

The Membership of Forest City Singers

Alice Bewie, *soprano*
John Bewie, *baritone*
Robert Bilenker, *bass*
Authur Brooks, *tenor*
Nancy Burgard, *soprano*
Therese Burger, *soprano*
Linda Frank, *alto*
Betty Freed, *alto*
Heber Hanson, *bass*
Grace Helmuth, *alto*
Tom Johns, *tenor*

Larry Lake, *tenor*
J. Hilton Luce, *baritone*
Maryanne McCrone, *soprano*
Charles McDonald, *tenor*
Joan McVeen, *soprano*
Milford McVeen, *baritone*
Crystal Miller, *alto*
James Newby, *tenor*
Bonnie Savage, *soprano*
Robert J. Sprafka, *bass/baritone*
Kieth Sykora, *bass*

A brief history of Forest City Singers

Forest City Singers was founded in 1993 by Virginia Wieland-Mast as an intimate group of 8 experienced classical singers. Since that time the membership has almost tripled. Members have served in the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, Cleveland Opera Chorus, University Circle Chorale and Chamber Choir (Cleveland Institute of Music-Case Western Reserve University), Cleveland Singers Club, Cleveland Choral Arts Society, Cleveland Messiah Singers, Lakeland Civic Chorus, Western Reserve Chorale, as well as being mainstays and soloists in church and temple choirs around the Cleveland area. Several members teach music, and several regularly perform soli and duets in the Cleveland area.

The repertoire includes 16th and 17th century English, French and German madrigals; German Lieder; chamber oratorios; spirituals (white and black); and Broadway show tunes. Christmas music not often heard is also a specialty. Group members occasionally perform as soloists and duets during longer programs.

Virginia Wieland-Mast

Ginie is a graduate of the Eastman school of Music, having received a Bachelor's degree of Music (BM) in Voice and Music Education with honors. She received a Master of Music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music, majoring in voice.

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

She is active as a voice teacher and coach, with over a dozen students ranging from high school age to adults.

Our full repertoire and recent performance photographs may be viewed on our World Wide Web page: <http://www.icgroup.net/~rjsprafka/fcsingers>. You may e-mail Ms. Mast at ginhelm@stratos.net

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A Musical Feast For The Holidays

*carols, anthems and psalms
for Christmas and Channuka*

*Garfield United Methodist Church
Christmas Banquet
12/04/98*



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Founder and Director*

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Heilig, Heilig Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Holy is God the Lord of Sabbaoth. All lands are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Holy is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

Jauchzet dem Herrn, alle Welt

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands! Thou art the God of my strength. Send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me unto thy holy hill.

Denn er hat seinen Engeln befohlen

For he hath given his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light J. S. Bach

Les Anges Dans Nos Campagnes Arr. A. Parker
(Angels we have heard on High)

Lully, Lullay Old English Carol

In the Bleak Midwinter Gustav Holst (Arr. A. Parker)

Masters in this Hall Arr. A. Parker and R. Shaw

Love Came Down at Christmas John Purifoy

Deck the Halls Arr. A. Parker and R. Shaw

Silent Night Franz Gruber

