

THE SARASOTA CHORAL SOCIETY

Your Community Chorus since 1944
Geneviève Beauchamp, Artistic Director

Welcome to the 2022 season for the 76th performance of the Christmas portion of George Frideric Handel's *Messiah: A Sacred Oratorio*. If you are a new member, the following will help you familiarize yourself with the rehearsal and performance process. If you are returning for another season with us then this letter will serve as a reminder. Scores are available for \$10 at the registration table if you do not have one. If you have any questions please ask! Bring your friends!!!

Enjoy! Merry Christmas!

For his yoke is easy, and his burden is light!

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Rehearsal Schedule

All Mondays and start promptly at 7:00 pm. Please arrive 10 minutes early in the Main Sanctuary.
Church of the Palms Presbyterian Church 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, & 11/28 (DR)
3224 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota.

Men's sectional rehearsal on Nov. 14 (6:30 – 7, before regular rehearsal)

Ladies' sectional rehearsal on Nov. 21 (6:30 – 7, before regular rehearsal)

Please be present to each rehearsal and bring your score and a pencil. There is a link on our website Home page to order practice CDs for each part or go to http://www.cyberbass.com/Major_Works/Handel_GF/Handel_Messiah.htm

The **Dress Rehearsal** will be held on Monday, Nov. 28 with the orchestra and soloists. Please be seated by 6:30 PM. This will not be open to the public so normal daily attire will be suitable.

Performance: Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022 at Church of the Palms

Dress is as follows: **LADIES:** black blouses and long black skirts or slacks, or long (ankle length) black dress, with neutral stockings and black shoes (no plunging necklines, please). **MEN:** White dress shirt with collar suitable for a bowtie, black suit or black dress jacket and black trousers (black tuxedo is OK), black socks and black dress shoes. **ALL: PLEASE NO FLASHY JEWELRY -INCLUDING EARRINGS, AND NO PERFUME, AFTER SHAVE, OR COLOGNE.** Scarves and bowties will be issued at the warm-up. Scores must be used with a black folder or have a black cover. Staple your membership card inside the cover of your score.

Performance will start promptly at 4:00 pm and run approximately 1 ½ hours. **Please arrive dressed no later than 1:30 pm** for staging and warm-up, and park in the Palms Center lot south of the Main Sanctuary. A room will be provided to store belongings but there are no dressing rooms. Store all purses, coolers, water bottles, etc. in the room provided, these items will not be allowed on stage. Sit by section in the pews until directed to come on stage for seating. Doors open at 3:00 pm.

Messiah proposed program (**subject to change**): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 39, 47, 48, and 44. Bold and underlined numbers are choruses.

Pronunciations:

Glory: Glohdee or flip the "r"

Lord: Lawd

Together: togethuh

Purify: flipped "r"

Offer: offuh

For: foh

Born: bohñ

Government: govuhñment

Shoulder: showlduh

Wonderful: wunduñful

Counselor: cownseluh

Everlasting: evuhlasting

Father: fathuh

Earth: uth

Towards: towuhds

Burden: buhden

Your: yoh

Worship: wuhship