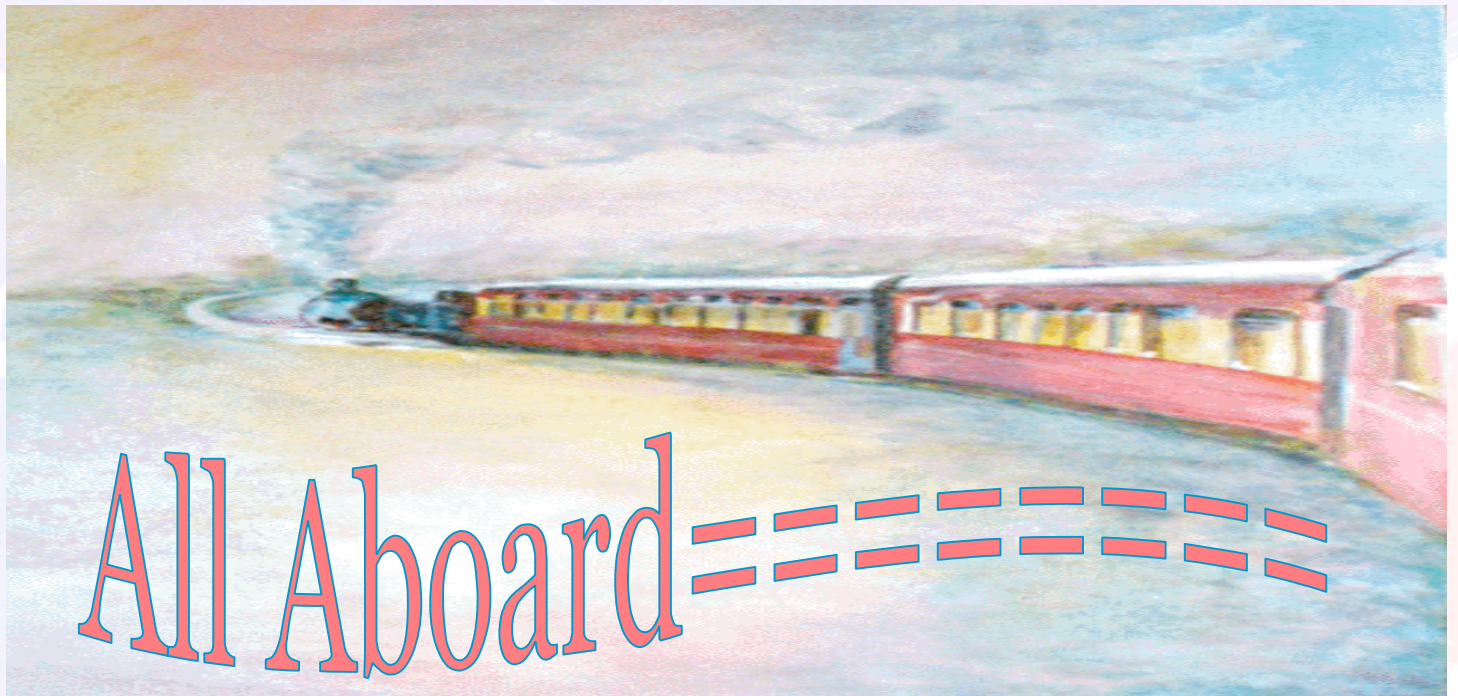


Travelers Chorale

86th Annual Spring Concert



Directed by *Kenneth Ferris*

Accompanied by *Stacy Cahoon*

Special Guests: *Bristol Choral Society String Quintet*

Thursday, May 13, 2010 - 7:30 pm

The Bushnell ★ Mortensen Hall

Hartford, Connecticut

Our Director: Kenneth Ferris received his music degrees and training from Western Connecticut University, University of Connecticut and the University of Hartford Hartt College. He taught for the Bristol School system for 37 years, serving for twenty years as music department chairman. His choirs have performed for President Carter and Pope John Paul II. He has directed over 450 performances with his madrigals, show choirs and concert choirs. Ken's school choirs have performed in most of the Eastern United States and in Montreal and Toronto. As director of the St. Ann Church Choir, Ken and the choir traveled in 1999 to Rome for a papal performance. Ken has produced and directed numerous musicals staged at community venues. As artistic director of the Bristol Choral Society, Ken and the ensemble traveled to Bermuda for a five-day concert tour in 2008 and this past year went to the Caribbean for their concertizing. As a vocalist, Ken is in constant demand and has performed many solo concerts for organizations in the community and state. Ken continues to coach and teach private vocal students. He lives with his wife Marylou in Burlington.

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 Travelers Chorale 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.

Bristol Choral Society String Quintet

Violin I – Ali Svenson

Violin II – Joann Galat-Brown

Viola – Paula Treba

Cello – Alena Avritch

Double Bass – Sue Powell

Percussion – Greg Caputo

Woodwinds – Eric W. Johnson & Richard Theriault

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Our Thanks To:

- 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.

