



CHORAL *Voice*

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Directors' Corner

Dear Friends, Supporters and Constituents of The Maryland State Boychoir:

People often wonder how the journey of a new choirboy begins and grows into a miracle in his life.

In October, we welcomed a new group of fine young singers into the MSB community. Many of them entered our Resident Training Choir which meets for 90 minutes every Saturday morning. These boys show up for their first session of Resident Training Choir – not knowing exactly what to expect. The excitement of the boys, coupled with the creativity of our teaching staff and the kind and careful guidance of experienced choristers who assist on Saturday mornings, leads to an atmosphere of great excitement. Usually at the end of Resident Choir classes, the fledgling boys will ask if they can stay longer!!! “Do we have to leave now? Can't we sing some more?”

Nurturing the young singer takes patience, caring and appreciation for his hidden talents. After his semester in Resident Training Choir, the boy begins to move through the ranks of Treble Choir, Concert Choir, Tour Choir and Young Men's Chorus. This journey instills not only a real work ethic into the boy, but also builds upon the very foundation of the purpose of MSB. In boychoir, a boy's life is changed, and he realizes a greater purpose for himself.

Our staff takes great pride in changing one boy's life at a time. Who knows, maybe this is how we can change the world!

Won't you be a part of this revolutionary organization? Perhaps your support can come from simply attending concerts and showing support for our boys. Or maybe you might be able to support us through Annual Fund giving – or joining our Legacy Association of Planned Giving. Our soon-to-be-launched Capital Campaign also gives friends of the Boychoir an opportunity to leave an indelible mark on our future. Whatever you can do enables us to make this great experience available for many generations of boys yet to travel on this great road. Actually, you are our future!

Question: *What is the reason for supporting The Maryland State Boychoir?*

Answer: In order to create beauty, foster authentic community, and to “train up young men in the way that they should go.”

Thank you and God bless you for all your help!



Stephen Holmes
Artistic Director



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Upcoming MSB Performances

CHARLESTOWN CHAPEL

711 Maiden Choice Lane
Catonsville, MD 21228
Sunday, November 3, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m.
Tour Choir and Young Men's Chorus

PENNSYLVANIA CONSORT SERIES

St. John's United Church of Christ
144 W. John Street
Bedford, PA 15522
Saturday, November 16, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.
Tour Choir and Young Men's Chorus

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

15773 Dover Road
Upperco, MD 21155
Sunday, November 17, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.
Tour Choir and Young Men's Chorus

HEALING POWER OF MUSIC BENEFIT

MSB Center for the Arts
3400 Norman Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21213—ticketed
Saturday, November 23, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m.
Tour Choir, Concert Choir, Treble Choir
and Young Men's Chorus

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

11525 Greenspring Avenue
Lutherville, MD 21093
Saturday, December 7, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.
Tour Choir and Young Men's Chorus

OAK CREST VILLAGE (for OCV Residents Only)

8802 Walther Boulevard
Parkville, MD 21234
Sunday, December 8, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.
Tour Choir, Concert Choir and Young Men's Chorus

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

MSB Center for the Arts
3400 Norman Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213—ticketed
Sunday, December 15, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m.
Tour Choir, Concert Choir, Treble Choir and
Young Men's Chorus

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Concert
2625 E. Northern Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21214
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.
Tour Choir and Young Men's Chorus

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

MSB Center for the Arts
3400 Norman Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213—ticketed
Saturday, December 21, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.
Tour Choir, Concert Choir, Treble Choir, Young Men's
Chorus and Alumni Choir

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

MSB Center for the Arts
3400 Norman Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213—ticketed
Sunday, December 22, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m.
Tour Choir, Concert Choir, Treble Choir, Young Men's
Chorus and Alumni Choir

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

111 S. Harrison Street
Easton, MD 21601
Sunday, January 12, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.
Tour Choir and Young Men's Chorus

MERCY RIDGE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

2525 Pot Spring Road
Timonium, MD 21092
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.
Tour Choir and Young Men's Chorus

FREDERICK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

35 E. Church Street
Frederick, MD 21701
Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 10:45 a.m.
Service with all choirs



Winter Recruiting Begins!

Fall auditions brought new talented choristers to the MSB! Recruiting for the second semester is about to begin. We are thrilled to announce openings in our Resident Training Choir as well as in our performance/touring choirs. Boys should be between the ages of six and eighteen, possess a good musical ear and natural singing voice, and be willing to commit to this tremendous educational/performance opportunity. **Auditions will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at noon and Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.** at The Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts, 3400 Norman Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213.

One of the unique aspects of this program is its diversity, with members coming from Baltimore City, surrounding counties and the DC suburbs. Choristers reflect a wide range of backgrounds and races and are united by their love of singing!

The primary goal of the MSB's program of musical education is to instill and foster in each boy a love of music by training him in the art of choral singing. Boys receive private voice lessons as well as training in music theory and sight singing. To schedule an audition, please call the choir office at 410.554.8644.

Come...experience the joy of singing, touring, camps, trips, and meeting new friends!

Alumni NEWS

Once again, we are inviting MSB changed-voice alumni to participate in our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. The Alumni Choir will perform on Saturday, December 21 and Sunday, December 22. In order to prepare for these performances, there will be an alumni rehearsal and social night on Friday, December 20 from 6 to 10:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the Alumni Choir, please contact Kathy Hawker in the choir office: kathy@marylandstateboychoir.org

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Have you ever turned on public radio on Christmas Eve and heard the inspirational program broadcast from King's College, Cambridge? Well, you don't have to travel to England to experience the thrill of the music and readings that comprise the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

A Christmas Classic, this year's festival (taking place at The Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts in Baltimore's historic Mayfield community) will feature classical selections and traditional English carols (David Willcocks settings) sung by one hundred fifty choristers and accompanied by organ, piano and brass quintet. Civic officials and distinguished religious leaders from across the State of Maryland will deliver the lessons from Holy Scripture that proclaim the events leading to the birth of Jesus.



