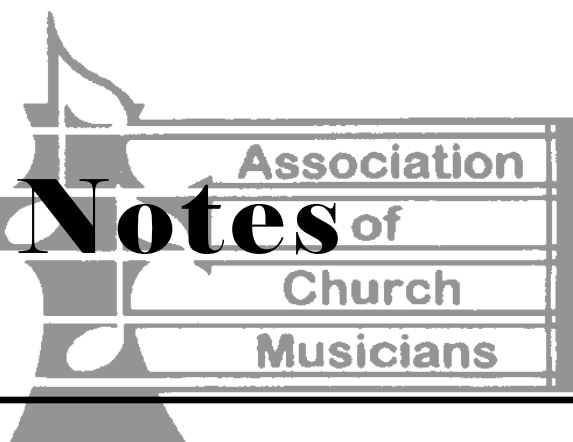


Church Music Notes

JANUARY 2011



"Song of the Angels" by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home, and
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

Upcoming ACM Events

Saturday, March 19, 2011, ACM's Annual Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

Saturday, March 26, 2011, ACM's 4th Annual Breakfast at Fresco (227 State Street, Madison) and Overture Organ Community Hymn Sing - Donald De Bruin, First Congregational Church of Madison will be the guest organist.

Saturday April 9th, 2011, 8:30am-3:30pm, Madison Area Choristers Guild Festival, Registrations are due by January 31. See pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter for more information and a registration form.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 2, 4:30pm, celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany at the Epiphany Prayer Service at Sinsinawa Mound. This reflective ceremony will include preaching, music, and a procession to the Christmas crèche. For more information, call (608) 748-4411, ext. 843.

Organ Recital Series, Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse, WI

Two new organs built by Noack Organ Co., Georgetown, MA,; 4 manuals, 58 stops & 2 manuals, 14 stops:

Tuesday, January 4, 7:30pm, Brian Luckner conducts the Cathedral Gallery Singers in a one-hour program.

Wednesday, January 5, at 7:30pm, Martin Baker is the artist. He is from Westminster Cathedral, London.

Friday, February 18, at 7:30pm, Dr. Brian Luckner the Cathedral's Director of Music and organist, is the artist.

Sunday, May 22, at 2:00pm, James David Christie (native of La Crosse) is the artist. He is from Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio; Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA, and is organist of the Boston Symphony.

All the recitals are free, and donations will be appreciated.

Presented by La Crosse Chamber Chorale as part of its 2010/2011 season

Saturday, January 29 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, January 30 at 3:00pm is AWAKE THE DAWN! at Mary of the Angels Chapel, 901 Franciscan Way, with Elinor Niemisto, harp, and Dean Whiteway, organ. For ticket info and questions, contact Beth Bonney, manager, at 608-780-6107.

MUSICA MAXIMA series in Beloit

January 30, 3:00pm, e e consort with Biber, Buxtehude and Corelli

March 13, 3:00pm, Max Yount, harpsichord & Dr. Beth Yount, second harpsichord, music of Bach and Soler

May 1, 3:00pm, David Newman, piano. For more info, e-mail info@firstcon.org or maxyount@gmail.com

Admission is free, but a freewill offering is received to help support the MUSICA MAXIMA series.

The Rose Ensemble of Minneapolis MN

Sunday, February 20, at 5:00pm: The Mourners: Music from the Courts of the Burgundian Dukes, in Mary of the Angels Chapel, 901 Franciscan Way, La Crosse. To order tickets or learn more, go to www.roseensemble.org or telephone (651) 225-4340.

Lenten (or almost) Organ Concerts

Sunday, March 6, at 4:00 pm, at First Presbyterian Church, 233 West Avenue South, La Crosse: Organist Sue Walby is joined by the UW-La Crosse Women's Chorus, directed by Dr. Paul Rusterholz. Free; suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated.

Sunday, March 20, time TBA, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Hill Street in La Crescent, MN: Organists Angie Henning and Louise Temte are joined by the Bells of Peace, directed by Herb Henning, and other musicians, in a wide variety of concert music. Free; suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated.