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.

This year we begin a new tradition with the name **Travelers Chorale**. It is both a recognition of the high degree of artistry we have achieved as well as an aspiration to ever greater accomplishment in the future.

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 Chorale collects thousands of pounds of nonperishable food from our generous concert audiences for donation to food pantries each year.

All Aboard

Soon I Will Be Done (Traditional Spiritual).....Hayes
Obbligato Solo: Patricia Gray

He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother.....Hayes

Bridge Over Troubled Water.....Hayes

Madame Jeanette.....Murray

Flower of Beauty.....Clements

.....Piano Solo
Intermezzo in E-flat minor.....Schumann
.....Stacy Cahoon

The Phantom of the Opera (Medley).....Lojeski
Soloists: Linda Cromwell, Nancy Brownstein, Bill Curlew

★ INTERMISSION ★

All Aboard.....Althouse
.....Train Conductor – Patrick Spadaccino

Ave Verum Corpus.....Mozart

Festival Sanctus.....Leavitt

.....BCS String Quintet
Double Violin Concerto in D minor.....Bach

.....Chorale Men's Ensemble
Lydia, The Tattooed Lady.....Althouse
Soloists: Steve Deming, Matt Jewczyn, Jim Liddle, Ray Knapp, Jack Powell

Somewhere (Westside Story).....Bernstein
Soprano Saxophone Solo: Richard Theriault

Richard Rodgers In Concert.....Mac Huff
Soloists: Kara Robichaud, Larry Goodwin

Irving Berlin's America.....Emerson



Madame Jeanette

This arrangement was written in the 1930's and beautifully tells the story of a woman who sits by her Paris window waiting for her World War I lover who has been buried at Père Lachaise Cemetery. He was from a village called St. Pierre, which according to historical documents lost over 25% of their men who fought in the service for their country. The final verse reads as follows:

Madame Jeanette, she will wait there, I know,
'Til her eyes have grown dim and her hair's white as snow;
Wait there and watch there, 'til one of these days
They take her to slumber in Père Lachaise,
In Père Lachaise.

Lydia, The Tattooed Lady

This song was written by Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg, probably best known for their collaboration on the score for the *Wizard of Oz* in 1939. Groucho Marx sang this novelty number in the film *At the Circus*. (You can view his rendition on youtube.) Groucho played an attorney for a financially unstable troupe of circus performers. They modeled the number on the patter songs from the operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan. The lyrics of the song suggest different scenes of history depicted by Lydia's numerous tattoos.

The Music of Mark Hayes

With well over 700 published original compositions and arrangements, Mark Hayes is widely acclaimed for his unique choral settings, which draw from such diverse styles as gospel, jazz, pop, folk, and classical. He has a truly American sound. The popularity of his music is evident from the numerous offers of commissions he receives from universities and churches throughout the country.

SOPRANO I

Päivi Ingeri Annast	Doreen Madama
Thelma Clemons	Anne Martin
Linda Cromwell	Yushen Michelsen
Lisa M. Darmetko	Pamela Paul
Elizabeth Fischer	Kara Robichaud
Julie Fredrickson #	Beatrice Ann Shields
Patricia A. Gray #	Jo-An Ulrich
Rose Libratore	Divinagracia Vernier

ALTO I

Joan Helene Blakeslee, M.D.	Marcia Horan
Nancy A. Brownstein	Rachael Jackson >
Carole Cipolla	Gloria R. Lombardo
Raelene Cronin	Alice Sheremeta
Irena Miraslaw Evans	Grace Shuman
Kimberly Goodrich	

SOPRANO II

Jen Campbell	Marlyce Ostergren
Leslie Jaiven #	Amanda Schuman
Kathleen Kondratovicz	Beverly Strout
Amy Lamica >	Cheryl Sullivan #

ALTO II

Judy Brandi	Nancy Perrone
Valerie Cosker	Sharon Raymond
Barbara Glastris	Linda Roche
Kimberly Inglis	

TENOR

Tim Bannon	Geoffrey Mather
Richard Daggett	Timothy Penn
Steve Deming #	Jack Powell
Michael Dolan	Martin Proulx
Eric Ellison	Joe Sacala
Larry Goodwin	Jean-Michel Sibille
Matt Jewczyn	Patrick Spadaccino
David Lesieur >	Phil Stice #
Paul Mason	Dan Tuve #

BASS

Kenneth Burr	Mike Leszko
William Curlew	Jim Liddle
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Dale Eberhardt	Peter Reinke
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Bernard E. Kean	Carroll Toal
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www.travelerschorale.org

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

**Please join us for our next free concert on Thursday, December 9, 2010
The Bushnell, Mortensen Hall**