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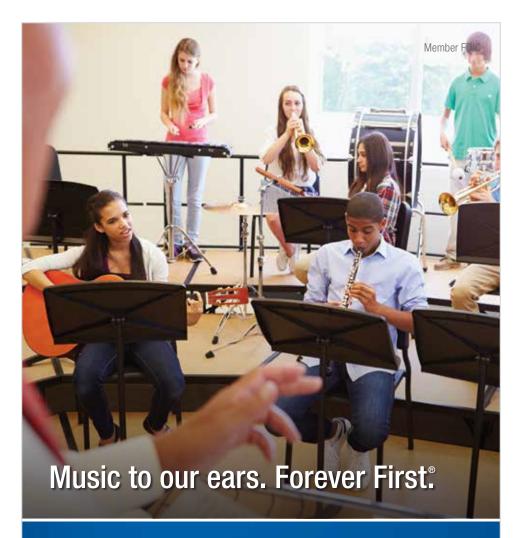
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THE PALMETTO MASTERSINGERS

Our 39th Season!

The Palmetto Mastersingers have been entertaining audiences in Columbia, in South Carolina, nationally, and internationally since 1981. Dr. Arpad Darazs, then on the music faculty at the University of South Carolina, organized the group with the idea that there should be an opportunity for men to continue presenting outstanding choral music once they left the college environment. Under Dr. Darazs' leadership, the Mastersingers won critical acclaim at competitions in Hungary (Dr. Darazs' native land) and Wales. As "South Carolina's Musical Ambassadors," the Mastersingers have performed in the Notre Dame in Paris, St. Peter's in the Vatican, The Dom in Cologne, St. Mark's in Venice, St. Stephen's in Budapest, and other venues in France, Germany, Italy, Russia, China, and Canada. In 2014, we performed at the National Memorial Celebration at the World War II and Air Force Memorials in Washington, DC, to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. We continue performing for audiences in communities throughout the area. In 2019 and 2020 we will have sung in Florence, Dillon, Lake City, McCormick, West Columbia, and Savannah. We are privileged to continue to fulfill the vision that Dr. Darazs held when he founded this group 39 years ago.

Masterscholar Program

The Palmetto Mastersingers has long supported educational programs through scholarships. The Masterscholar program is designed to assist the financial needs of male college students pursuing degrees in music. Selected by the Artistic Director, the students become part of the ensemble, strengthening its areas of need, and enjoying the company of men for whom lifelong joy through singing is a reality.

Masterscholars for the 2019-2020 season are John Andrew Felder and Andrew Mitchell. Johnnie is completing his Doctoral degree in Vocal Performance at the University of South Carolina, performing operatic, oratorio, and recitals throughout the south, and serving on the faculty of Paine College in Augusta and Benedict College in Columbia. Andrew Mitchell is beginning his Master's Degree in Music Education at the University of South Carolina, having completed his undergraduate degree at Charleston Southern University.

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rpad Darazs was a native of Hungary. From 1941 to 1947, he earned three degrees from the Royal Franz Liszt Music Conservatory in Budapest. He was conductor of the Hungarian State Radio Network. He emigrated to the United States and was a music instructor at Malloy College and Columbia University before coming to the University of South Carolina in 1966 as professor of music and director of choral activities. He earned a Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1972.

Dr. Darazs was a protégé of renowned Hungarian composer Zoltan Kodaly and was an authority on the Kodaly method of choral instruction. While at USC, Darazs founded the Concert Choir and was conductor of the Columbia Philharmonic Orchestra. He organized the Palmetto Mastersingers in 1981 to promote the male choral repertoire beyond the college walls. In 1985, he was awarded the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner award for his contributions and achievement in and to the arts in South Carolina.

In recognition of this heritage, our concerts from time to time will feature compositions by Kodaly and arrangements by Darazs.

Enjoy tonight's performance!

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THE PALMETTO MASTERSINGERS

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** section leader *** Assistant Director + Masterscholar

A Few Good Men

Like the Marines, we are always looking for men to join our group. Our requirements are simple: men who are experienced in choral singing, who can follow printed music, and who are available for rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 (summers excepted). We hold auditions twice a year, in August and in January. If you are interested, or know someone who would be a good fit for our group, visit us at www.palmettomastersingers.org for details or contact the artistic director at 803-790-4423 to schedule an audition.

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Meet our Musical Leaders

Dr. Lillian Quackenbush -

Artistic Director



As a performer, teacher, conductor, scholar and advocate, Dr. Lillian Quackenbush has been instrumental in the creation, performance, understanding and widespread exposure of choral music. In 2012 the SC Arts Commission awarded her the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts.

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Dr. Quackenbush and her husband Dave founded the Sandlapper Singers, a 30-voice professional choral ensemble in 1996 where she served as Artistic Director for 20 years, performing in over 100 communities throughout the state, the Southeast, and beyond.

Dr. Quackenbush retired from Columbia College in 2009 after 34 years of service, teaching voice, conducting the choir and chairing the Department of Music. Dr. Quackenbush has dedicated her career to educating talented musicians and building appreciative audiences for today and for the future of choral singing.

