

The Membership of Forest City Singers

Alice Bewie, *soprano*
Linda Frank, *alto*
Nancy Griffith, *soprano*
Heber Hanson, *bass*
Alex Jamieson, *tenor*
Nancy Jamieson, *alto*
Tom Johns, *tenor*
Majorie Kitchell, *alto*

Sara Krosschell, *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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GOOD CHEER!

Judson Park Retirement Community
Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 7:30 pm

St. Stephen's Historic Church
Sunday, December 11, 2005 at 4:00 pm

Breckenridge Retirement Community
Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 7:30 pm

Cecilian Musical Club - Mast Residence
Friday, December 16, at 1:00 pm



Virginia Wieland-Mast
Founder and Director

GOOD CHEER!

Bashana Haba'ah Nurit Hirsch
Next year, when peace will come, we shall return
to the simple pleasures of life so long denied us.
You will see how good it will be next year!

Hiney Mah Tov arr. Iris Levine
How good it is to live as one,
brothers and sisters, one world!

O Magnum Mysterium Morton Lauridsen
O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament, that animals
should see the newborn Lord, lying in their manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy
to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

A Maiden Most Gentle arr. Andrew Carter

This Christmas Night Malcolm Williamson

Lullaby My Jesus Peter Warlock

O My Dear Heart
Bonnie Savage, *soprano*

pause



Ding Dong! Merrily on High arr. Charles Wood

Away in a Manger arr. David Wilcocks

Love Came Down at Christmas John Purifoy

The Blessed Son of God Ralph Vaughn Williams

No Sad Thought His Soul Affright

What Cheer? William Walton

Silent Night arr. Robert Shaw & Alice Parker

'Twas the Night Before Christmas arr. Harry Simeone

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas arr. Mac Huff

Accompanist: Reta Alder