

11TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT

TWO PERFORMANCES – Saturday, December 16 at 4pm & Sunday, December 17 at 4pm

Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

THE CONCERT

We will be performing the “Christmas” portion of Messiah using the Watkins Shaw/Novello Handel Edition. This is a sing-along concert – the audience will be invited to sing-along with all seven choruses. Four soloists will be performing along with the Festival Choir, and we will be accompanied by a Chamber Orchestra.

KEY CONTACTS

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: CalvaryPgh.com

Facebook: *Calvary United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh*

CONDUCTOR / SOLOISTS

Brian Burns, *Conductor*

Anna Singer, *Soprano*

Kirk Dougherty, *Tenor*

Kara Cornell, *Mezzo-Soprano*

Matthew Hunt, *Baritone*

MARKETING – POSTERS / FLYERS / POSTCARDS

Posters (11x17), flyers (8.5x11), and postcards (4x6) will be handed out at rehearsals for distribution. You should have already received an email with a list of locations to sign up for distribution. If not, contact Karen Ferguson.

PROGRAM ADS & SPONSORSHIPS

Program Ad/Sponsorship Forms will be distributed at rehearsals as well as via email. Program ad sales and sponsorships need to be increased this year due to budget cuts, so we are asking that everyone sell at least one ad, even if it is a booster listing.

FESTIVAL CHOIR RESOURCES

A score will be provided for you if you do not already have one. We use the Watkins Shaw/Novello edition. If you would like to keep your score at the commencement of the concert, choir members may purchase their score for \$10. Links for each part for all choruses can be found at CyberBass.com at https://cyberbass.org/Major Works/Handel_GF/Handel_Messiah.htm. This link will also be emailed to you along with all the information on this sheet and program ad/sponsorship information.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Weekly Rehearsals: Tuesday evenings beginning October 4 from 7:30-9:00pm

Dress Rehearsal: Friday, December 16 from 6:30-8:30pm

Please Note – Regardless of which concert you may be performing in, attendance at the dress rehearsal is mandatory. This will be a complete run-through with all singers, musicians, and soloists. Seating will also be assigned at this time.

SEVEN FESTIVAL CHOIR CHORUSES

1. And the Glory of the Lord (*pg 11*)

2. And He Shall Purify (*pg 35*)

3. Oh Thou That Teltest (*pg 41*)

4. For Unto Us a Child is Born (*pg 55*)

5. Glory to God (*pg 68*)

6. His Yoke Is Easy (*pg 86*)

7. Hallelujah (*pg 171*)

8. Worthy Is the Lamb & Amen (**MAY NOT PERFORM**)

CONCERT ATTIRE

All Performers: Do not wear perfume or cologne and limit scented products out of respect to others with allergies, asthma, etc.

Soloists & Musicians: Concert attire as per past concerts.

Women: Black pants with white or black top, or black dress. Do not wear anything too sparkly. Use soundless jewelry.

Men: Black pants, long-sleeve white or black dress shirt and dark color tie. A suit jacket is not necessary but is permitted.

CONCERT DAY SCHEDULE – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 1:15pm – Arrival Time
- 1:30pm – All choir called and seated
- 2:00pm – Add soloists and orchestra
- 2:45pm – Group photo
- 3:00-4:00pm – Relax and have fun in the Chapel with your fellow performers
- 3:15pm – Doors Open
- 4:00-5:15pm – Performance
- 5:15pm – Cookie reception follows performance onsite in the Chapel

CONCERT DAY SCHEDULE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 2:30pm – Please be seated and ready to go
- 3:00-4:00pm – Relax and have fun in the Chapel with your fellow performers
- 3:15pm – Doors Open
- 4:00-5:15pm – Performance
- 5:15pm – Cookie reception follows performance onsite in the Chapel

TICKETS – PRICING

- **Early Bird Tickets – Purchased October 1 thru Midnight on October 31**
 - \$15 – General Admission
 - \$10 – Students & Seniors (65 & over)
- **Regular Priced Tickets – Purchased on or after November 1 and at the Door**
 - \$18 – General Admission
 - \$12 – Students, Seniors (65 & over)
- **Free Admission**
 - Military service members, Veterans, Firefighters, Police, Children (12 & under)
- **Messiah Scores**
 - \$15 – Sold in advance on Eventbrite in the same place as tickets.

TICKETS – PURCHASING (TICKETS GO ON SALE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1)

- **Online** at CalvaryPgh.com – You can purchase on the Calvary website beginning Tuesday, October 1 through noon on Saturday, December 17. Please register “Free Admission” tickets online if possible. We will be able to keep track of the audience count this way so we may have an estimated attendance for each concert.
- **Printed Tickets** – On sale at Calvary UMC after morning worship beginning Sunday, October 16. Tickets will also be provided to Festival Choir members to sell. You can also contact the Calvary UMC church office for paper tickets during office hours (Monday through Friday from 8am-3pm).
- **Day of Concert** – At the door (cash, check, or credit cards accepted).

PARKING – CONCERT DAY

- **Messiah Performers**
 - Please use lot on Behan Street which is 4 blocks up from Calvary off Allegheny Ave unless you need to use the Special Needs Parking. If you have trouble walking, we can have someone drive your car up to the Behan lot.
- **Concert-Goers**
 - **Special Needs Parking**
 - Lot behind the church for easy access to the handicap ramp
 - On street directly in front of the church (Allegheny Ave) for easy access to front doors
 - **Regular Parking**
 - *Presbytery* lot between Dounton Way and Western Ave
 - *Off The Floor* lot directly across from the front of the church
 - *Vacant* lot behind row houses next to *Off The Floor* lot (Caution – gravel and tripping hazards)

