



Message from the President

By Mike Sullivan

Here we go again! Summer vacations are winding down; the kids are getting *really* bored; our voices and musical energies are well rested; the choral music has been ordered; the Planning Board has met with our Director of Music, Paul Gamber, to map out the coming season; we have a VERY accomplished accompanist joining us – all we need are a group of talented singers and continued support to make the fiscal year 2006 concert season a success.

We resume from a running start on Monday, August 15th, 7:00 p.m., once again at Vineville United Methodist Church. We are indebted to Dennis McCleary for allowing us to again use this excellent practice venue. Holly Mills will have the membership paperwork and new music at the ready, and Paul wants to have auditions by group for all members, new and seasoned alike, over the next three weeks.

The season will have four concerts, starting with an “IN REMEMBRANCE” celebration Saturday, November 5th at Riverside UMC and culminating in Johannes Brahms’ EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM, which will be performed in combination with the Mountain Park UMC choir the first weekend in May 2006 both in the local area and Paul’s church in Stone Mountain. Sandwiched in between will be “CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHORALE” on December 11, 2005 and a reprise of Paul’s (and our) favorites from the past four years on March 18, 2006 as part of the Cherry Blossom festival.

Unfortunately, Paul has determined this will be his fifth and last season with the Choral Society. He and his wife Stephanie have plans for starting a similar community chorale in/around Lilburn GA near Atlanta. We really want to make this season a memorable finale so . . . we need all former Macon Civic Chorale or Choral Society members to return to the Concert Chorale as we prepare for this season. Please also ask your musically inclined friends or acquaintances to join us. Anyone who has ever sung in this group environment easily recalls just how rewarding our joint effort can be.

To our faithful audience and sponsors, thank you for continuing to participate with us in bringing quality choral music to Middle Georgia. Without your enthusiastic support, both emotionally and financially, we just couldn’t make this season happen. Hang onto your seats ’cause it will be a heckuva ride!

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2005-06 CONCERT SCHEDULE

11/5/05 "In Remembrance"

12/11/05 Christmas with the
Chorale

3/18/06 Cherry Blossom

5/06 Ein Deutsches Requiem

Featuring the Faure REQUIEM; *Psalm 23*
(Basler); *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*
(Brahms); *My Lord, What a Mornin'* (Burleigh);
Hymn of Promise (Sleeth); and other songs
of promise and reflection.

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