

The Membership of Forest City Singers

Alice Bewie, *soprano*
Chris Brandt, *bass*
Linda Frank, *alto*
Alex Jamieson, *tenor*
Nancy Jamieson, *mezzo*
Tom Johns, *tenor*
Marjorie Kitchell, *alto*
Joan MacVeen *soprano*

Mac MacVeen, *baritone*
Cecelia Smith, *soprano*
Keith Sykora, *bass*
Diana Vargo, *alto*
Alfred Wilson, *baritone*
David Wittmer, *tenor*
Rebecca Zeigler, *soprano*

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 gave its 93rd annual performance on Nov 22 at Grace Lutheran Church in Cleveland Heights.

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FCS repertoire, performance history, performance photographs 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

A Christmas Carol

Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 4:00 PM
Church of St. Stephen
1930 W. 54th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM
Judson Retirement Communities
Judson Park on Ambleside
Cleveland, Ohio, (University Circle)



Virginia Wieland-Mast
Founder and Director

A Christmas Carol



Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

J. S. Bach

Magnificat

Antonio Vivaldi
1678-1741

1. Magnificat

My Soul doth magnify the Lord

2. Et Exultavit

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior, for he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand maiden; for behold, from hence-forth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me. His name is holy.

3. Et Misericordia

And He showeth mercy to them that fear him throughout all generations.

4. Fecit Potentiam

He hath shown strength with his arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

5. Deposuit Potentes

The mighty He hath put down and hath exalted the meek and humble.

6. Esurientes Implevit

He hath filled the hungry with good things; the rich He hath sent away empty.

7. Suscepit Israel

He, remembering his great mercy, hath helped his servant, Israel.

8. Sicut Locutus

as He promised our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forevermore.

9. Gloria

Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Joan McVeen, *soprano*
Linda Frank, *alto*
David Wittmer, *tenor*



Alleluia

Ralph Manuel

The Birds

Benjamin Britten

Al Wilson, *baritone*

Offertorium

Anton Bruckner

Ave Maria

Alleluia

Randall Thompson

My Lord, What a Mornin'

Arr. H.T. Burleigh

Ain't-a That Good News

William Dawson

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

As It Fell Upon a Night

Katherine Davis

Infant Holy

Edmund Ribbra

Un Astro Nuovo

Ludwig Von Beethoven

Benedicamus Domino

Peter Warlock

Bethlehem Down

I Wonder As I Wander

Arr. John Rutter

Al Wilson, *baritone*

O Come, all Ye Faithful

Arr R. Shaw, A. Parker

Silent Night

Franz Gruber

Accompanist, MaryBeth Katt

