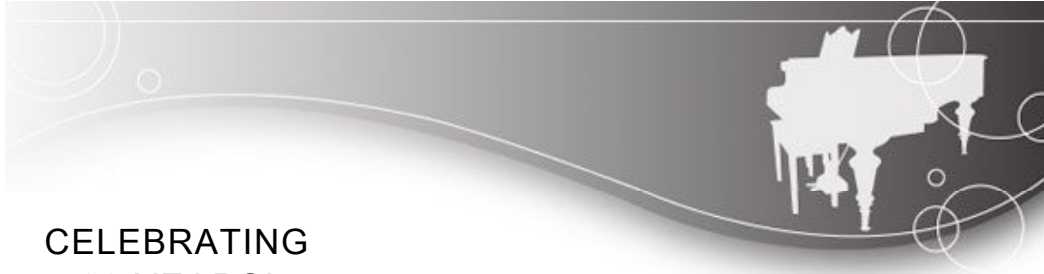




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CELEBRATING 80 YEARS!

Dear SCS Member:

This happens only once in a lifetime, only once every four-score years!

That's right...you guessed it! The Sarasota Choral Society is celebrating its 80th birthday!

Just a half a year after the invasion of Normandy in World War II and only with another half a year before the war's cessation in Europe, a small group of members of the Sarasota churches joined ranks in performing the Christmas portion of George Frederick Handel's classical work "Messiah".

Singers were joined by a select group of local musicians (that later became the nucleus of today's Sarasota Orchestra) to present this famous baroque work for the first time late in 1944. That presentation was met with such overwhelming success that it became a cherished Sarasota tradition and was performed with few exceptions for better than the next three-quarters of a century!

As your longest sitting SCS board member and former president, I am proud to announce that we will be celebrating this momentous anniversary, Saturday, December 7, 2024, 4:00 PM, at the Church of the Palms in Sarasota.

To commemorate this occasion, we are planning a very special performance and a reception following it. It is not too early to mark that date on your calendars now.

Please join us in the chorus at Church of the Palms, Monday, October 28, 7 PM when rehearsals begin and help us celebrate our 80th birthday!

Paul Weber
Vice President
The Sarasota Choral Society

Save the Date

We are thrilled to be part of this community-fundraiser and we're hoping you will join us in supporting our beloved Sarasota Choral Society - after all these years!

This is just one way of showing your support, and we're hoping for a great turnout. Please go to www.GivingChallenge.org ... search for Sarasota Choral Society, click on View and then click Donate.

The Giving Challenge is an exciting 24-hour online giving event that connects over 700 nonprofit organizations with passionate donors and community members to support diverse causes and create enduring impact in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and DeSoto counties.



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