

The Cobb Summer Singers

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INVITING YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR 16th SUMMER OF SINGING

Dear Singing Friends,

I am writing today to invite you to be a part of a wonderful season of singing with Lynn Swanson and the Cobb Summer Singers.

The Cobb Summer Singers and Chamber Orchestra will be performing Camille Saint-Saëns CHRISTMAS ORATORIO and the immortal MAGNIFICAT of Johann Sebastian Bach. Our concert will be like Christmas in August, but this glorious music is worthy to sing and hear at any time of year. The works will be performed in collaboration with some of the most distinguished professional orchestra musicians and soloists in the region.

Our rehearsals and performance will be held at Marietta First United Methodist Church, 56 Whitlock Avenue, near the square in historic downtown Marietta.

As always, there will be no audition for participation in the 2023 Cobb Summer Singers. All adults and mature youth (16 & older) are invited to participate. Youth younger than 16 may participate if a parent or guardian is present with them at all times. The Summer Singers program is not recommended for youth younger than 12.

Tuition for 2023 reflects a modest increase to account for inflation: now \$95. Students, and members of ACDA, AGO, GMEA and/or NafME will enjoy an any-time tuition of \$65. This tuition helps cover the cost of staff, music scores, royalties, programs, orchestral musicians, promotion and concert production expenses. As a Core Value, the Choral Foundation will not deny participation to anyone because of inability to pay tuition. We do ask, however, that a request for tuition assistance ONLY be made if the need is truly genuine.

You may register by completing the form enclosed with this letter and mailing it to the Choral Foundation office. Or, if you prefer to use your credit card, you may register online at www.ChoralFoundation.org/registernow. Please register today, and please forward this opportunity to every singing friend you know.

Soli Deo Gloria,

William O. Baker, DMA, Founder & Director of the Choral Foundation

THE 2023 COBB SUMMER SINGERS FAQ

Who is invited to participate in Summer Singers?

All adults regardless of their musical background are invited to sing. No audition is required. Mature youth in grades 9-12 are invited to participate. Youth under the age of 16 may participate only if a parent or guardian is a registered, participating member of the Summer Singers. The program is not recommended for youth 12 and under.

What is the schedule of rehearsals and concerts?

TU	June	20:	7:00-9:00	Rehearsal One	First UMC Marietta
TU	June	27:	7:00-9:00	Rehearsal Two	First UMC Marietta
TU	July	4:	-----	NO REHEARSAL - HAPPY 4 th OF JULY	
TU	July	11:	7:00-9:00	Rehearsal Three	First UMC Marietta
TU	July	18:	7:00-9:00	Rehearsal Four	First UMC Marietta
TU	July	25:	7:00-9:00	Rehearsal Five	First UMC Marietta
TH	July	27:	7:00-8:30	Special Rehearsal/Help Session	First UMC Marietta
TU	August	1:	7:00-9:00	Rehearsal Six	First UMC Marietta
TU	August	8:	7:00-9:00	Rehearsal Seven	First UMC Marietta
TU	August	15:	7:00-9:00	Rehearsal Eight	First UMC Marietta
ST	August	19:	9:00-Noon	Rehearsal w/Orchestra	First UMC Marietta
SU	August	20:	2:30	Concert Preparation	First UMC Marietta
			4:00	PERFORMANCE	First UMC Marietta

Where are rehearsals located?

All rehearsals and our performance will be in the nave of the historic **Marietta First United Methodist Church**, 56 Whitlock Avenue (just off the Marietta Square) in Marietta, GA 30064.

What is the tuition, and where does the money go?

Tuition for the 2023 Cobb Summer Singers is \$95, or \$85 if paid before May 1. A special rate of \$65 is available for Students and Choral Directors (members of ACDA, AGO, GMEA or NafME). Those electing to pay tuition early enable the Choral Foundation to save money by making purchases in advance of need. The tuition helps fund the Choral Foundation, paying staff salaries, promotional mailings and announcements, printed materials and music scores. For the record, tuition payments and concert donations pay only a small portion of these expenses. The balance is made up by generous gifts to the Choral Foundation and the Cobb Summer Singers from individuals and organizations. **Tuition is NOT refundable for any reason**, but may be applied to any future Summer Singers if you are unable to participate.

What is the Choral Foundation?

The Choral Foundation is a national organization founded in Atlanta in 1990. It is best known in Atlanta as the sponsoring organization for The New South (formerly William Baker) Festival Singers, the Cobb Summer Singers, and the Summer Singers of Atlanta, along with the Jane Sullivan Choral Resource Library and the Institute for Healthy Singing & Voice Research. In all, the twelve ensembles of the Choral Foundation will register over 600 men, women and youth in the course of the year. The Choral Foundation is a 501-c-3 tax exempt corporation of the State of Kansas, licenced to conduct business in Georgia and Missouri, and active in Illinois. Please visit our website at www.ChoralFoundation.org or www.Guidestar.org/profile/48-1214336 to learn more.

