

Travelers Choral Club



*85th Annual
Spring Concert*



*Waltzing
Into Spring*

Directed by *Dorothy Barnhart*

Accompanied by *Stacy Cahoon*

Special Guest *Thomas Martin*

Friday, May 15, 2009 - 7:30 pm

The Bushnell  Mortensen Hall

Hartford, Connecticut

Our Director:

Dorothy Barnhart, Director of the Travelers Choral Club, received her degree in music education from Kansas University and a Master's Degree in music from Wichita State University. She has lived in Connecticut since 1979 and initially taught vocal music in New Haven Public Schools. Ms. Barnhart studied conducting under Maestro Otto Werner Mueller during his tenure at Yale University. In addition, she studied voice with master teachers Madam Marga Mueller in New Haven and Madam Eva Likova in New York City. She is Artistic Director of Chorale Connecticut. Ms. Barnhart teaches voice in her Southington studio and is Director of the Handbell Choir at the First United Methodist Church. Ms. Barnhart studies singing with professional soloist and master teacher, Beverly Myers, in New York City.

Our Accompanist:

Stacy Cahoon received her Master of Music Degree in Piano Accompanying from the Hartt School of Music and a Bachelor of Music in Performance from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Active as a freelance accompanist, she has appeared throughout the Northeast, including the Lincoln Center Library and St. Peter's Church in New York City. She has had the distinct pleasure of being the Choral Club Accompanist since 1995. As a soloist, Stacy has performed recitals in Hartford, most recently at Center Church, as well as throughout Cape Cod. Stacy has been a staff accompanist for the Hartford Conservatory and an instructor at the Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts. Currently she is an independent piano teacher.

Our Guests:

Thomas A. Martin, a native of New Haven, CT, graduated from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and earned his Masters of Music Degree at The Juilliard School. He has performed solo and chamber music recitals throughout the United States and France, and has been heard on Connecticut Public Radio. Mr. Martin is the organist at First United Methodist Church in Meriden, CT. A former faculty member at the Neighborhood Music School in New Haven, Westover School, and the International Sessione Musicale in Grenoble, France. Mr. Martin is a visiting faculty member at Choate-Rosemary Hall and for eleven years was a faculty member of the MAP Program at The Juilliard School. Additionally, Mr. Martin maintains a private piano studio at his Hamden residence.

Jorge Nieves and **Cheryl Racco**, Affiliated with Michèle Evans and Hartford Youth Dance Initiative

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Terra Gardens, 400 Talcottville Road, Vernon, CT – birdhouses and plants.

The Board of Directors, Travelers Senior Management Team, and the Travelers Foundation for their continuing support.

The Travelers Employee Club for providing ushering assistance.

You, our audience, for joining us this evening and for your always generous donations to food pantries.

WALTZING INTO SPRING

A Choral Fanfare

by John Rutter

“South Pacific” Choral Selection

by Rodgers and Hammerstein

When You Wish Upon a Star

by Leigh Harline, arr. by Roy Ringwald

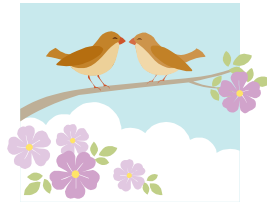
Come Soon

by Johannes Brahms

Liebeslieder Walzer

by Johannes Brahms

Dancers – Jorge Nieves and Cheryl Racco



INTERMISSION

One World

by Mark Hayes

For the Beauty of the Earth

by John Rutter

The Pasture

by Randall Thompson

May Day Carol

by Deems Taylor

Sonata for piano, 4 Hands

Francis Poulenc

I Prelude

II Rustique

III Final

Stacy Cahoon and Thomas Martin

Simple Gifts

arranged by Mark Hayes

Eric W. Johnson - Clarinet

The Promise of Living

by Aaron Copland

Note of Appreciation and Farewell

After three years of providing talented direction for the Travelers Choral Club, Dorothy Barnhart is leaving to focus on other opportunities. Dorothy will be missed very much, but we understand her desire to expand her music studio. We sincerely appreciate her leadership and her artistic inspiration during this time and wish her well in her future endeavors.

SOPRANO I

Päivi Ingeri Annast
 Thelma Clemons
 Linda Cromwell *
 Catharine Floryan *
 Julie Fredrickson # *
 Patricia A. Gray #
 Rose Libratore

ALTO I

Joan Helene Blakeslee, M.D.
 Stephanie Bugden ✓
 Carole Cipolla
 Raelene L. Cronin # *
 Kimberly Goodrich
 Rachael Jackson > *

TENOR

Richard Daggett *
 Brian Durr ✓
 Michael Dolan
 Eric Ellison
 Larry Goodwin # *
 Greg Ludovici *
 Geoffrey Mather *

* - Ensemble

✓ - New Members

- Past President

> - Section Leader

SOPRANO II

Tara Bush
 Amanda Dondelinger *
 Leslie Jaiven #
 Kathleen Kondratovicz
 Amy Lamica >

Marlyce Ostergren
 Katherine N. Stott
 Beverly Strout
 Cheryl Sullivan # *

ALTO II

Judy Brandi *
 Meghann Ellis ✓ *
 Barbara Glastris
 Laraine LeDuc # *
 Nancy Perrone
 Linda Roche

**BASS**

Kenneth Burr
 William Curlew *
 Rob DeSesa
 Kevin Doolittle *
 Dale Eberhardt > *
 Andrew Holl
 Eric W. Johnson
 Bernard E. Kean

Tim Kloczko
 Ray Knapp *
 David Lesieur
 Jim Liddle *
 Scott Macdonough *
 Peter Reinke
 Barrett True *
 Randy Walker #



The Travelers Choral Club was formed in 1924 and started out as a small ensemble performing in the Travelers' auditorium. In 1931, the group appeared at the newly opened Bushnell Auditorium and has performed annually in Mortensen Hall ever since (with the exception of the WWII years). During the 1940's, 50's and 60's, the group sang Christmas carols on radio station WTIC, then owned by the Travelers.

In 1965, the ensemble sang at the World's Fair Travelers Pavilion in New York City. Over the years, members of the group have performed at Festival of Light in Hartford, at community carol singing events in Hartford's South End, on Constitution Plaza as part of Plaza Pizzazz, at the Festival of Trees in the Wadsworth Atheneum, at Hartford Hospital to entertain the patients and at the Travelers Championship in Cromwell. In 2007, the Travelers Choral Club was honored to sing at the Governor's Residence Holiday Open House in Hartford.

Our annual spring and holiday concerts are open to the public and admission is always free of charge. As a service to our community, the nonprofit Travelers Choral Club collects thousands of pounds of nonperishable food from our generous concert audiences for donation to food pantries each year.

The Travelers Choral Club invites you to visit our website at

www.travelerschoralclub.org

For information about upcoming performances, music programs, club history, photo albums, audio recordings, frequently asked questions, club contacts and more.

**Please join us for our next free concert on Wednesday, December 9, 2009
 The Bushnell, Mortensen Hall**