



# CHORALE NOTES *(&Photos!)* (a bit after) June, 2012

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## “Out of the Stars”



On April 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, the Chorale performed our “Out of the Stars” concert, under the direction of Carole Tomhave.

Above: the Chorale singing, with multi-media display, at the Daniel Technology Center of Germanna Community College.

Right: Soprano Margie Blankenship solos in “True Light.” (Hampton)



## The Director's Corner - Carole Tomhave



*In summer, the song sings itself.* --William Carlos Williams

Isn't that the truth? One of my favorite things to do in the summer is sit on my front deck as afternoon turns to evening, and listen to the birds as they make their dinner pass by the birdfeeders. There is the background music of Gooney Creek down at the bottom of the hill. Bees and cicadas add the string section, and then, when it's *just* dark enough, the peepers and bullfrogs join in the symphony. Children laugh and call to one another in nearby yards, reveling in the opportunity to stay out until it's dark.

During this time, we at the Blue Ridge Chorale take our time to slow down and rest, and allow nature to entertain us musically. But when the shadows start to lengthen earlier, and Indian summer is upon us, we will gear up for another great season. Plans are firming up for our winter concerts, and I am already beginning to anticipate seeing our veteran members, and greeting some new singers, in late August. Because then it is our turn to provide the song! Plan to join us in whatever way you can—as a singer, a patron, or an audience member! Happy summer!

Carole Tomhave, Musical Director

The Youth and adult Chorales combine voices in "Child of the Universe" (Cassils)



Our Fall/Winter 2012 season will start Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Placement auditions will be on August 20<sup>th</sup>. We'll have openings in both our Children's Chorus (ages 7 -14) and our Adult Chorale. Learn more about us on our website, [www.brcsings.com](http://www.brcsings.com) and if you love to sing, come sing with us!

# Chorale News & Views: We're Moving!



The Chorale has enjoyed many good years hosted by St. Luke's Lutheran Church, holding both rehearsals and concerts in the Church's beautiful sanctuary. But now we have too many singers for that space to accommodate us, so this spring we've said "good-bye" to our kind hosts and will be moving our base to Open Door Baptist Church, which is on the left side Rt 3 eastbound just before it crosses Rt 29.

Thank you, to St. Luke's and to Open Door!



## On a Trailer Hunt...

The Chorale is looking for a cargo trailer, either as a donation or at a very good price. This must be roadworthy, water proof, lockable and 6x6x12 feet in size. This trailer will transport and store our concert equipment: a critical part of each concert. If you have, or know of, such a trailer, please call 540-948-4573.

We also are looking for a place to park our trailer, once we get it. Can you help us out?

## Chorale Fundraiser Launched

In June, the Chorale launched a fundraising drive to help with our normal expenses and the additional costs involved in moving to a larger host facility. Please help us out with your donation, through our website ([www.bringsings.com](http://www.bringsings.com)) or by mailing a check to:

Blue Ridge Chorale  
PO Box 1871  
Culpeper, VA 22701

### *What could my donation do?*

- \$10 would cover a season's music purchase for one singer.
- \$40 would cover the location expense of two rehearsals.
- \$90 would cover the cost of safely storing our music library for a month.
- \$200 would cover our professional staff costs for an off-season free concert, such as July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- \$300 would cover the cost of a guest instrumentalist for one concert series.

## More Concert Photos....



(Above and Right) Tim and Johncie Carlson reading Robert Weston's poem "Out of the Stars." Scott Tester accompanies on violin.



(above) The Chamber Ensemble singing "You Are the New Day" (John David/Peter Knight).

(right) This season, we were lucky enough to have two sets of grandparent/ grandchild members. Alex ter Weele and his granddaughter Maria ter Weele (at the left) sang a duet from "I Sing the Body Electric" (Gore, Pitchford/Lojeski)



## ...and Even More Concert Photos!



Kathy Tester providing the flute accompaniment to "May It Be" (Brohanian, Ryan, Ryan/Brymer)



(from left) Cathy ter Weele, Sam Miles and Tim Carlson sing the Archangels' trio from Haydn's "Creation".

**Many thanks to  
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for the great  
concert photos in  
this issue!**

The Youth Chorale, under the direction of Cathy ter Weele, singing "Oh, Watch the Stars," a folk song from St. Helena Island, S.C.

