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#### GREETINGS OF SPRING FROM YOUR OCDA PRESIDENT

It's Spring! Renewal is everywhere—in the flowers and trees, in the face of the graduate, in the fresh harmonization of the hymn, in the choral classic sung with even greater care. The potential for renewal is present every day, of course, but we get a little help from the natural cycle of the seasons. Nadia Boulanger's quote comes to mind: "If I know how to look at you, you surprise me each time."

July offers another time for renewal when OCDA sponsors its annual conference, and this year's promises to be one of the best. These are some of the comments heard by OCDA board members. "Devote more time to the children's choir." "I would have been there if the conference hadn't coincided with the National Show Choir Camp in Tiffin. "How about a session on conducting technique?" Well, check the conference schedule! Our many clinicians are in the forefront of their specialties in the choral field, and will address many of these expressed interests.

Since the mailing of convention brochures, the original schedule has

been revised. Unfortunately, James Jordan of Westminster Choir College has cancelled his appearance due to anticipated surgery. We are pleased to announce that Simon Carrington will be taking Jordan's place. As founding member and former co-director of the King's Singers, Carrington is a choral giant of our time. Our second headliner, Henry Leck from Butler University, has developed one of the most impressive children's choir programs in the country, and is widely recognized and appreciated for his contributions to quality choral literature for children. Carrington and Leck will join other choral leaders around the state who will share their experience and their love for the choral art.

ACDA and OCDA embrace thirteen different Repertoire and Standards areas—a whole lot of preferences to satisfy. Our conference schedule addresses most of them. So, come to receive, but also come to give. Find renewal, discover new repertoire, see old friends and make new ones, support our youngest OCDA members, come to make music—and send Hank Dahlman a note of thanks for all his preparation as host!

—Peter Jarjisian OCDA President

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# OBERLIN CONSERVATORY TO HONOR ROBERT FOUNTAIN

#### ROBERT SHAW TO CONDUCT TRIBUTE CONCERT

OCDA Members to Be Invited to Perform

Oberlin College Conservatory of Music announces a series of events to honor noted choral conductor and pedagogue Robert Fountain, November 5 - 9, on the Oberlin College campus. Professor Fountain served on the Conservatory faculty from 1948 to 1971. Throughout his career, his accomplishments made a significant impact on the choral arts, and his dedication to choral literature served to raise the standard of choral performance in this country.

The five-day Robert Fountain Tribute will culminate in a benefit concert on Saturday, November 9, at 8:00 p.m. in Finney Chapel, conducted by internationally renowned choral artist Robert Shaw. Maestro Shaw requested to be part of this celebration because of his desire to recognize Fountain's life-long commitment and contribution to choral music.

The concert program will include Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms and Schubert's Mass in E-flat major. Maestro Shaw will lead open rehearsals and class presentations during the week of the performance. Participants will include students of the Oberlin College Choir, Musical Union, and the Oberlin Orchestra. Performance invitations will be extended to Oberlin choral alumni and all members of the Ohio Choral Directors Association.

Professor Fountain will be honored at a tribute reception and dinner on Friday, November 8. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to create an endowed scholarship fund specifically earmarked for promising Conservatory voice students.

Now retired, Robert Fountain and his wife Clara live in Oberlin. Dr. Fountain holds a Bachelor of Music in voice and a Master of Music in vocal literature from the Eastman School of Music. He was awarded honorary doctorates of music from Mount Union College in 1964, and from Wooster College in 1987.

During his Oberlin tenure, Professor Fountain held the positions of Professor of Singing, Director of Choral Organizations, Dean of the Conservatory, and Professor of Choral Conducting. In 1971, he became the choral director at the University of Wisconsin. For the 1973-74 year, he was Visiting Professor and Choral Director at Yale University. In 1974, he resumed his post at Wisconsin, remaining there until his retirement in 1994.

For specific information on events surrounding the Robert Fountain Tribute, call the Oberlin College Office of Public Programs at (216) 775-6785.

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## SET YOUR JUNIOR HIGH SINGERS UP . . . FOR SUCCESS!

Being a junior high or middle school choral director is a little like being an assistant principal in charge of discipline—everyone agrees that what you do is important, but no one wants your job. Just as most administrators don't plan on careers as assistant principals, very few choral music education majors graduate looking for junior high or middle school jobs. Frequently, directors will "settle" for middle school duties as the price to pay for their high school programs.

