46th Season

Lapeer County Concert Choir

PRESENTS

"All Creation Sings"

Director, Garth Starr ★ Accompanist, Evelyn Jackson

Friday, May 2, 2014 @ 7pm

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History

In 1968 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 B.A. in music education, and went on to receive his Master's in Choral Conducting. He continued to direct the choir on through to the end of the 90s until he took a teaching position in Texas. Over the years, the ensemble became known for its sacred performances including Bach's "Magnificat," Handel's "Messiah," Rutter's "Requiem" and "Gloria," Mozart's "Regina Coeli," and Carcani's "Gloria" to name a few.

In 1997 the choir changed names to the Lapeer County Concert Choir and began to expand repertoire and musical influences by working with fledgling composers and several new directors. John Ayers from New Baltimore led the ensemble in a performance of Randall Thompson's "Testament of Freedom." John holds a Master's in Church Music from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Louis Cantor directed "Christmas Oratorio" by Saint-Saens, Dr. David Picket's influence brought Joseph Haydn's "Spring" from "The Seasons," and Ms. Jennifer Davis directed the choir in "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois.

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. The experience rehearsing and performing with Dr. Paul Rardin from Temple University in 2012 and Dr. Hugh Floyd from Furman University this past spring boosted the ensemble's overall musical polish.

Studying and performing music under the direction of highly trained individuals helps the choir continue to grow as musicians and performers. This allows Lapeer County Concert Choir to present quality vocal music concerts that appeal to audiences of all generations. As we move toward our 50th year, the goal remains to promote the continued support and advancement of choral music.

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Our Director

Maestro Garth Starr returns to direct the choir for a fourth year, 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, a Master's in Choral Conducting from Michigan State University, and served as District Manager for MSVMA District 3.

Garth has worked at the University of Michigan-Flint Summer Academy of Music for 13 years in various capacities, most recently serving as conductor for the Junior Academy Choirs and was part of the Carolyn Mawby Chorale for 10 years as a singer, guest conductor, and soloist.

This fall is his first year as Vocal Music teacher at Hahn Intermediate School in Davison. He currently serves as Music Director for Davison Assembly of God and on the board of the Michigan chapter of ACDA as an area representative.

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Our Accompanist

Evelyn Jackson holds a Music Education degree from Central Michigan University and a Master's in Education from Marygrove and has been accompanying groups since her teen years. She's directed children's Christmas programs in various churches for over 18 years as well as several stage musicals at Kearsley High School plus playing for community choirs and individuals. Recently retired after 11 years teaching elementary general music in the Davison Area Schools, Evelyn currently serves as pianist and choral director at Emanuel Baptist Church in Flint, and teaches piano privately. When not behind the piano Evelyn enjoys spending time with husband Dr. Charles Jackson in Burton, their 3 married sons and four grandchildren. This is Mrs. Jackson's first season with the choir and we welcome her warmly.

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Spring Concert 2014

PRELUDE

Selections for Guitar
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OPENING

Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sounds — George F. Handel

HEAVENS

The Heavens are Telling — Franz Joseph Haydn
Trio: Anne Roszczewski, Danny Buchman, and Paul Cote

Choose Something Like a Star — Randall Thompson

The Cloths of Heaven — Z. Randall Stroope

Sure on this Shining Night — Morten Lauridsen

CREATURES

El Grillo — Josquin des Pres

The cricket is a good singer who can sing for a very long time
From drinking the cricket sings, he sings all the time
He isn't like the birds who sing a little bit then go somewhere else
The cricket remains where he is
When it is very hot he sings only for love

Animal Crackers — Eric Whitacre

I. The Panther
II. The Cow
III. The Firefly

Jabberwocky — Sam Pottle
Reader: Sarah Gardiner

'Twas brillig and the slithy toves did gyre and gimble in the wabe
All mimsy were the borogoves and the mome raths outgrabe.
Beware the Jabberwock, my son! The jaws that bite, the jaws that catch!
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun the frumious Bandersnatch!
He took his vorpal sword in hand: Long time the manxome foe he sought
So rested he by the Tumtum tree, and stood a while in thought
And as in uffish thought he stood, the Jabberwock, with eyes of flame
came whiffling though the tulgey wood, and burbled as it came!
One, two! One, two and through and through the vorpal sword went snickersnack!
He left it dead and with its head he went galumphing back.
And hast thou slain the Jabberwock? Come to my arms, my bemish boy
O frabjous day! Caloo! Callay! He chortled in his joy.

