

The Membership of Forest City Singers

Tracy Dzmura, *alto*
Linda Frank, *alto*
Bettyann Green, *soprano*
Mary Gresky, *soprano*
Heber Hanson, *bass*
Nancy Jamieson, *alto*
Tom Johns, *tenor*

Majorie Kitchell, *alto*
J. Hilton Luce, *baritone*
Charles McDonald, *tenor*
Jeffrey Previte, *baritone*
Frank Ragone, *tenor*
Bonnie Savage, *soprano*
Keith Sykora, *bass*

A brief history of Forest City Singers

Forest City Singers was founded in 1993 by Virginia Wieland-Mast, following a summer of 1992 choral seminar in France with Robert Shaw. The group began with a double quartet of experienced singers gleaned from the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus and the Cleveland Opera Chorus. . Since that time FCS has more than doubled in size, its members having sung in University Chorale, Cleveland Choral Arts Society, Cleveland Messiah Singers, The Singers Club, and Western Reserve Chorale, as well as area churches and synagogues. Several members are music teachers and active performers as soloists in the Cleveland area.

The repertoire includes 16th and 17th century English, French and German madrigals; German lieder; chamber oratorios; spirituals; and Broadway show tunes. Christmas music not often heard is also a specialty.

Virginia Wieland-Mast

Virginia is a graduate of the Eastman school of Music, having received a Bachelor's degree of Music (BM) in Voice and music education with high honors. She earned a Master of Music degree (MM) from the Cleveland Institute of Music, in voice.

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

She is also active as a voice teacher and coach. Virginia is an active member of Cecilian Musical Club and the Fortnightly Musical Club of Cleveland, and is a past president of both groups.

FCS repertoire, performance history, performance photographs, selected recordings and printed program masters may be viewed on our web page: <http://forestcitysingers.com>. Ms. Wieland-Mast can also be reached by e-mail: ginhelm@ameritech.net

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GLADSOME TIDINGS!

Pilgrim Saint Paul Lutheran Church
Sunday, December 5, 2004 at 4:00 pm

St. Stephen's Historic Church
Sunday, December 12, 2004 at 4:00 pm



Virginia Wieland-Mast
Founder and Director

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O Come All Ye Faithful Arr. Shaw-Parker

Quelle est Cette Odeur Agreeable? Arr. David Willcocks

Jeffrey Previte, *baritone*

Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing, stealing our senses all away?
Never the like did come a blowing, shepherds, in flow'ry fields in May.
What is that light so brilliant, breaking here in the night across our eyes?
Never so bright, the daystar waking, started to climb the morning skies!
Bethlehem! There in a manger lying, find your Redeemer, haste away;
Run ye with eager footsteps hieing! Worship the Saviour born today.
Praise to the Lord of all creation, glory to God the fount of grace;
May peace abide in ev'ry nation, goodwill in men of ev'ry race.

Noel Steven Sametz

Ave Maris Stella Edvard Grieg

Hail bright star of heaven; praise to thee be given;
blest above all other, glorious maid and mother,
Loose the bonds that bind us, purge the sins that blind us;
From all evil guard us, pray God's gifts reward us.
Make us pure and lowly, follow Thee all holy;
crown our souls' endeavor, joy with Christ forever.
Praise to God and blessing, Christ our Lord
confessing with the Holy Spirit one with Thee in merit.

Angels We Have Heard on High Arr. Shaw-Parker

Here is the Little Door Herbert Howells

Hark the Herald Angels Sing Felix Mendelssohn

Laudamus Te Antonio Vivaldi

Bonnie Savage, *soprano*
Bettyann Green, *soprano*

We praise Thee, Lord. We bless Thee.
We adore Thee. We glorify Thee.

There is No Rose Joel Martinson

El Noi de la Mare Arr. James Adler

I saw Three Ships Come Sailing In Arr. Edwin Fissinger

pause

Caroling, Caroling Alfred Burt

Some Children See Him

Tom Johns, *tenor*

Jesu Parvule (poor little Jesus)

The Star Carol

Nigh Bethlehem

Christmas Cometh Caroling

Hanukkah Madrigal Herbert Fromm

Bonnie Savage, *soprano*

Who can retell the deeds of Israel, who counts them?
Each generation gives a redeemer, one great name.
At this season in those ancient days,
Maccabi won all his people's praise.
And today again as once they dreamed,
Israel, united, rises up to be redeemed.

Erev Shel Shoshanim Josef Hadar

Evening of roses, let us go out to the grove,
myrrh, fragrant spices and incense are a threshold for your feet.
Dawn, a dove is cooing; your head is filled with dew,
your mouth is a rose unto the morning.
I will pick it for myself. Night falls slowly and the wind of roses is blowing;
let me whisper you a song, secretly of love.

Hiney Mah Tov Arr. Iris Levine

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

Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson

Deck the Halls Arr. Blake Hamilton

Silent Night Arr. Norman Luboff