

Scott Youngs Music Director

AMC Chorister Newsletter - October 22, 2023

Dear C. C.,

Some important things for you:

- We're Baaaack! Rehearsals resume Monday, 10/23!
- Materials for our Christmas concert "In Terra Pax" are all on the Chorister News & Info web page come prepared!
- The Messiah Sing-Along 2023 is four weeks from today and our "Hamiltons for Handel!" campaign is still live!
- Help publicize AMC and upcoming events:
 - AMC is on Nextdoor -- refer and recommend us!
 - Are you on Facebook or Instagram? Post for us!
 - Have a family or friends chat or email group? Let them know what you're doing with AMC! (A sample email you can copy-and-paste is below.)



Scores for "In Terra Pax" Online Access Required

Scores for Gerald Finzi's "In Terra Pax" are STILL on order from the publisher. Until they arrive, please refer to Scott's marked-up preparation score on the Chorister News & Info web page for Monday's rehearsal. You can download it and use it on your tablet, or print a copy for temporary use until the hard copies arrive.

Scott posted his by-voice rehearsal tracks on the same page. Please use them.

<u>Click here to access the preparation scores for December's concert</u> Scores and rehearsal tracks for In Terra Pax are on the AMC Chorister News and Info web page.

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now requires a password

Use the same password you currently use to

access the chorus roster and newsletter archive.

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
- Chorister Newsletter Archive

MSA23 is only a month away!



The 2023 Arts at Ascension Messiah Sing-Along (MSA23) is happening in just four weeks! Invite your friends and family to enjoy this free, festive event to kick off the holiday season -- whether they're going to sing along or just listen to the great music.! You can download the graphic above and post it on your social media to help spread the word.

Admission is free! All the details, including the program, a PDF copy of the vocal score, and the link to an RSVP form to let us know who's coming are online at <u>theartsatascension.org</u>,

NOTE FOR AMC CHORISTERS: The Women's Orchestra of Arizona conductor asks all AMC choristers participating in MSA23 to attend their orchestra rehearsal on Friday, November 17, 7 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran.

(The Arts at Ascension is an artistic partnership between AMC, the Women's

Orchestra of Arizona, and Ascension Lutheran Church.)



AMC is on Nextdoor!

Look us up on Nextdoor at: https://nextdoor.com/pages/the-arizonamasterworks-chorale-phoenix-az/ Give us a recommendation and let your friends and neighbors know about us!

AMC on Nextdoor

The Hamiltons for Handel Fundraising Campaign is Open Now

Reach out to your friends and family to help AMC meet our goal!



Our first peer-to-peer fundraising campaign of the season is live now, supporting the <u>Messiah Sing-Along (MSA23)</u> 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: <u>https://arizonamasterworks.com/go/hamiltons-for-handel/</u>
- 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 <u>why</u> AMC is important to you, <u>what</u> donors get out of donating, and <u>how</u> their donation will impact the community.

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

Dear <name>,

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!

Want some art for your emails and social media posts?

You can click on <u>this Dropbox link</u> to download a ZIP file full of various postingready shapes and content for the Messiah Sing-Along, In Terra Pax concert (including the one below), and Hamiltons for Handel fundraiser.



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

Sincerely yours,

Bob Altizer, President of the Board