Cats' Meow — Gioacchino Rossini
Meow

Circle Round the Moon — Mark Hierholzer
Sue Rich

All Things Bright and Beautiful — John Rutter
Marilyn Buchman

Bee! I'm Expecting You — Emma Lou Diemer
Faith Sauvé

Wick — Lucy Simons
Lauren Ball

NATURE

Come To My Garden — Lucy Simon
Soloists: Lauren Ball and Marilyn Buchman

Down to the River to Pray — Mack Wilberg
Second Pianist: Betty Smith

Shenandoah — Arr. James Erb

The Wind and the Rain — Jan Bach
Soloist: David Wigton

FINALE

Let all the World in Every Corner Sing — Ralph Vaughan Williams

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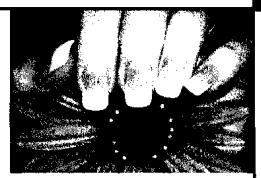

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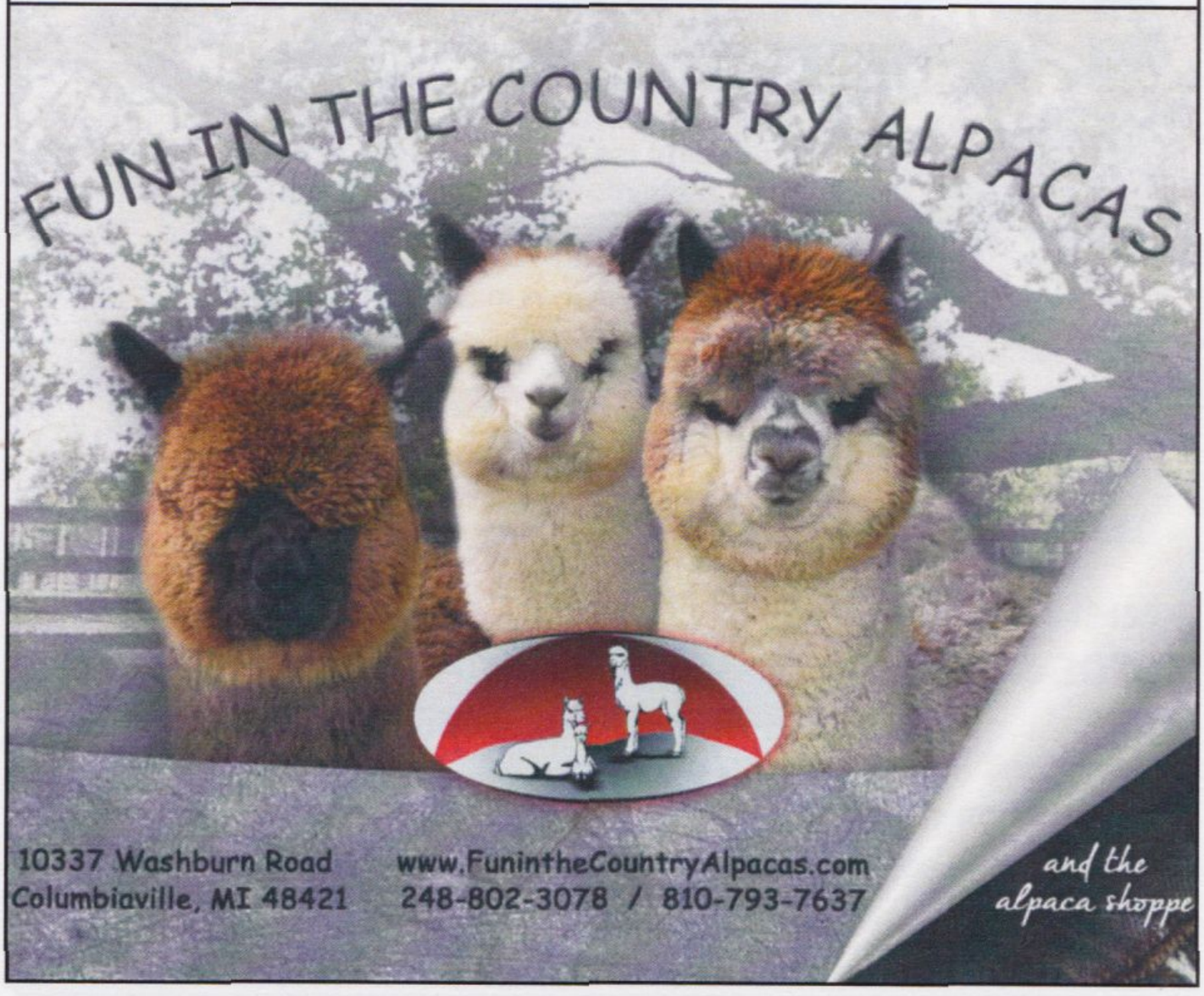
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