

2011-12 CHORAL ACTIVITIES COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Montclair State University is proud to present four choral focused Community Outreach Events during 2011-12. They range from a rehearsal techniques workshop with young voices to our Invitational High School Choral Festival, an open dress rehearsal, and spring concert performance. While many events are free, all require registration. Please check the listings below for specific event information or visit us on the web www.montclair.edu/music

1. **CHORAL WORKSHOP:** Sun, October 23, 2011 3-5 pm Chapin Hall Choral Rm

Children's Voices in Action: Rehearsal Techniques for Young Voices

- A valuable opportunity for choral directors and college-level music education majors interested in working with young voices to observe veteran conductor and choral music educator **Deborah Mello** in rehearsal with the **Children's Chorus of Sussex County**.

Admission: FREE but pre-registration is required. Seats will be limited.

Registration: Email **Daveda Brown**, *Choral Activities Teaching Assistant*, browned2@mail.montclair.edu to reserve your seat.

Enquiries? Contact Dr. Heather J. Buchanan, *Director of Choral Activities* buchananh@mail.montclair.edu

2. **MSU CHORALFEST:** Fri, Nov 4, 2011 8 am-3 pm Kasser Theatre

Invitational High School Choral Festival

- The MSU ChoralFest is a non-competitive, adjudicated high school choral festival emphasizing vocal and ensemble skill development. A maximum of six choirs will be selected to perform in the state-of-the-art acoustics of the Alexander Kasser Theater. Festival participants will benefit from experiencing the performances and mini-clinics of the invited high school choirs, working with MSU's dynamic *Director of Choral Activities* Dr. Heather J. Buchanan, a workshop with a member of the MSU voice faculty, and a closing concert featuring the acclaimed **MSU Singers**.
- *Please note* – **ChoralFest** is open to High School Choirs only via an application process.

Registration Fee: \$100 per choir

Applications: *ChoralFest Application Forms* must be emailed to Dr. Heather J. Buchanan (buchananh@mail.montclair.edu) no later than **Friday, October 7, 2011**.

Enquiries? *Application Forms* and detailed festival information available at www.montclair.edu/music or by contacting Martha Learner, *Concert Manager*, learnerm@mail.montclair.edu

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3. **OPEN DRESS REHEARSAL:** Sat, Dec 10, 2011 1:30-4:30 pm Kasser Theatre

***Parables* – Herschel Garfein, libretto & Robert Livingston Aldridge, composer**

- As part of the 2011 Crawford Concert, the 160-voice **MSU Chorale** will perform the East Coast Premiere of the Symphonic Oratorio *Parables*, a major work for large mixed chorus, SATB soloists, and symphony orchestra. This exciting new work deals with the themes of tolerance and universality of cultural and spiritual beliefs and utilizes texts drawn from Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.
- The MSU Chorale is joined by the **MSU Symphony Orchestra**, professional soloists **Monica Yunus soprano, Janara Kellerman mezzo-soprano, John Lindsey tenor, Todd Thomas baritone**, and professional instrumentalists under the direction of **Dr. Heather J. Buchanan, conductor**.
- This is a working dress rehearsal that will give valuable insights into the artistic process as the performers make final preparations for their Crawford Concert performance. Audience members will also have the opportunity to interact with the composer, librettist and conductor.

Admission: Free – ticket required

Registration: Contact Kathleen Reddington (redingtonk@mail.montclair.edu) no later than **Friday, November 11, 2011**.

Enquiries? Contact Kathleen Reddington, *Program Assistant College of the Arts*, (973-655-7071 or redingtonk@mail.montclair.edu)

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4. **CHORAL SPRING CONCERT:** Fri, April 20, 2012 11:30 am-1:30 pm Kasser Th.
- An opportunity to experience MSU's acclaimed choirs, **University Singers** and the **MSU Chorale** in concert with **Dr. Heather J. Buchanan** *conductor* and **Steven W. Ryan** *collaborative artist*.
 - The University Singers will present a variety of contemporary and traditional choral repertoire, including newly commissioned works by Martin Sedek and Chen Yi.
 - The Chorale will present David Fanshawe's vibrant Afro-Latin, tribal-choral masterpiece *African Sanctus* which fuses traditional African music with elements of the Latin mass in a multi-media setting. Its message is one of peace, goodwill and understanding between nations. Scored for operatic soprano solo, large SATB choir, piano, pre-recorded African tape, percussion, rock band, multi-racial performers, and ethnic drums incorporated with slides from Fanshawe's African travels.

Admission: Free – ticket required

Registration: Contact Kathleen Reddington (redingtonk@mail.montclair.edu) no later than **Friday, March 23, 2012**.

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