

The Summer Singers of Atlanta

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INVITING YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR 33rd SUMMER OF SINGING OF ATLANTA'S ORIGINAL SUMMER CHORUS

Dear Singing Friends,

I am writing today to invite you to be a part of a wonderful season of singing with Atlanta's original summer chorus, the one and only Summer Singers of Atlanta.

Music Director Andrew Schmidt has chosen a wonderful work for 2023, the **MASS IN E^b** of Franz Schubert.

Rehearsals will be Monday evenings, 7:00-9:30, beginning June 5, at the Saint Mark United Methodist Church, Peachtree at 5th Streets in Midtown Atlanta. There is a new parking garage with a direct entrance to the church. The venue is also convenient to the North Avenue MARTA station. Final rehearsals, dress rehearsals and the concert will be at the magnificent Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church on the campus of Emory University. Concert weekend will be Saturday/Sunday, August 5/6.

As always, there will be no audition for participation in the 2023 Summer Singers of Atlanta. 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 below the age of 12.

Tuition for 2023 reflects a modest increase to account for inflation: \$95, or \$85 if paid by May 1. 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 of the Summer Singers of Atlanta & Director of the Choral Foundation

THE 2023 SUMMER SINGERS OF ATLANTA 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?

MN	June	5:	7:00-9:30	Rehearsal 1	Saint Mark UMC - Midtown
MN	June	19:	7:00-9:30	Rehearsal 3	Saint Mark UMC - Midtown
MN	June	26:	7:00-9:30	Rehearsal 4	Saint Mark UMC - Midtown
MN	July	3:	-----	***NO REHEARSAL - HAPPY JULY 4***	
MN	July	10:	7:00-9:30	Rehearsal 5	Saint Mark UMC - Midtown
MN	July	17:	7:00-9:30	Rehearsal 6	Saint Mark UMC - Midtown
MN	July	24:	7:00-9:30	Rehearsal 7	Glenn Memorial UMC
MN	July	31:	7:00-9:30	Rehearsal 8	Glenn Memorial UMC
<u>ST</u>	August	5:	9:00-Noon	Dress Rehearsal	Glenn Memorial UMC
<u>SU</u>	August	6:	2:30	Concert Preparation	Glenn Memorial UMC
			4:00	PERFORMANCE	Glenn Memorial UMC

Where are rehearsals located?

The first six rehearsals will be at Saint Mark United Methodist Church, Peachtree at 5th Streets in Midtown Atlanta. Beginning July 24, rehearsals and the performance are expected to be in the nave of the historic **Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church on the campus of Emory University**. The address is 1660 North Decatur Road, Atlanta, GA 30307.

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

Tuition for the 2023 Summer Singers of Atlanta 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 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 Summer Singers of Atlanta 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. 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 now in Illinois.

What if I can't pay tuition?

The By-Laws and Core Values of the Choral Foundation (read them at www.FestivalSingers.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 Summer Singers of Atlanta 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 Lynn Swanson will be leading The Cobb Summer Singers & Orchestra in an August 20 performance of Saint-Saëns CHRISTMAS ORATORIO and Johann Sebastian Bach's MAGNIFICAT. CSS rehearsals are Tuesday nights in downtown Marietta, beginning June 20, with dress rehearsal and concert, Saturday/Sunday, August 19/20. Tuition is the same. Enrolling in an additional summer chorus will require payment of tuition for the second program.

What do singers wear for concerts?

Men are asked to wear dark suit with a white shirt with 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 SUMMER SINGERS OF ATLANTA**

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THIRTY-THIRD 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 _____

Choir _____ Conductor _____

Are there any rehearsals between June 5 & August 6 that you know now you must miss?

If so, please CIRCLE the dates here:

June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26 July 10 July 17

July 24 July 31 August 5 (dress) August 6 (concert)

Your signature is a commitment to participate in the 2023 Summer Singers of Atlanta. 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: **Summer Singers of Atlanta** and mail it to:

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

_____ \$95 tuition enclosed (\$85 before May 1) _____ (\$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*****

The Summer Singers of Atlanta

ANDREW PHILLIP SCHMIDT, MM, Music Director & Conductor
LEANNE HERRMANN, MM, Accompanist

OUR 33rd SUMMER OF SINGING

Franz Schubert **MASS IN E \flat**

With Professional Orchestra & Distinguished Soloists

**Rehearsals Monday Evenings, 7:00-9:30, beginning June 5
SAINT MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MIDTOWN ATLANTA**

Concert Weekend, Saturday/Sunday, August 5/6 at Glenn Memorial UMC

Tuition Only \$95 (\$85 if paid before May 1)
(\$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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