The Membership of Forest City Singers

Kelly Amundsen, soprano Alice Bewie, soprano Chris Brandt, baritone Robert Cook, baritone Linda Frank, alto Mary Gresky, soprano Alex Jamieson, tenor Nancy Jamieson, alto Tom Johns, tenor Ger Kadis, tenor Majorie Kitchell, alto Sara Krosschell, alto J. Hilton Luce, baritone Charles McDonald, 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

program: R.J. Sprafka

Spring Hopes

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:30 DCD Breckenridge Retirement Community 36855 Ridge Road Willoughby, Ohio

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 7:30 DM Judson Retirement Communicies Judson Manor on E 107th Cleveland, Ohio, (University Circle)



Virginia Wieland-Mast Founder and Director

Spring Hopes



Sicut Locutus Est Vivaldi All Creatures of our God and King arr. Hayes

Even as He promised to our forefathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.

He That Shall Endure Mendelssohn

How Blest are They Tchaikovsky

Keeps Your Lamps! arr. Thomas Pause . . .

None Other Lamb Jeater

Song for Athene Tavener I Have Dreamed Rodgers

Mary Gresky, soprano Tom Johns, tenor

Nenia Brahms The Music Man

We mourn that all beauty shall fade; but the song born of grief in the heart of a dear one is glorious.

The Music Man (Selections)

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accompanist: Monica Marinko