To order tickets to this spectacular performance, please complete and mail the enclosed Ticket Order Form or visit the MSB website: www.marylandstateboychoir.org



2019-2020 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

We are very grateful to those who support The Maryland State Boychoir through its Annual Fund campaign. We invite your support for the work we are doing for choristers from throughout the State of Maryland. Enclosed in this publication is an Annual Fund envelope for your convenience. Patrons of the Annual Fund are acknowledged in our annual Viewbook.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Maryland State Boychoir has begun raising funds toward its soon-to-be-launched Capital Campaign endeavoring to raise \$1.1 million for updates and renovations to its Center for the Arts. Improvements include:

- Installation of five single-use restrooms on the first-floor hallway
- Technology upgrades throughout the building
- Repointing the existing exterior stonework
- Purchasing new furniture to replace tired and worn appointments throughout the building

To date, \$300,000 has been raised and we invite you to consider how you might support our efforts. A formal launch will be held in 2020. In the meantime, please feel free to be in touch with Stephen Holmes if you would like to discuss this project in more detail or are interested in serving on the Capital Campaign Committee.

Annual Benefit

HEALING POWER OF MUSIC

The Healing Power of Music Annual Benefit will take place on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts. We hope all MSB families and our community of supporters will join us for this worthwhile and wallet-friendly fundraiser that benefits the Maryland State Boychoir and the Shepherd's Clinic.

At this concert, you will hear the MSB's Tour Choir, Concert Choir, Treble Choir and Young Men's Chorus. You will also be treated to a performance by the Healing Power of Music Chorus. The Healing Power of Music Chorus brings adults together to enjoy the benefits of singing in community in a relaxed and fulfilling atmosphere.

Shepherd's Clinic is a non-profit health center established in 1989 with a mission to provide free health care for the underserved. Patients are provided with the full spectrum of health care services at no-cost, including behavioral health programs and wellness care.

The Maryland State Boychoir, established in 1987, is Maryland's official Goodwill Ambassador. The choir fosters a love for singing, celebrates diversity, builds self-esteem, improves self-confidence and enhances self-discipline through its music training, rehearsals and public performances.

Perhaps a friend, neighbor or loved one recently experienced a loss or health issue and you wanted to do something but didn't know what to do. Come along and experience the real power of music in the healing process!

For more information please visit www.hpmbaltimore.org

A F R I C A N A M E R I C A N

Celebration

A TIME-HONORED TRADITION! Join us for the twentieth annual African American Celebration on Sunday, February 23, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m. at Whitestone Baptist Church, 3001 Baker Street, Baltimore, MD 21216. This exhilarating cultural event features hymns, spirituals, and gospel songs, interspersed with poetry and prose from the African-American tradition. The concert will feature the Tour, Concert and Treble Choirs and Young Men's Chorus in a celebration honoring the vision and leadership of African-Americans in the arts. Free and open to the public.

TWELFTH ANNUAL

Bull & Oyster Roast



Hosted by the MSB Parent Association

WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m

WHERE: The MSB Center for the Arts
3400 Norman Avenue
Baltimore, MD

To reserve your seat for this fundraiser, please contact the Boychoir office at 410.554.8644. Catered by Jerry D's (*the name in Baltimore bull roast catering*), the buffet will feature carved ham, turkey, beef, oysters, lots of sides, cheese trays, cake, beer and soda. Also on tap are a silent auction money wheel, raffles and door prizes.

Ticket price is only \$45 per person.

Open to all Boychoir patrons 21 years and over.

TICKET ORDER FORM

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO HEAR
The Maryland State Boychoir Perform

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M.

of Tier 1 tickets _____ @ \$30 each Total: \$ _____

of Tier 2 tickets _____ @ \$22 each Total: \$ _____

*** # of Student tickets _____ @ \$15 each Total: \$ _____

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

of Tier 1 tickets _____ @ \$30 each Total: \$ _____

of Tier 2 tickets _____ @ \$22 each Total: \$ _____

*** # of Student tickets _____ @ \$15 each Total: \$ _____

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M.

of Tier 1 tickets _____ @ \$30 each Total: \$ _____

of Tier 2 tickets _____ @ \$22 each Total: \$ _____

*** # of Student tickets _____ @ \$15 each Total: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____

*** Please note that student tickets are only available in Tier 2. We are discounting a \$22 ticket to \$15 for students.
If your preference is for your child(ren) to sit with you in Tier 1, the price is \$30.00.

Tickets are numbered according to actual seating in the sanctuary.

No refunds or exchanges will be made.

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3400 Norman Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21213
410.554.8644





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For more information, including pricing, please contact:

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3400 Norman Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21213

Phone: 410.554.8644
FAX: 410.554.1033
E-mail: info@marylandstateboychoir.org

MSB CFA Rental

The Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts (formerly known as the Cathedral Church of Saint Matthew) 3400 Norman Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213 is now available for rental for weddings, receptions, rehearsal dinners, parties, and special occasions!

Please contact the MSB office for availability and pricing at 410.554.8644.

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