

## The Membership of Forest City Singers

Nancy Burgard, *soprano*  
Bettyann Green, *soprano*  
Barbara Parisen, *soprano*  
Wendy Pollak, *soprano*  
Bonnie Savage, *soprano*  
Linda Szabo, *soprano*

Linda Frank, *alto*  
Sara Krosschell, *alto*  
Majorie Kitchell, *alto*  
Nancy Jamieson, *alto*  
Linda Zwick, *alto*

William Greenberg, *tenor*  
Tom Johns, *tenor*  
Charles McDonald, *tenor*  
Frank Ragone, *tenor*

Heber Hanson, *bass*  
J. Hilton Luce, *baritone*  
Jeffrey Previte, *baritone*  
Keith Sykora, *bass*  
Carl Szabo, *baritone*  
Daniel Zwick, *baritone*

# *A Christmas Concert*

Church of St. Stephen,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Sunday, December 14, 2003 at 4:00 pm

## A brief history of Forest City Singers

Forest City Singers was founded in 1993 by Virginia Wieland-Mast as an intimate group of 8 experienced classical singers. Since that time the membership has more than doubled. Members have served in the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, Cleveland Opera Chorus, University Circle Chorale and Chamber Choir (Cleveland Institute of Music-Case Western Reserve University), Cleveland Singers Club, Cleveland Choral Arts Society, Cleveland Messiah Singers, and Western Reserve Chorale, as well as being mainstays and soloists in church and temple choirs around the Cleveland area. Several members teach music, and several regularly perform soli and duets in the Cleveland area.

The repertoire includes 16th and 17th century English, French and German madrigals; German Lieder; chamber oratorios; spirituals (white and black); and Broadway show tunes. Christmas music not often heard is also a specialty. Group members occasionally perform as soloists and duets during longer programs.

### Virginia Wieland-Mast

Genie is a graduate of the Eastman school of Music, having received a Bachelor's degree of Music (BM) in Voice and Music Education with honors. She received a Master of Music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music, majoring in voice.

She worked with Robert Shaw for nine years, singing and studying. Another nine years was spent singing with the Cleveland Opera. She has performed as a soloist and assistant choir director since college at several Cleveland area churches.

She is active as a voice teacher and coach, with over a dozen students ranging from high school age to adults.

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Our full repertoire and recent performance photographs may be viewed on our web page: <http://forestcitysingers.com>. You may e-mail Ms. Mast: [ginhelm@ameritech.net](mailto:ginhelm@ameritech.net).



Virginia Wieland-Mast  
Founder and Director

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## Ceremony of Carols

Benjamin Britten

Procession  
Wolcum Yole!  
There is No Rose  
That Yonge Child  
Balulalow  
As Dew in Aprill  
This Little Babe  
Interlude  
In Freezing Winter Night  
Spring Carol  
Deo Gracias  
Recession

Linda Frank, Gabby Haigh,  
Bonnie Savage, Linda Zwick: soloists  
Xiao Lei Salovara, *harp*

## What News?

Katharine O'Connell  
(World Premiere)

pause



## Machet die Tore Weit

Andreas Hammerschmidt

Psalm 24, 7:10

Open wide the gates and the King of glory shall come in.  
Who is the King of glory? IT is the Lord, strong and mighty.  
Hosanna to the son of David.

## Ave Maria

Anton Bruckner

## What Child is This

Paul Lohman

## De Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy

arr. Malcolm Sargent

## Toyland

Victor Herbert

Carl Szabo, *baritone*

## Ave Maria

Franz Biebl

Carl Szabo, *baritone*

## A Spotless Rose

Herbert Howells

## O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

## Yom Seh Le-Israel

trad

Linda Zwick, Daniel Zwick and Wendy Pollack, *soloists*

All the years we will honour the Sabbath of rest which  
soothes the heart of broken people and the prisoned spirit.  
Let us find safety and stillness in this Sabbath of rest.

## Psalm 23

arr. Goodall

Barbara Parisen, *soprano*

## Hiney Mah Tov

Psalm 133. How good it is to live as one,  
brothers and sisters, one world!

## Silent Night

Franz Gruber