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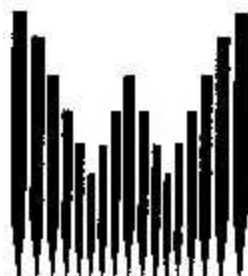
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HISTORY

In '968, a handful of church choirs in the Imlay City area, backed by local ministers, joined together and asked Jerry Pakkala to direct a new choir. Thus, the Imlay City Community Choir was born. Jerry graduated from Oakland University with a Master's in Choral Conducting. He continued to direct the choir for the next 29 years. The ensemble became known for its sacred performances including Bach's "Magnificat", Handel's "Messiah", Rutter's "Requiem" and Mozart's "Regina Coeli".

In 1997, the choir changed its name to the Lapeer County Concert Choir and began to work with several new directors. John Ayers led the ensemble in Randall Thompson's "Testament of Freedom". Louis Cantor directed "Christmas Oratorio" by Saint-Saens. Dr. David Pickett brought Joseph Haydn's "Spring" from "The Seasons" and Jennifer Davis directed the choir in Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ".

Garth Starr became LCCC Director in 2010, and opened doors that took the group to the Flint Festival of Choirs hosted by the Carolyn Mawby Chorale. 2015 marked the third invitation for the choir to perform at this festival.

Studying and performing music under the direction of highly trained individuals helps the choir continue to grow as musicians and performers, and allows for the presentation of quality concerts that appeal to audiences of all ages. As the choir moves toward its 50th year, the goal remains to promote the advancement of choral music, and show the healing power of voices united.

MAY 2016 MEMBERS

SOPRANO

Gloria Bublitz
Marilyn Buchman*
Michelle Currier
Bernita Fuller
Sharon Galbreath
Dolores Jones
Judy Judd
Andrea Leuck
Cassey Mieslik
JoAnn Morris
Michelle Rasnick
Anne Roszczewski
Jane Ruscoe
Chris Shaw

ALTO

Wendy Downum
Sarah Gardiner
Tina House
Maxine Kilbourn*
Teri Leong
Pat Lewis
Deb Locke
Pam Painter
Robyn Parton
Faye Preston
Sue Rich
Kacie Shaw
Betty Smith
Sheila Tabone
Peg Wigton
Sam Ziegenmeyer

TENOR

Danny Buchman
Joyce Johnston
Bill Schmutz
Dave Wigton*

BASS

Paul Cote
Dave Olney
Don Smith
Garrett Starr*

INSTRUMENTALISTS

French Horn - Susan McMartin
Guitar - Grant Gardiner

Trumpet - Blake Behnke
Trumpet - Annalese Petersmark
Trombone - Dave Coon
Bass Guitar - Owen Ananich
Percussion - Rob Kratz
Tenor Sax - Scott Dodge

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OUR DIRECTOR



Maestro Garth Starr returns to direct the choir for a sixth year feeling blessed to work with a group dedicated to excellence and making beautiful music. A graduate of Lapeer East High School, he became their choir director after receiving a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Michigan-Flint. He earned a Master's of Education from Marygrove College and a Master's in Choral Conducting from Michigan State University.

Garth has worked at the University of Michigan-Flint Summer Academy of Music for 14 years in various capacities, most recently serving as conductor for the Junior Academy

Choirs. He was part of the Carolyn Mawby Chorale for 10 years as a singer, guest conductor, and soloist.

Garth is a Vocal Music teacher at Hahn Intermediate School in Davison. He is also the Music Director for the Davison Assembly of God and serves on the state board for ACDA of Michigan as an area representative.

OUR ACCOMPANIST

Laura Cline studied piano, saxophone and voice at Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri and holds a Bachelor of Music in Education. She has accompanied for a variety of choral and instrumental groups throughout Oakland and Macomb Counties, as well as directed show choirs and musicals. Currently Mrs. Cline teaches elementary music at Rochester Community Schools, is the pianist for the Lapeer Symphony Orchestra, and plays keyboard at Heritage Church. She lives in Lapeer with her husband, Josh, and their energetic son, Jace.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

2015-2016

Lapeer County Concert Choir is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that relies on donations from contributors as support for our program. These funds help us hire a director, accompanist, and musicians, purchase music, pay for rehearsal space, and rent concert venues.

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Gayle Wilsman – Paw Paw

It is through giving we learn to have open hearts. The choir has lost two of our longtime supporters over the past year. We fondly remember Doris Muir and Ada VanDyke for their many years of faithful giving to the Lapeer County Concert Choir. We sing and give thanks for lives well lived.

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