

FALL Newsletter

August 2011

Session Begins: September 15, 7-9 p.m.

A Message from our President:

Welcome to all Missoula Community Chorus members and supporters.

Officially, we are moving into our 11th year for the Missoula Community Chorus. We have an exciting agenda planned for the 2011-2012 season.

For the first time - the Missoula Community Chorus will be having a sing-a-long scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2011. This is a community event that the members endorsed last spring. We are looking forward to having a lot of fun and will fill you in on the details soon.

After reviewing our surveys from the members as well as the boards June retreat, it became clear we needed to make some changes. This year MCC will have 4 sectional leaders, they will be available for various sectionals as well as working with the individual members to help prepare them for each concert. We are also planning to provide educational workshops during each session. In addition, we will also be re-evaluating our attendance policy and we will provide all the details to our singers at the fall session.

Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the



crowd....

Yes folks, September 8, 2011 is Missoula Community Chorus evening at the Osprey game. If you are able to make the September 1, 2011 rehearsal for this event then plan to join us at the Osprey Baseball game. What a wonderful way to meet Missoula's community and have a great time as well.

Finally, our GALA fundraising event is scheduled for April 14, 2012 at The Keep. We are looking forward to another successful event

Looking forward to a fun and exciting year for MCC. See you all in September.

Robin Schmitt, President

MCC sings for the Osprey Game on Sept 8th! Our director Tod Trimble will be providing a special arrangement of the National Anthem for the game. For those members wishing to sing please RSVP your chorus manger via email or phone no later than Aug. 29th.

Folks who sing can stay for the game free of charge. Guests are encouraged (with RSVP) and pay only \$7. Please check out our website for updated information.

We hope to see all of you there!

2011 FALL CALENDAR

Missoula Osprey Appearance:

Rehearsal September 1st 6:30
Loyola Sacred Heart High School
Performance Thursday, September 8
Ogren Park Allegiance Field
(see lower left corner for more details)

Fall Session Rehearsals begin:

Thursday, September 15, 7-9 pm
Loyola Sacred Heart High School
Registration begins at 6 and warm-ups at 6:50

Chamber Chorale Rehearsals begin:

September 30, 6:15-6:45
(location and date of auditions TBA)

MCC Sound of Music Sing-Along

October 29th 1pm and 7pm
Wilma Theatre

Fall Concert & Dress Rehearsal:

Dress Rehearsal December 8th
Concert: Fri. December 9th
St. Anthony Catholic Church
217 Tremont Street Missoula



This October Missoula's hills will be alive with the *Sound of Music* as the Missoula Community Chorus embarks on a new community event.

Sing-a-Long-a Sound of Music is a screening of the classic Julie Andrews film musical in glorious, full-screen technicolor, complete with subtitles so that the whole audience can sing along! This event, with an extra matinee for kids, has something for everyone and will feature a special guest MC to guide you through vocal calisthenics, costume parade, and much more.

Check out the Sing-Along website or MCC's website for more info.

www.singalonga.net
www.missoulachorus.net



Conductor's Notes

The first half of the Missoula Community Chorus's December 9, 2011, concert will open with three wonderful Baroque pieces, beginning with Handel's sprightly setting of the Prophet Isaiah's text, "And the glory of the Lord, shall be revealed." The final two movements of Bach's *Magnificat* will follow, first with the women singing the soothing, "*Suscepit Israel*" ("He has received Israel, his servant") and then the full chorus ending with the rousing "*Sicut locutus est*" ("As he spoke").

The men of the full chorus will then present Daniel Pinkham's unworldly "Evergreen," outlining a chant-like melody against a haunting background of four hypnotic measures repeated over and over by pipe organ and *Handbells*. The Chamber Chorale will follow, with Paul Christiansen's, dazzling "Oh, how beautiful the sky," Paul Fetler's ethereal "Snow Toward Evening," and Loyd Pfautsch's lovely arrangement of the traditional Spanish piece, "The Gift Carol."

The full Community Chorus will return with a new work by the chorus' own Sally Ethridge, "Softly the night is sleeping." The last piece before intermission will be Wilhousky's arrangement of the well-known "Carol of the Bells," but our version will add *Handbells*.

The second half will be a bit lighter in character, with a surprise for the audience as it becomes part of the performance of a selection called, "Music in the Air." Before that, the Chamber Chorale will have sung a piece by P.D.Q. Bach, said to be the "'youngest and the oddest of the twenty-odd children.'" More *Handbells* and selections by John Rutter and by the Carpenters (yes, *those* Carpenters) will round out the program. Join us for what promises to be a great evening.

Todd Trimble, Director

MCC Gala April 14th 2012

I have volunteered to coordinate our MCC GALA event scheduled for Saturday night, April 14th, 2012, at The Keep. I NEED YOUR HELP to help make the magic happen.

My skills are in planning and coordinating, but some of the specific duties are well beyond my capability. I need a few co-chairs to work with me, guided by Robin Schmitt, Robbin Rose and Terry Bilbrey, to learn the particulars of what is already in place, so we can create another successful, fund-raising event for our Community Chorus.

I need folks with varying skills to help out: **Computer savvy; advertising and marketing expertise; creativity; availability and willingness; musicians and artisans:** folks to tend to small and big details along the way. If you are interested in any part of this adventure, please contact me and let me know how you want to help. I am excited to give everyone an opportunity to participate in creating the fun and the funds!

Call me at 240-9103 or drop me an e-mail at lunariosie@yahoo.com to let me know your commitment and your ideas. Looking forward to doing this rewarding work with all of you!!!

Hugs, Rosie Smith

For Returning & New Members:

The session fee remains at \$75 per session. As always we offer a discount of \$10 to those who pay for the entire year **by** September 15th (\$140.) All fees are due by our third rehearsal (Sept. 29th). Forms will be emailed to past singers and are available online on the member's page (instructions on page 1). Please mail in forms to the address provided. **Scholarships** are available! Please let us know at the first rehearsal if you would like to be considered.

Visit our website www.missoulachorus.net for up-to-date calendar and info for our upcoming season. Singer's can access the "member's page" by typing Username: singer@missoulachorus.net
Password: MCCSinger2011



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Where are the Frank Sinatras of our day?

Did you know there are women singers wanting to be part of the Missoula Community Chorus, stuck on the waiting list until we get our forces better balanced with a few more men singers? If you know of a man who once had a love of singing, or just hasn't discovered his latent talent waiting to surface, please encourage them to check us out.

You'll be glad you did.