

June 8, 2022

Fantastic! Amazing! Well-polished! Incredible! These are just a few of the comments we received after our British Isles concert. You worked so hard, and spent personal time at home working on your music...and it paid off! I'm very much looking forward to starting up for our Summer Stock season. I promise this will be a fulfilling and worthwhile program to learn. This concert will have a shortened period of rehearsals—just six weeks—but will have the same intensity and passion as our full seasons. The Sullivan County Community Chorus presents its 4th Summer Stock Concert, “American Roots.”

Colonial

1. Chester (William Billings), SATB, a cappella

Cultural centers

2. Speak to One Another [Pennsylvania Dutch] (Jean Berger), SATB, a cappella
3. Yonder Come Day [Georgia Sea Islands] (Judith Cook Tucker), 3-part a cappella

Spiritually Driven

4. I Know I've Been Changed (arr. by Damon H. Dandridge), SATB, a cappella, SOLOS!
5. Poor Man Lazarus (arr. by Jester Harrison), SATB, a cappella

Water Folksongs

6. Bring me Little Water, Sylvie [African American Folksong] (arr. by Robert I. Hugh), SAB
7. 'Cross the Wide Missouri (adapted and arr. by Don Besig), SAB

Railroad Folksongs

8. I've Been Working on the Railroad (arr. by Frederic Fay Swift), SATB, SOLO!
9. Nine Hundred Miles (arr. by Philip E. Silvey), SATB

INTERMISSION

Forlorn Folksongs

10. He's Gone Away (arr. by Gene Grier & Lowell Everson), SAB
11. Old Joe Clark (Neil A. Johnson), SAB

Jazz

12. That Dixieland Sound [When the Saints Go Marching In] (Don Besig), SAB
13. Blue Skies (Irving Berlin, arr. by Steve Zegree), SAB

America, the Melting Pot

14. Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor (Irving Berlin, arr. by Roy Ringwald), SATB

Bluegrass

15. I'll Be On My Way (Shawn Kirchner), SATB, SOLOS!

Music will be distributed at the first rehearsal! All of the music is easy enough to learn in our shortened rehearsal period...I promise! You will still sound amazing! Again, this season, we will be utilizing our Sullivan County Community Chorus website (scchorus.org). Located on the site is a members-only section (with password) where you will find all recordings. You can either listen to them on your computer, or download the files and burn them to CD.

For any new members, or for people who wish to change the vocal sections they are singing in, I am continuing to require those people to meet with me individually where I will guide you through a series of vocal warm-ups designed to determine your vocal range, confirm that you can match pitch, and ensure that you are singing in the appropriate section of the chorus. I will be available from 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 16th (our first rehearsal night). This should only take 5-7 minutes per person. If you cannot make those times, please contact me to set something up, 845-594-6786 (cell), or 845-985-2296 x5510 (school).

Here is a list of when (unless otherwise noted, 6:30pm-8:30pm) rehearsals will take place (all rehearsals will be in the **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Woodbourne**):
[Dates that are colored together indicate multiple rehearsals that week]

June

Thursday, 16th

Tuesday, 21st

Thursday, 23rd

Thursday, 30th

July

Thursday, 7th

Tuesday, 12th

Thursday, 14th

Tuesday, 19th

Thursday, 21st

Saturday, 23rd CONCERT! [Venue & Time TBD]

I hope to see everyone at our first rehearsal, Thursday, June 16th at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Woodbourne. The following monies can be paid at that time: Dues--\$10; Music Deposit--\$10 (new members only). Plan to arrive around 6:00 p.m. or so to fill out cards, receive music, and other housekeeping items. Rehearsal will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Here is what you should expect when you first arrive:

1. You MUST show proof of vaccine AND booster if applicable (first attendance time only).
 - a. If you just sang this past Spring season, you do not need to do this again
2. The following monies can be paid at that time: Dues: \$10 Concert Polo: \$25
 - a. A few sizes (women's and men's cuts) will be available at the first rehearsal. If your size is not available, one will be ordered for you.
 - b. If you already have a polo from previous seasons, pull it out of the bottom drawer of your dresser, you will need it again. No need to purchase another.
3. Receive folder with music
4. Masks are optional based on your comfortability level. Sit in your section.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Giroux

Director

