

The Membership of Forest City Singers

Scott Alford, *baritone*
Alice Bewie, *soprano*
Chris Brandt, *baritone*
Chris Camp, *tenor*
Linda Frank, *alto*
Jason Fuh, *bass*
Ruth Griffin, *soprano*
Alex Jamieson, *tenor*

Nancy Jamieson, *alto*
Tom Johns, *tenor*
Ger Kadis, *tenor*
Majorie Kitchell, *alto*
Bonnie Savage, *soprano*
Cecilia Smith, *soprano*
Keith Sykora, *bass*
David Wittmer, *tenor*

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 of Cleveland, and is a past president. She is the current director and conductor of the Cleveland Messiah Chorus which will give its 91st annual performance on Nov 18 at Grace Lutheran Church in Cleveland Heights.

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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

Star of Wonder

Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 7:30 PM
Breckenridge Retirement Community
36855 Ridge Road, Willoughby, Ohio

Friday, December 7, 2012 at 12:30 PM
Orange Senior Center
32000 Chagrin Blvd. Pepper Pike, Ohio

Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:45 PM
College Club of Cleveland
2248 Overlook Road, Cleveland Hts, Ohio

Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 5:45 PM
Cleveland Skating Club
2500 Kemper Road, Shaker Hts, Ohio



Virginia Wieland-Mast
Founder and Director

Star of Wonder



Alle Brider

arr. Joshua Jacobson

We are all brothers, singing joyous songs,
And, we're all sisters, too, like Rachel, Ruth and Esther
Ger Kadis, *tenor*

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.
Night falls slowly and the wind of roses is blowing;
let me whisper you a song, secretly, a song of love.
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, etc.

Hiney Mah Tov

arr. Iris Levine

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

Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern

J. S. Bach

How beautiful is the morning light because of
the coming of the baby, born from the house of David
and the heritage of Jesse and Jakob.

Machet dir Tore weit, psalm 24,7:10 Andreas Hammerschmidt

Open wide the gates and the King of glory shall come in

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' endeavors, joy with Christ forever.
Praise to God and blessing, Christ our Lord confessing,
with the Holy Spirit, One with thee in merit. Amen



The First Christmas

Peter Fricker

Christmas Carol

Charles Ives

Come and Adore

arr. Donald Martin

Ave Maria

Gaetano Donizetti

Cecilia Smith, *soprano*

Ave Maria

Fritz Biebl

David Wittmer, *tenor*; Jason Fuh, *Baritone*

Ave Maria

Bach-Gounod

David Wittmer, *tenor*

Ave Maria

Anton Bruckner

Away in a Manger

arr. William Llewellyn

Lullaby my Jesus

Peter Warlock

O my dear Heart

Peter Warlock

Christmas Samba

Craig Curry

Run, run to Bethlehem

Jay Althouse

Silent Night

arr. Norman Luboff

Monica Marinko, accompanist