective sound. In any given rehearsal we experience wonderful conversation, detailed and often frustrating stopping and starting to fine tune each song, great laughter, an occasional tear, but most importantly a mutual respect and LOVE for one another. It is this love that keeps us coming back each week, and each year; without it we are “nothing.”

Thank you for your loyal support both financially and by attending our concerts. You, our sponsors and patrons, make it possible for the Chorus to continue to be a vital part of the cultural community in Decatur and beyond.

I look forward to seeing you at our concert.

*Scott D. Keeseey*  
Artistic Director  
The Decatur Civic Chorus

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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,

As our concert year is coming to its close, the world is blooming with new life! Beautiful days are ahead, and the Chorus is enjoying regeneration and love. Our music for the spring concert will be an assortment of new and old favorite songs on the subject of love. Since this concert will be on Mothers' Day; the Chorus will be honoring all mothers in attendance by presenting a flower to each mother present or in honor of a mother.

Mother's Day is filled with family gatherings and feelings of love. The Decatur Civic Chorus family is looking forward to sharing the day with you, our extended family of patrons, friends and music lovers.

Come join us for an afternoon of love-ly song!

Fondly,

*Marcia Philips and Marilyn Self*

Co-Presidents

### **Thank you note from Dr. James T. McRaney recipient of the 2018 Mary Clark Community Arts Award**

Dear Fellow Musicians:

Please allow me this moment for a long overdue note of appreciation; personal health restrictions have delayed this effort.

Thank you so very much for your recognition of my lifelong efforts in choral music by presenting me with the 2018 Mary Clark Community Arts Award. It is truly a distinctive honor, and I must add 'privilege' – to be celebrated by your distinguished Chorus in this significant manner. I was (and am still) so very deeply moved and flattered.

I also wanted to thank you for the courtesy you provided my wife, Willie Ruth, with the fabulous floral bouquet. She was surprised and delighted. The flowers were not only beautiful but encouraged us and enhanced our home during a time of concern for us.

Best wishes to the Decatur Civic Chorus as you continue to share your love of choral music for many years to come.

Sincerely,

*James T. McRaney*

### **Benefit Concert for the Decatur-Area Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM)**

The Decatur Civic Chorus in conjunction with other local choral groups sponsored a benefit concert for DEAM on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Avondale Pattillo UMC. DEAM provides emergency help to local residents when financial difficulty prevents a person from buying food, prescriptions or paying a utility bill.

The other participating groups were; Avondale Pattillo UMC Choir, Bubba Rays (Gospel ensemble from Columbia Drive Presbyterian Church) and Church Street Station (bluegrass). The concert was well attended. Donations of \$1,660.50 and pantry items were greatly appreciated. Contributions may be sent to:

DEAM, Holy Trinity Parish, 515 E. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur, GA 30030

### **DCC on Facebook and in the Atlanta Show Guide**

The Chorus has an active presence on Facebook. Visit and follow <https://www.facebook.com/decaturovicchorusga/> to read about recruitment efforts, event announcements and view photos and videos. Facebook makes it easy to share news about the group's contribution to our community. You can help the Chorus develop a photo archive; please email photos including those of individuals, the group, performances, flyers and programs to [tjaroberts@gmail.com](mailto:tjaroberts@gmail.com). Include names, dates, and locations whenever possible. Please "Like" and "Share" the group's Facebook announcements on your own page.

See the Decatur Civic Chorus ad in the May – June Atlanta Show Guide [www.atlantashowguide.com](http://www.atlantashowguide.com). Decatur Civic Chorus presents "Aspects of Love" featuring songs of the 50's and 60's, May 12, 2019, 4:00 pm, First Baptist Decatur, 308 Clairmont Ave., Decatur, GA 30030. Take Mom out for lunch then treat her to a free concert honoring mothers and the aspects of love. *Carl Seale*, Publicity Chair

Springtime Greetings,

Everywhere I look, I see signs that "Spring is bustin' out all over." Don't you just love to see the beauty of nature awakening with renewed vigor; providing a plethora of color and texture to brighten our lives even on dreary days?

Each time I compose a letter to you I feel as if I am writing to friends. It has been an honor and great fun to get to know many of you, if not personally, then by name. The sponsors and patrons of the DCC are very special people whose magnanimous and thoughtful support enables the Chorus to do what we love best; to share the joy of choral music with the community.

The Decatur Civic Chorus is humbled by your unfailing generosity and loyalty. Words seem woefully inadequate to convey our gratitude. The Chorus never takes your patronage for granted.

Your continued support has sustained the DCC; enabling us to present concerts free of charge and assist us in meeting our financial obligations. Your contribution may be designated **In Celebration of a Special Event, In Honor of or In Memory of** a special person in your life. Special recognitions are included in the newsletters and printed concert programs. The concert on Mother's Day would be a wonderful opportunity to pay tribute to your mother.

Please take a moment to look at the list of our sponsors and patrons on page four. We invite to become a part of our "extended family" and give as you are able. Any amount will be received with gratitude.

We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Concert on May 12, 2019. Please note that the concert is starting at 4:00 pm.

Best wishes to you and yours,

*Nancy Van Wyk,*  
Patron Chair

#### Special Recognitions Received After December 2018 Concert

**In Memory of Nancy B. Bridges**  
By Robert & Carolyn Woodson

**In Memory of Mickey A. Bowers**  
By Helen B. Ogren

**In Memory of Ken Massingale**  
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**In Memory of  
Dr. Hubert V. & Claire C. Taylor**  
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**In Celebration of Many Good Years of  
Singing in the Chorus**  
By Lois Fox-Felkel

**In Honor of Randall & Phyllis Aucker**  
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**In Honor of Frank Barrett**  
By Catherine W. Carter  
Clyde & Renee Smith

**In Honor of Peggy Clayton  
On Her Birthday**  
By Randy Potter

**In Honor of Nancy Elizabeth Leslie  
Great, Great Niece**  
Anonymous

**In Honor of Peggy Merchant**  
By Elizabeth C. Moseley  
Ken & Rachel Walls

**In Honor of Carl Seale**  
By Linda Bricker

**In Honor of Mary Anne Sharp**  
By Betty G. Jordan

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