



DECATUR CIVIC CHORUS

From the Director

On December 3rd the historic Decatur Civic Chorus takes the stage for the first time in over two years! The chorus was "sidelined" like so many others during the pandemic although we made a brief comeback last summer to "blow the dust off the pipes." We are very excited to perform once again and offer some of our holiday favorites to our loyal audience on December 3rd at First Baptist Church at 3:00pm.

The performance will be accompanied by the talented Soo Jin Kim, organist and accompanist at Tucker First United Methodist Church. Additionally on the piano, Oak Grove United Methodist Church organist Leanne Hermann will join the chorus for two "four-hand" accompaniments. This special holiday performance will also feature vocal stylings of Professor of Voice, Dr. John Williams of the University of West Georgia and child soloist Alissa Leigh Johnson, of the Norcross First Academy of Fine Arts.

The members of the Decatur Civic Chorus are truly excited to offer you this holiday concert. We look forward to spending this hour with you in hopes of reigniting our long standing tradition of choral excellence in our community. We hope you will join us on December 3rd at Decatur First Baptist Church beginning at 3:00pm.

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DCC Christmas Concert
Saturday, December 3, 2022

3:00 pm

First Baptist Church of Decatur

Visit our website at www.decaturocivicchorus.org. If you would like to receive information about upcoming Decatur Civic Chorus concerts by email, please send us an email to webmaster@decaturocivicchorus.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.

Dear Patrons and Sponsors,

Quick! Mark your calendars for December 3rd, 3:00 pm at the First Baptist Church of Decatur on Clairmont. That is the date the Decatur Civic Chorus will be presenting its holiday concert, and you won't want to miss it!

We have been enjoying the fact that we are finally able to get together to sing, renew old friendships, and welcome new members, including our new accompanist, Soo Jin Kim. Our Director, Scott Keeseey, has put together a diverse selection of holiday music, some new and some traditional, including a few new arrangements you may not have heard.

We ran across a quote the other day that does a good job of describing our DCC group. It's by Roy Ayers and goes like this:

"The true beauty of music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and we, the musicians, are its messengers."

If we are the messengers, then you —our patrons, sponsors, and members of the community— are our audience. We are so grateful for all your continued support and generosity, even through the recent pandemic. Your contributions allow us to present our concerts free of charge. We are hoping, as in the past, that we can continue counting on your assistance, and we are thanking you in advance for your financial support. Contributions can be made in recognition or memory of a person or event that is special to you.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming concert and hoping our music will fill you with all the love and joy of the holiday season.

Our thanks to all of you,
Paula Thorson
Bethallyn Parker
Co-Presidents

Happy Fall/Winter to our Sponsors & Patrons,

The Decatur Civic Chorus is excited to be back together after the Covid pandemic. We missed singing together and we missed YOU! We are diligently preparing for our Christmas concert after a two-year absence.

We will be presenting our Christmas Concert on **Saturday, December 3, at 3:00 pm in the First Baptist Church of Decatur**. We are inviting you to join us in beginning the holiday season with favorite carols like "Go Tell It on the Mountain," "The First Noel," "Jingle Bells," and more.

We are so appreciative of your patronage through the years, and thank you so much for your support. We are also in awe of the work and talents of our former Patrons Chair, Nancy Van Wyk, for the past two decades and more and for her generous help in getting this newsletter out. For such a tiny person she has left big shoes to fill! This letter is later in getting to you than we would have liked, but please bear with us as we adjust to even more changes. A listing of all special recognitions and sponsorships will be in the next newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing you in person at the concert.

Merry Christmas!

Peggy Clayton & Marilyn Self
Patron Co-Chairs