It's easy to see why junior high programs are many people's nightmares. Who in their right mind would want to work with hoards of hormonal adolescents who are vocally messed up and on continual emotional roller coasters? Yet, it IS possible to have a strong junior high choral program and even enjoy the process. The key to success is in the planning, as it is in so many areas of our lives.

One aspect of a successful program involves scheduling. This is something that may take years to change and should be regarded as a long-term goal. Don't be discouraged if your situation is less than ideal, and don't give up lobbying for whatever changes will work best for you. In my school, 7th and 8th graders are separated which helps me deal with the male voice change. Girls and boys each rehearse separately two days a week, while one day a week is reserved for the full mixed group. This helps tremendously in addressing vocal technique and problems unique to each sex. Students can participate in choir and band or orchestra easily. In addition to these nonauditioned choirs which meet for forty minute periods during the school day, students may participate in four select groups which rehearse before school.

Selecting literature may be the toughest job of a junior high/middle school director, but it is probably the most important one. Choose music with appropriate voicings for your group. There is no way a choir can be successful if they physically cannot sing the notes! An SAB arrangement probably won't work

for your fall seventh grade concert when the majority of your boys can't sing anything lower than an F below middle C. Select music with a range that fits the vocal majority and rewrite the part for the vocal minority. Possible adaptations include octave displacement of out-of-range notes, transposition, doubling at the octave, rewriting the part, or skipping between parts. Be sure to explain changes fully, have students mark changes in their music, and make sure they understand why these revisions are necessary.

Repertoire for the year should cover a wide variety of styles. Middle school is a time for exploration, and nowhere is this more important than in the choir room. Directors who only feed their choirs pop music (which usually isn't arranged well for changing voices) or sappy, feel-good junior high tunes are as negligent as parents who only give their children candy bars and pop. There is quality music out there which is accessible for all groups, and your choirs will enjoy the challenge. Teach your students to think intelligently about music, and to ask "what makes a good piece of music?" There is a time and place for those "candy bar" pieces, but check to see that the group's diet is well-balanced.

It is important to provide a disciplined, positive classroom climate. Remember that these adolescents do not all have to love you on the same day for you to be successful. But they do have to know what to expect from you. If you are firm and consistent in whatever discipline model you follow, kids will respect you and work well for you. Junior high kids will live up to your expectations, so set them high. I encourage my students to act as "professionally" as possible, but these are behaviors that must be taught.

In addition to reviewing and reinforcing notational concepts presented in elementary school, it is necessary to teach junior high or middle school students how to be choir members. This is the time to teach the basics of good vocal technique and how to apply them in an en-

semble setting. Even teaching the basics of conducting technique is valuable. I had each of my students conduct a simple round in their choir. Just that brief experience made them much more aware of each gesture's meaning, and they quickly learned how important it is to watch the conductor.

Junior high and middle school choirs can experience success if given the right opportunities. Directors should not be afraid to take their choirs out in public. There are any number of adjudicated events, conventions, and festivals that are crying out for junior high participation. Directors owe it to their students to give them these unforgettable experiences. It takes time and effort, of course, but the benefits will be long-lasting.

Those directors who are passionate about their jobs will tell you that grades six to nine are the most important years in a person's vocal development. Junior high directors not only guide adolescents through the trauma of vocal change, but also lay the foundations of basic musicianship, technique, and appreciation that will stay with a singer for a lifetime. To me, that makes my job as rewarding as any university or high school position, and even as important as the job of the assistant principal!

-Ann L. Usher

Ann L. Usher is the Choral Director at Solon Middle School, OMEA District VII President-Elect, and OCDA Repertoire and Standards Chairfor Junior High and Middle School Choirs.

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#### SIMON CARRINGTON

For 25 years, Simon Carrington enjoyed a successful career as founder, member, co-director, and creative force with internationally acclaimed vocal ensemble *The King's Singers*. Since the group's formation in 1968, Carrington presented over 3,000 performances at many of the world's prestigious festivals and concert halls, made nearly 70 recordings, appeared on countless television and radio programs, and led workshops and master classes throughout Europe, The United States, Australia, and Japan. Also an orchestral musician, Carrington played with most of London's leading orchestras, and was the bass continuo player in performances which launched the career of John Eliot Gardner and the *Monteverdi Orchestra*.

