

August 18, 2008

Dear Current and Prospective Naperville Chorus Members:

Once again, it's time to start preparing for another year of beautiful music, and there are some very exciting things coming up this season! Later this fall we will begin to rehearse at the new Fine Arts Center that is near completion in downtown Naperville. This state of the art facility will also be the venue for both of our regular season concerts, and we couldn't be more delighted!

Our holiday concert will be presented at **8:00 PM on Saturday, December 13, 2008** at Wentz Concert Hall of the Fine Arts Center at North Central College's campus in Naperville. For the first half we will be performing Ramirez' Navidad Nuestra . This will be sung in Spanish, with a small instrumental ensemble. The second half will be a variety of holiday selections. Jeordano Martinez, our Director since 1988, will again be leading us this season.

Also in the fall, we will begin to rehearse Mendelssohn's Elijah, which we will be performing jointly with the Downers Grove Choral Society February 21st & 22nd of 2009. We are especially excited to announce that this program will be conducted by the famous Metropolitan Opera star, Sherrill Milnes.

We invite you to join us for our first rehearsal on **Monday, September 8. For the first rehearsal, please plan to arrive between 6:45 and 7:20 PM to allow time for registration.** * Rehearsals will run from **7:30 – 9:30** every Monday evening until the concert. Our dues this term will remain \$30 per person or \$40 per family. Members supply their own music or purchase it from the Chorus. Music cost for the fall term is expected to be approximately \$25 - \$35 per person. If you already own any of our music for this session, please bring it with you on the 8th.

** Please note: Since the actual occupancy date for the new Fine Arts Center is still a bit up in the air, we are planning to meet initially at **Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 815 S. Washington St. in Naperville** (just south of Edward Hospital) for at least our first rehearsal on the 8th. If that location changes, and we are able to meet at Wentz Concert Hall instead, an email notice will be sent, and it will be posted on our web-site. The address of the new Fine Arts Center is 171 E. Chicago Ave. in Naperville (just east of Washington St.).*

Ross Berkley will again be directing the Naperville Chamber Singers, which is a smaller group that performs locally at various community events. Membership in this group is by audition, and all details will follow separately. For additional information, please contact Ross directly at berkley@naperville203.org.

The Naperville Chorus Board of Directors and I invite you to join us for this very exciting year of music, fellowship and fun. Some choral experience is preferred but membership in the Naperville Chorus is open without audition. For more information about the Chorus, check out our website at www.napervillechorus.org, or call me at 630-416-2162 or email me at nsigel@starckrealtors.com.

We look forward to seeing you!

Nancy Sigel, President