Positions Open

For current listings or those from previous newsletters, see our website: www.MadisonACM.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY – Christ the King Parish, McFarland, WI: Director of Music Ministry needed to plan and organize the liturgical music for our parish worship services. The successful candidate will lead a youth choir, two adult choirs, a chime choir, and will accompany cantors and a seasonal children's choir. Keyboard skills and knowledge of Catholic liturgy are essential. The position carries a generous benefit package that includes health insurance, vision and dental insurance, 125 flexplan, 403b retirement plan that includes matching contributions, and continuing education allowance.

Salary will be based upon ability and experience. A job description will be available upon request. Please send inquiries and resumes to Fr. Steve Smith, PO Box 524, McFarland, WI 53558, 608-838-9797 ext. 106, or dss@myparish.com.

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Five Favorites

Naomi Matthees, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Sun Prairie

Our Adult Choir has 24 members; we sing mostly SATB literature.

Amazing Grace

by John Coates, Jr. SATB, Shawnee Press A1130

This is a jazzy arrangement which breathes new life into an old standard. Each of the verses has a different setting; a range of dynamics are used, and each section of the choir gets the opportunity to shine. Also available in TTBB, SSA, SAB, and 2 part.

Be Thou My Vision

arranged by Hal Hopson. SATB, Brookfield Press / Hal Leonard 08740491

Much of this arrangement of the classic hymn is actually sung in two parts; the final verse is melody with soprano descant. An optional part for 2 C instruments adds much to the accompaniment. This is a very accessible arrangement which, once learned, can be reviewed on short notice and used for almost any occasion.

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter. SATB, Hinshaw Music HMC-550

This has become a favorite of my choir; we now sing it twice a year, in the autumn and in the spring. The timing can be tricky at times, and a good accompanist is needed, but it is a piece well worth learning!

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke. SATB, ECS Publishing, 1.5160. (Also available at Choral Public Domain Library, www.cpd.org.)

In December 2008, BBC Music magazine published the names of 50 favorite Christmas carols, based on a poll of some 50 choir directors. Darke's setting of Christina Rossetti's beautiful text was rated #1. There are two solo verses (I prefer to have the sections sing them instead), and two verses with full choir.

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw. SATB, J. Curwen & Sons / G. Schirmer 8103

"An oldie but a goodie"; I remember the adult choir at the church of my childhood singing this classic, and I had to teach it to my own choir. Includes a little counterpoint, and a lot of solid, joyful harmony. Good for the Easter season or another festive occasion.



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2011 Madison Area Choristers Guild Festival

Saturday April 9th, 2011, 8:30am-3:30pm

For children and youth choirs from area churches, grades 2-8 (unchanged voices.)

Sponsored by Madison Area Choristers Guild and hosted by Christ Presbyterian Church,
944 E. Gorham St. Madison, WI

Festival Concert at 2:30pm with free-will offering, all are welcome and invited to attend!

Featuring Clinicians Randall Swiggum and Margaret Jenks of the Madison Youth Choir

Director's Social event on Friday evening April 8th (more details and location information to come!)

2011 Festival Repertoire

Worship the King, arr. Michael Helman unison/2pt., 2 trumpets (Chorister's Guild)

Like As a Father, Cherubini, arr. Lovelace, 3pt, (Chorister's Guild)

Everywhere I Go, Natalie Sleeth SA, optional flute or C instrument (Chorister's Guild)

Hashivenu, traditional Israeli, arr. Doreen Rao (Boosey & Hawkes)

Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy, Words by Joseph Hart 1759, Music by R. Swiggum
©2006 (available as PDF from Sarah Holtz, CG President)

Jubilate Deo, Praetorius (available as PDF from Sarah Holtz, CG President)

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Choristers Guild, a Christian organization, enables leaders to nurture the spiritual and musical growth of children and youth.

2011 Madison Area Choristers Guild Festival Registration Form:

Church: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Director : _____

e-mail: _____

Number of choir members attending festival: _____

(Fees: individual singers \$5 each, 5-10 singers \$25, 11-20 singers \$50, 21 or more singers \$75)

Number of singers, directors, or parents needing lunch: _____

(\$3/person for lunch or you can bring your own lunches)

Please make checks payable to Association of Church Musicians

Return registration forms and fees by January 31, 2011 to:

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