What if I can't pay tuition?

The By-Laws and Core Values of the Choral Foundation (read them at www.ChoralFoundation.org) direct that no one will ever be denied the benefits of the Choral Foundation based on ability to pay. Full tuition assistance, partial tuition assistance and extended tuition payment arrangements are available upon request. We rely on an honor system and ask that singers make application ONLY in case of genuine need.

I would love to sing, but my family will be away on vacation and I might miss one or two rehearsals.

The Cobb Summer Singers is, obviously, a "summer" chorus. We realize that summer is the vacation season and that most members will miss a rehearsal or two. We ask that every member do their very best to be present for all rehearsals possible and that, to the extent of their ability, every singer practices his/her music at home between rehearsals.

I sang in choir in high school and college, but I am WAY out of practice. Is there any program that will help me learn my music? Is my out-of-practice voice going to be a problem?

One of the great things about the Summer Singers is that it gives singers a chance to get their voices back in shape, or keep them in shape during the traditional off-season. Sectional rehearsals are held periodically to help singers learn their part. We would also recommend that singers purchase a recording of the scheduled works. Listening to a quality recording will help you understand how the parts fit together. It will also increase your excitement for the concerts.

May I enroll in both the Summer Singers of Atlanta and the Cobb Summer Singers?

Yes! Of course. Music Director Andrew Schmidt will be leading The Summer Singers of Atlanta in their 33rd season. The program will feature the MASS IN E^b. Rehearsals are Monday nights at Saint Mark United Methodist Church, Peachtree at 4th Street in Midtown Atlanta, convenient to the North Avenue MARTA station, beginning June 5 through July 17. The July 24 & 31 rehearsals, the Saturday August 5 dress rehearsal and the August 6 concert will be at Glenn Memorial UMC on the Emory University campus. Tuition is the same. Enrolling in an additional summer chorus will require payment of tuition for the second program. Visit our website at www.ChoralFoundation.org/registernow to enroll.

What do singers wear for concerts?

Men are asked to wear a dark suit with a white shirt and a long dark tie. Women are asked to wear a black dress, or black blouse with black trousers. All are asked to wear black shoes. You do not need to purchase any attire for Summer Singers' concerts. Get as close as you can with items from your own closet. However, ALL SINGERS are asked to refrain from fragrances at ANY rehearsal or concert.

More Questions? Call the Choral Foundation Home Office at 913-488-7524, or email Mail@FestivalSingers.org Information about the Summer Singers, and registration materials can be found at www.ChoralFoundation.org.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY GREAT MUSIC
FEEL FREE TO COPY AND DISTRIBUTE THIS INFORMATION FAR AND WIDE

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
THE COBB SUMMER SINGERS!**

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SIXTEENTH SEASON REGISTRATION - 2023

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name _____

Voice Part: S1 S2 A1 A2 T1 T2 B1 B2

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Do you presently sing with a local community chorus and/or church choir? Yes No

If so, please list the name(s) of the choir(s) and the conductor(s):

Choir _____ Conductor _____

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Are there any rehearsals between June 20 & August 20 that you know now you must miss?

If so, please CIRCLE the dates here:

June 20	June 27	July 11	July 18	July 25	July 27
August 1	August 8	August 15	August 19 (dress)	August 20 (concert)	

Your signature is a commitment to participate in the 2023 Cobb Summer Singers. If possible, please include your check with this registration. If necessary, however, you may pay tuition at the first rehearsal or apply for tuition assistance.

Signature/Date _____

Please make your check payable to: **Cobb Summer Singers** and mail it to:

The William Baker Choral Foundation, 5450 Buena Vista Street, Suite 100, Roeland Park, KS 66205

_____ \$95 tuition enclosed _____ (\$65 Student/Director)

_____ Pay at First Rehearsal _____ Tuition Assistance Information Requested

*** Prefer to use your credit card? Please register online at www.ChoralFoundation.org/registernow***

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LYNN SWANSON, MME, Music Director & Conductor
IVY BELK PIRL, Principal Accompanist

OUR 16th SUMMER OF SINGING

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS

CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

MAGNIFICAT

Rehearsals Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-9:00, beginning June 20

MARIETTA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Concert Weekend, Saturday/Sunday, August 19/20

Tuition Only \$95

(\$65 Students & Members of ACDA, AGO, GMEA or NAFME)

Confidential Tuition Assistance Available In Cases of Need

Participation in Both Summer Singers of Atlanta & Cobb Summer Singers Welcome

NO AUDITION REQUIRED

Adult Singers & Mature Youth 16 & Older

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