

August 8, 2009

Dear Choral friends,

What memories do you have of our last few seasons? I just had the opportunity to listen again to our performances of Beethoven's great masterpiece *Missa Solemnis* and Bach's *B Minor Mass*. You can all be very proud of these amazing accomplishments. I hope you have obtained your own copies to enjoy again and again.

It has been well over ten years since we have had the privilege of singing Randall Thompson's *Frostiana*, which means many of you may not be aware of how extraordinarily beautiful and moving this work is. We will be joined for this concert by several area high school groups - they are really excited to be able to sing with a wonderful adult chorus!

Because this concert is in October, we won't have a lot of extra time to prepare - just enough for it to be fabulous! For this reason, rehearsals will start on **August 31, 2009**.

The Philharmonic Chorus will also participate again this year in the annual holiday concerts on December 13, 2009.

In the spring we'll be performing *Carmina Burana*, and I am very hopeful that we will have a large turnout of our choral friends for this performance. We will begin working on this during our fall rehearsals. I hope you are planning to be present!

Please also encourage your singing friends, relatives and co-workers to join us this year. The music is very attractive, a little less challenging than the recent past, and such a pleasure to sing.

I am looking forward to a season of great music together. ☺



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PS You won't want to miss this season of beautiful choral music! I'll see you August 31st at the first rehearsal.