



AMC Chorister Newsletter - September 17, 2023

Dear C. C.,

Some important things for you:

- Use the Chorister News and Information Page
- AMC Choristers are invited to the Melisma Bootcamp
- Fundraising: "Hamiltons for Handel!" is Live!

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## The Chorister News and Info Web Page

Chorister news and information are on the AMC website at

<https://arizonamasterworks.com/amc-chorister-news/>

### Check the News and Info Page Frequently for Updates

- **Welcome to AMC letter:** AMC practices and policies for all choristers, both veterans and new members of the Chorale
- **Your role in Peer-to-Peer Fundraising:** campaigns, tips, and how-tos
- **Up-to-date season calendar:** rehearsals, performances, venues
- **Rehearsal prep materials:** Marked-up scores and by-voice rehearsal tracks for every piece.
- **Weekly rehearsal agendas:** see what to prepare.
- Chorister and Music Staff roster (password required)

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**Next Saturday, September 23**  
**Free for All AMC Singers**

All AMC choristers are invited to attend a



Melisma Bootcamp as guests of the Chorale, to be led by Dutch soprano and Arizona Bach Festival favorite Josefien Stoppelenburg.,

**Saturday, September 23, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

St. Barnabas on the Desert Episcopal Church  
6715 North Mockingbird Lane, Scottsdale

**At check-in, let Bootcamp staff know you're a member of AMC**

A course specifically designed for singers to master the art and technique of melisma found in solo and choral literature.

*[Here's a good demonstration of melisma singing \(YouTube\)](#)*

**Course topics include:**

Lighter sound – Articulating with the throat: “word painting”

Breathing for steady airflow and long phrases

Melisma mechanics – Musicality in Messiah – Baroque Bonus

**ARIZONA BACH FESTIVAL**



The Melisma Bootcamp is part of the Arizona Bach Festival's [Vocal Pedagogy Initiative](#), a series of workshops, masterclasses, recitals, salon concerts, and private coaching with the renowned Dutch Soprano [Josefien Stoppelenbug](#).

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**The Hamiltons for Handel Fundraising  
Campaign is Open Now!**



Our first peer-to-peer fundraising campaign of the season is live now, supporting the Messiah Sing-Along (MSA23) on November 19. We're asking our supporters to "Spare a Hamilton" – i.e., a \$10 bill. Cute, eh?

All groups that are part of MSA23 cover their own production costs. AMC covers soloists' fees, program printing, chorus vocal score preparation, A/V fees, and more. Our goal for this campaign is \$2,500.

Here's how it works:

- AMC choristers will contact friends, families, and networks and ask them to make a single online \$10 contribution at this link: <https://arizonamasterworks.com/go/hamiltons-for-handel/>
- Send your appeal via personal email or a post to your social media accounts to reach as many potential donors as possible.
- You can use AMC's standard appeal language (see below) or create your own that says why AMC is important to you, what donors get out of donating, and how their donation will impact the community.
- You can set up your own personal fundraising team using the campaign software with your team's goal and your own pictures, videos, and recordings.
- See detailed guidelines for creating custom appeals and setting up your own fundraising team in the [Hamiltons for Handel](#) section of the Chorister Info Page.

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Here's an appeal you can copy and paste into your email or social media post:

Singing in the Arizona Masterworks Chorale (AMC) is an important part of my life. The Chorale's mission is to inspire and enrich our community through the power of choral music, and it's my personal joy to be a part.

Could you spare ten dollars to support our preparation for "Messiah Sing-Along 2023?"

We're inviting everyone to come and sing along with the choruses in George Frederic Handel's magnificent oratorio "Messiah" at the free, fun, family-friendly event. It's led by AMC's soloists and choristers and the Women's Orchestra of Arizona. We're sharing costs, which for AMC include soloist fees, program printing, and vocal score preparation.

The Messiah Sing-Along is at 3 p.m. on November 19 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Paradise Valley, and admission is free. During the event, we'll ask for donations to support the 2023-24 seasons of the groups taking part.

All I'm asking is just a \$10 donation to "Hamiltons for Handel" (the bill with Alexander Hamilton's face on it, get it?) to help us prepare -- though we're grateful for any amount you can give.

Just go to this link to donate online:

<https://arizonamasterworks.com/go/hamiltons-for/handel/>

Thanks for your generosity and support of AMC!

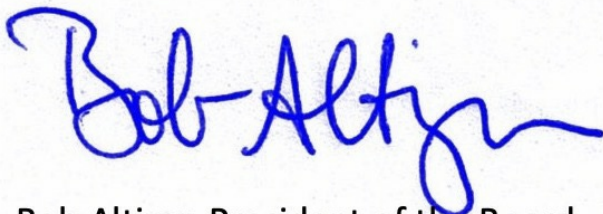
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**Please send at least 10 appeals no later than September 30**

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**THANKS FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS IN MAKING AMC AN  
OUTSTANDING MUSICAL ORGANIZATION!**

Sincerely yours,



Bob Altizer, President of the Board

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