

Christmas Choral Concert This Thursday

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The High Country High School Community Chorale will perform their Christmas choral concert on Thursday, December 17, 2009. The performance will take place in Hayes School of Music in Rosen Concert Hall on A.S.U.'s campus beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The High Country High School Community Chorale began as a dream shared over 4 years ago by conductor, Pamela Hopton-Jones with Dottie Sykes, conductor of the Presbyterian-Methodist Community Children's Choir which she has conducted for nearly 30 years. This dream has now resulted in the first High Country High School Community Chorale, an ensemble of 30 charter members. The Chorale exists to increase the appreciation of, and participation in, a high quality choral music experience by the youth of the High Country of North Carolina. By so doing, we increase the overall musical experience of the culture at large.

The High Country High School Community Chorale is in its first semester and is excited to share with the community what they have accomplished. The following repertoire will be performed:

Jesus is Born

Alabare (Sing Allelu)

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Psalm 139

Come to Me (Based on Matthew 11: 28-30)

Jazz Gloria featuring Patrick Coston on string bass and Doug Jones on tubano.

The Prince of Peace (Scriptural Reading) from Isaiah 9:2, 6, & 7 & Isaiah 12: 2-6

(featuring the men of the Chorale)

Mary Did You Know? (featuring the ladies of the Chorale)

Carols Around utilizing these carols:

-Dona Nobis Pacem

-The First Noel

-It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

-Away In A Manger

Little Babe

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Mangwane Mpulele/Kinelwaki Pule: South African Song

Deck the Halls featuring Patrick Coston on triangle and Doug Jones on snare drum.

Caribe Noel featuring percussionists:

Tubano: Doug Jones; Guiro: Patrick Coston; Maracas: James Ellington

CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE HIGH COUNTRY HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHORALE:

Sopranos:

Sarah Barry, Kassie Casner, Sidney Ginn, Elizabeth Harrell, Katie Hartley, Marjorie Hubert, Ashton Kacsmayk, Caroline Lonas, Stephanie Richard, Laiken Williams, Lizzie Zimmerman.

Altos:

Anne Barbee, Hannah Bates, Addi Berry, Emily Berry, Leah Clemens, Stephanie Freyler, Lauren Jones, Gwen Prevetie.

Tenors:

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Shepherd Barry, Titus Casner, Nathan Jones, Jon Kelley, Nathanael Rains.

Basses:

Nathan Bates, Justin Drake, James Ellington, Jonathan Faulks, Eric Griffin, Edward Oliver.

Accompanist for the High Country High School Community Chorale is Mrs. Laura Coston. Dottie Sykes is the Chorale Assistant and Dr. Pamela Hopton-Jones is the conductor.

Anyone interested in joining the High Country High School Community Chorale should contact Pamela Hopton-Jones at jonespd@appstate.edu or 828-263-8367. The second semester will rehearse from January - May 2010.

We look forward to sharing our Christmas concert with you on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at the Hayes School of Music in Rosen Auditorium on A.S.U.'s campus beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m. This is a free concert. Invite your family and friends to enjoy this festive evening.