

The North Hills Chorale

presents

Favorite Christmas Memories



Director - Thomas D. Koharchik

Associate Director - Megan Connelly Wodzinski

featuring William Sun, Piano

Saturday, December 8, 2018 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 9, 2018 3:00 PM

Kearns Spirituality Center

9000 Babcock Boulevard, Allison Park, Pennsylvania

Program

We're Gonna Decorate the Christmas Tree Greg Gilpin

A Wreath of Carols arr. Greg Gilpin

People, Look East arr. Craig Courtney

The Little Drummer Boy arr. Joel Raney

The Colors of Christmas John Rutter

Songs of the Angels Mark Hayes

Ecce Novum Ola Gjeilo

This Is My Beloved Son Pepper Choplin

Remembering Decembers Pinkzebra

Bell Carol arr. Heather Sorenson

The Holding Carol Craig Hella Johnson

Hallelujah Chorus George Frideric Handel



Sharon Lang

July 14, 1950 - September 7, 2018

Our thoughts go out to our dear friend and long-time member, Sharon, who passed away in September. Sharon joined the Chorale in the spring of 2010 and greatly loved singing with our group.

She is keenly missed.

The Holding Carol

*All the days feel like winter
filled with shadows and gray,
eyes are heavy, spirits drifting,
seems it's always that way.
For a young child deep within you,
I long to sing from my heart
'bout a light that I can see shines
in you and shines in me.*

*Yes, you are like a starry sky,
yes, all the leaves of every tree,
yes, you are all the sweetest
songs heard in the heart.
Dream, let us always, always dream,
dream how the world can ever be,
dream every blessing we receive
deep within this joy.*

*Here we are, breathing peace in this holy place,
every longing we have known,
Mercy and grace, This is the healing
gently flowing in us,
Only joy, only joy here we are.*

*Yes, you are like a starry sky, yes,
you have always been,
Yes, all the names of every flower,
petals floating free.
Dream, let us always, always dream,
dream how this life can ever be,
Dream every blessing we can
share so deep in this love.*

*Holding us, holding us,
love is always holding us,
Free from fear in the
blessing of resting in you.
We are Yours, Yours only, here
we belong in this dark,
In this light world You have made.
Only this, how we are together
silent, silent, only this,*

*Heaven that we know; heaven that we feel;
Only love all about us now,
only love that lives within,
Love rivering in us,
love walking with us still;*

This world love has made where we are.

Michael Dennis Browne
Craig Hella Johnson

Interested in joining our choir?

We are always looking for new members to join our group. We welcome people with varying levels of experience. Please come meet us and give us a try! Rehearsals for next year will begin early in January.

We rehearse every Monday from 7:30 until 9:30 P.M. at Kearns Spirituality Center. It is never too late to give us a call or send us an e-mail for membership inquiries. We'll always try our best to answer promptly!

For more information, please visit our website at www.nhchorale.com

The North Hills Chorale would like to extend a special thanks to the staff and sisters of the Sisters of Divine Providence for their continued kindness and support and for use of the beautiful facility at Kearns.

Please join us in May for our spring concert!

Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th

Join us as a singer!

*Rehearsals for Spring begin **January 7, 2019***



The *North Hills Chorale, Inc.* is a 501c(3) non-profit organization that serves to provide opportunities for community outreach, education, and service. Your charitable donations are greatly appreciated.

North Hills Chorale Membership

Millie Arnett	Linda Fry	Pat McGreal
Wendy Aurednik	William Ghrist	Kathy McKenna
Robert Amelio	Suzanne Gibbon	Bert Murhammer
Donna Babir	Charlotte Graham	Rosemary Prager
Joe Balestreire	Corey Grone	Peggy Sapp
George Bigelow	Linda Hudec	Josephine Saya
Jim Bradley	John Ignatius	Cheryl Smith
Nancy Bullock	Ralph Jahn	Cheryl Smith
Fran Chervenak	Phyllis Jones	Dione Stauber
Carmella Chianese	JoAnn Kavalukas	Larry Szramowski
Heather Commarata	Ruth Ann Keen	Betsy Thayer
Bobbi Clarke	Mary Lynn Korenich	David Thayer
John Coles	Mary Jayne Kress	Sara Thimons
Nancy Conley	Pam Kusserow	Cherryl Trezza
Stacy Costa	Sr. Linda Lalic	Beth Ann Veres
Vicky Dopp	Jack LeViere	Bob Watson
Louise Ellenberger	Marg Linner	Marcia Wielgus
John Forgione	Kenn Lippert	Judy Young
Mischele Francois	Roberta Lippert	
Cassie Frank	Mariann Luksic-Jarvis	

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Thomas D. Koharchik –

Music Director

Mr. Koharchik has been affiliated with the North Hills Chorale since January of 2003 and has been the Music Director since 2004. He is a 2003 graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he received a BS in Music Education, and earned a Master's Degree in Music Education from Duquesne University in 2013. He is currently pursuing a Master's of Choral Conducting degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Koharchik teaches grades 6-12 Choir at Freeport Area School District and is the Musical Theater Director and Stage Manager for the school district. He was awarded the PMEA District 3 Citation of Excellence in 2018 and a PMEA Distinguished Service Award in 2017.

He is a member of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), Chorus America, NAFME (formerly MENC), PMEA, and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Mr. Koharchik serves as the Treasurer and Secretary of PMEA District 3. He served in the US Army for 14 years, ending his military service in July, 2012. His service included a year-long combat tour in Iraq from 2004-2005. He is married to Heather Koharchik and is the proud father of three daughters, Abigail, Emily, and Hayley.

Megan Connelly Wodzinski –

Associate Director and Accompanist

Megan loves her North Hills Chorale family! She has a Bachelor degree in Piano Performance and a Master degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from Duquesne University, where she was the winner of the J. Cornetti Tucci Award for Piano Performance. She owns and operates the Megan E. Connelly Studio of Piano in Ross Township, and is a group voice teacher/accompanist/ music director for Act One Theater School. Since receiving her PA Public School Music Teacher certification from Carnegie Mellon, Megan also enjoys day-to-day and long term substitute assignments in various North Hills school districts. She is a member of the National and State Music Teacher Associations, The Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association, and the American Choral Directors Association. Megan lives in Ross Township with her husband Michael and their rescue dog Sid. For this holiday concert she is especially proud to have one of her own students, William Sun, playing three selections with her!

William Sun –

Music Collaborator – Piano

William is thirteen years old and is in the eighth grade at Marshall Middle School. He has been playing piano for six years and has studied violin for five. He is currently the concertmaster of the Three Rivers Young Peoples Symphonette and has played in multiple recitals. He studies violin under Mrs. Rachel Stegeman and piano under Mrs. Megan Connelly Wodzinski.



North Hills Chorale Mission Statement

"The North Hills Chorale, Inc. is an adult choral ensemble dedicated to increasing the music literacy and education of its members, and increasing music awareness and appreciation in the local community. Organized on a volunteer, non-audition basis and open to all who love music, the Chorale seeks to perform technically challenging and broadening musical selections under professional direction at both concert performances and for various charitable causes."