ALLISON HUDSON HILBISH -

Accompanist



Allison received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the University of South Carolina, after obtaining an Associate of Arts degree from Anderson Junior College.

She was the 1988 regional piano performance winner of the Music Teachers National Association competition, and has performed with the University of South Carolina Symphony Orchestra.

Allison is currently the pianist for Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church in Columbia and is the staff accompanist at Columbia College.

FRANK TURNER-

Assitant Director



A native of Jackson, Mississippi. He received his BA from Mississippi College in Vocal Performance. At MS College, Frank performed many roles in the Musical Theater and Opera Programs. In May 2016, he completed the Master of Arts in Teaching -Music Education degree from the University of South Carolina. While attending USC, Frank was a Choral Graduate Assistant within the School of Music. As part of his graduate assistantship, Frank was a part of the USC Concert Choir, Men's Chorus, and Graduate Vocal Ensemble.

Mr. Turner is currently employed by Lexington-Richland School District 5 serving as the Choral Director at Irmo High School. At IHS, Frank directs several choral ensembles, teaches group piano and serves as the vocal coach for musical productions. Frank also currently serves as a staff singer at Shandon Presbyterian Church.

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FEBRUARY 23RD, 2020 Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church

Lillian Quackenbush, Artistic Director **Allison Hilbish**, Accompanist **Frank Turner**, Assistant Director

SHE SINGS

Fredna Lee, Paula Wilson, Lillian Quackenbush, Directors
Lucinda Shields, Accompanist

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IRMO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPER STAR SINGERS

Tania Turner, Director
Tammy Lorick, Accompanist

SUMTER HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

Ashlee Poole, Director, Kay Rasmussen, Accompanist Drew Preston, fiddle



IRMO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPER STAR SINGERS

Let There Be Music	Jerry Estes
Always Sing Your Song	Victor C. Johnson
In the Arms of An Oak	Andy Beck
Kusimama (Stand Tall)	Jim Papoulis

*This is a Swahili text and it translates as follows:

kusimamaStand tallmimi kusimamaI stand tallna upendowith lovena tamainiwith hopewatoto ni karibu duniachildren are closer to the earth

SUMTER HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

Weep O Mine Eyes	John Bennet
Last Goodbye	Kevin Memley
Dies Irae	Ryan Main

SHANDON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHANCEL CHOIR

Come Thou Fount.	Eric Nelson
Hark, Creation's Alleluia	loward Helvey

SHE SINGS

Sing Me to Heaven	Daniel Gawthrop
How Can I Keep From Singing?	Greg Gilpin
Music in My Mother's House	Stuart Stotts/J. David Moore

PALMETTO MASTERSINGERS

Viva L'Amour	Shaw/Parker
When I Was One and Twenty	Richard Nance
Tell My Father	Andrea Ramsey
Hold On!	arr. Eugene T. Simpson
Old Man Rive	Jerome Kern/arr. Bob Graham
	Frank Turner, bass
May God Smile On You	Johann Sebastian Bach

COMBINED CHOIRS

Premier of
Commissioned work of composer Larry Shackley

Randolph Love, trumpet Waichi Champion, percussion

"God of All Ages"



Tonight the Palmetto Mastersingers and guest choirs are thrilled to premiere "God of All Ages," by Columbia composer Larry Shackley. Commissioned especially for this occasion, the piece combines two familiar hymns in an a variety of ways, allowing each choir to have a featured moment, pairing choirs in different sections, and incorporating all in the finale.

Here is what Larry had to say about this music:

"I have had the pleasure to work with Lillian Quackenbush several times during my years in Columbia, and was delighted when she asked me to create a piece for the

Palmetto Mastersingers together with several other choirs. The concert theme was "Ages and Stages," so we discussed a variety of sacred texts that would fit that theme. We narrowed the list down to two: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" by Isaac Watts, and the 20th century favorite, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" appears in its familiar setting, but I wrote a new melody for "O God Our Help." My goal was to create a moving, uplifting tune that would amplify the text, which Watts based on Psalm 90, and combine well with "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

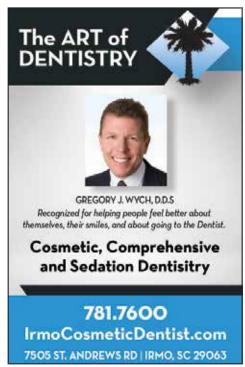
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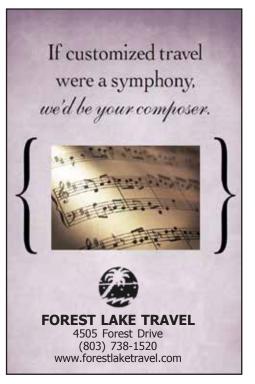
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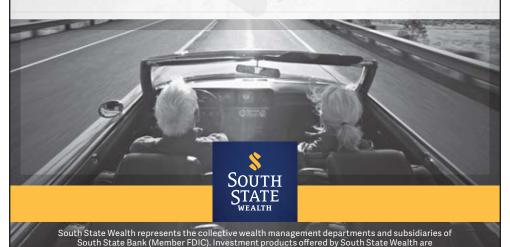


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