

**FALL Newsletter**

*August 2018*

**Session Begins: September 13, 7-9 p.m.**

**Conductor's Notes:**

Dear Choristers,

I am really excited about the repertoire for the fall session, as well as the ideas that are starting to pop up for the spring session. To be honest up until Friday (August 10), I was unable to organize my thoughts into a package that I felt good about. By the way, our procedure for selection of music says that I should have titles selected by July 15, so I was really running late.

I took a look at some programs from my earlier years of conducting MCC--2003, 2004, 2005. Then I started thinking about who had given me the ideas to sing particular songs, and I was off and running. I thought about my own high school choir experiences; those of my junior college days: bachelor's and master's degrees; teaching at East High in Bakersfield CA, Dixie College in UT. Then people who I had observed and conference sessions I had attended...

I decided to do some new pieces and some pieces that we had done in our distant past—to keep us growing and still enable us to see our roots and how we have grown.

So without giving away all of the titles: Beethoven Mass in C, just the 1st and last movements—which are tied together with a repeat of music from the 1st movement with the text of the last movement. By the way, Masses in this time period were of two types: those for worship (like the Schubert Mass in G, which we sang at our Summer Sing), and those for concert (Like the Haydn we did last spring and the Beethoven we are about to sing). These large-scale Masses are essentially symphonies for choir. We sang this in 2004. This is repertoire I learned from Jeff Johnson, now teaching at University of Kentucky

Two new pieces to MCC will be by Ola Gjello--Gary Weidenaar from Central Washington U had us read one of his pieces when he visited last fall.

I want to close the 1st set with "May the Road Rise to Meet You." That piece that closed so many concerts for us still holds a place in my heart.

Chamber Chorale will open their set with Handel's Coronation Anthem #4—the first piece I conducted in concert with MCC. This is a wonderful piece that I learned from my friend Gerald Langner, recently retired from U of Saskatchewan.

And so the evening will go. Pieces that I associate with my teachers and colleagues, old and new standing side by side, polished and presented for all to experience. I can't wait.

*Ron Wilcott, Artistic Director/Conductor*

**2018 FALL CALENDAR**

*Fall Session Rehearsals begin:*

**Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm**  
MCC: Loyola Sacred Heart High School  
M-POWER: Big Sky High School  
Registration begins at 6:30

*Chamber Chorale Rehearsal Begins:*

**September 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:15-6:50**  
(location and date of auditions TBA)

*MCC Painting with a Purpose:*

**Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:30PM**  
Unleash your creative side and support MCC!

*MCC Fall Sing-Along: Frosty the Snowman & Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer*

**Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Matinee and Evening Shows**  
MCT Center for the Performing Arts

*MCC & M-Power Voices Sing at the Mall*

**December date & time TBA**  
Southgate Mall

*MCC Fall Concert & Dress Rehearsal:*

**Dress Rehearsal December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Missoula Concert: Fri. December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Anthony Catholic Church, call is 6PM

**A Message from our President:**

Can you believe that Choir rehearsals begin so soon?! Clear your Thursday evenings, September 13th, here we come!

Our **Summer Sing** was, again, a wonderful day of making music with friends, old and new. Dr. Wilcott led us through the Schubert, throwing in historical context, helpful vocal pedagogy, and finally a satisfying sense of musical accomplishment at the end of the day.

This is going to be a "bucket list" year for Ron – and that means the **Community Chorus & Chamber Chorale** can look forward to some heart-opening moments, some silly times, and the opportunity to create soul-inspiring music together. In the spring, we are planning to celebrate Ron's retirement post-concert with a festive party that will include many of Ron's family, former students and colleagues, as well as all of us who have sung and learned from him over the years. He has planned some joyful moments for us already – just see his outline of our fall repertoire.

**M-Power Voices** will continue to be led by Malcolm Lowe, assisted by Matt Loerhke of MCT. Alayne & Zootown Arts Community center (ZACC) have organized a day for those singers to Tie-dye T-shirts with the M-Power logo– watch for those to debut at our shared Christmas Sing at SG Mall in December 😊

If you enjoyed participating in the **MCC Women's Ensemble**, we are tentatively scheduling a longer late-spring session, culminating in a shared performance early summer – we are negotiating for the Bonner Park Bandshell and picnic area for that event!

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## Returning Members Registration Form

(tear and submit with payment)

Fall Session \$85 (Due Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>)

Fall + Spring Session \$150 (\$20 discount if paid by Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)

I am willing to sponsor for a scholarship for another chorus member.   
(We will contact you about this at the start of the session)

Name:

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(if changed from previous session)

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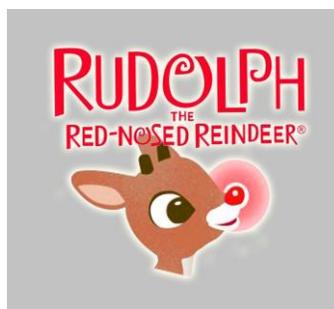
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PAINTING WITH A PURPOSE

And, we have a new FUNdraising event in our schedule this year on Tuesday evening, October 23rd. **Painting with a Purpose:** This is Fun Art, not Fine Art. Invite your friends, sip your favorite beverage (adult beverages approved!), and enjoy step-by-step instruction with a local artist. You leave with a painting signed and accomplished by you! We have included an image of the painting we will create that evening.

As part of planning for the future of MCC, the board will be forming a search committee, advertising and interviewing for our new Artistic Director over the course of this upcoming season. The board is also undergoing some changes as I am serving my last year as President, and Blakely Marcinkowski, Vice President this coming year, will move into the Presidency. We will be voting on new Choir Representatives to the board this fall – please consider if you are able to serve in this manner. Our meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 5:30-6:45pm.

Looking forward to the joy of music and friendship with you soon,

Robbin Rose  
President, Founder



**JOIN RUDOLF & FROSTY FOR A HOLIDAY SING-ALONG!**  
SATURDAY, NOV. 17<sup>TH</sup> @ MCT CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

### For Returning Members:

Take a look at our mail in portion of the newsletter for registration details. Payment can be made by mailing that portion in with a check. You can also pay using our member website Chorus Connection (look for a link in your email updates from Jenny) or at rehearsal. Please remember Scholarships are available!

### For Prospective Members:

The Community Chorus keeps an active waiting list and if you have expressed interest in joining the choir we will contact you in the coming weeks inviting singers to join based on space available. Thanks for your patience!  
**Please email [jenny@missoulachorus.org](mailto:jenny@missoulachorus.org) for more info or call 406-493-9255.**