Since his retirement from *The King's Singers*, Carrington has been Professor, Artist-in-Residence, and Director of Choral Activities at the University of Kansas. In addition to developing the choral program, he directs the masters and doctoral degree programs in choral conducting, and offers master classes and workshops throughout the United States and Europe. Having performed at Carnegie Hall three times with *The King's Singers*, he made his conducting debut there in May, 1996.

Simon spends the summers in France, and has recently lead clinics at choral institutes and festivals in Mainz and Wuppertal (Germany), Arnhem (Holland), and Bolzano (Italy). He served as a jury member for the 1995 Florilége Vocal de Tours, the German National Music Competition, the 1995 Netherlands International Choir Festival, and the Fifth National Vocal Group Festival in Holland.

#### **HENRY LECK**

A nationally recognized choral director, Henry Leck is associate professor of choral music at Butler University where he conducts choral ensembles and teaches conducting and music education classes. Mr. Leck is widely known as a specialist in the child's voice and the boy's changing voice.

In 1986, he became the founder and music director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir, a program of approximately 800 children in eleven choirs. Since its inception, the choir has become a premiere music education and performing organization, having performed for ACDA, MENC, the Organization of American Kodaly Educators, and the College Music Society. In addition, the choir has performed in Wales, England, Scotland, France, Austria, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and throughout the United States. This ensemble has also appeared with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Canadian Brass and the Chieftains. Recordings include the acclaimed *Rejoice*, with Brass and Voice with the Canadian Brass.

Mr. Leck has conducted numerous national, all-state, and regional honor choirs, and has conducted festivals at the Kennedy Center, in Australia, and South America. He received his training at the University of Wisconsin, the University of Colorado, and Indiana University. He is also the editor of a nationally known choral series published by Plymouth Music Co., Inc., and has produced a video entitled *Vocal Techniques for the Young Singer*.

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30th Birthday Celebration Concert, The Oberlin Community Chamber Singers, Carol Longsworth, conductor. Works by Mozart, Brahms, Gilbert and Sullivan, women composers, African-American composers, and a commissioned work for electric cello and choir. Reception following with gifts for everyone 30 years old. First Church, U.C.C., Oberlin, 7:30 P.M.

#### May 15

Ohio State University Chorale, Dr. Hilary Apfelstadt, conductor, Weigel Hall, 8:00 P.M.

#### May 16 - May 27

Miami University Collegiate Chorale and Chamber Singers European Tour, William Bausano, conductor. Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany, France.

#### May 17

Wright State University Chorus and Men's Chorale, James Tipps, conductor, and WSU Women's Chorale, Hank Dahlman, conductor. 8:00 P.M.

#### May 18

52nd Annual Spring Concert, The Dayton Boys Choir, Daniel B. Greene, artistic director. Dayton Convention Center Auditorium, 7:30 P.M. 513-837-3647.

Sounds of Spring, Summit Children's Choirs and Summit Youth Choir, Frank S. Jacobs, conductor. Coventry Conservatory of Music, Akron, 7:30 P.M.

#### May 19

Spring Showcase of Choirs, Riverside Children's Choirs, Sevilla B. Morse,

Marjorie Hildebrandt, and Marcia Katzman, conductors. Rocky River United Methodist Church, 3:00 P.M.

A Choral Collage, Ohio State University, Weigel Hall, 8:00 p.m.

The Cecilian Singers of Columbus, James Myers, conductor, Church of the Messiah United Methodist Church, Westerville, 3:00 P.M.

#### May 19

Kinderchor at Otterbein College, Concert Choir, Amy Chivington, conductor, Aronoff Center, Cincinnati, 3:00 P.M.

#### May 22

The OSU University Chorus, David Monseur, conductor, Weigel Hall, 8:00 P.M.

#### May 23

Carl Orff's Carmina Burana, Ohio University Combined Choirs and Symphony Orchestra, Athens Community Music School Children's Chorus, 8:00 P.M.

#### May 24-27

Spring Concert Tour, The Kettering Children's Choir, Mary Lynn Bergsten and Natalie DeHorn, conductors, Philadelphia.

#### May 28

Findlay High School Choirs in Concert, FHS Heminger Auditorium, 7:30 P.M.

#### May 29

Spring Concert, The Kettering Children's Choir, Mary Lynn Bergsten and Natalie DeHorn, conductors. Commissioned work *The Concert* by John Carter, Fraze Pavilion, Kettering, 7:00 P.M.

#### June 1

A Viennese Romantic Evening, The Wright State University Madrigal Singers, Hank Dahlman, conductor. Including Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes, Op.

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Music of the Night, Spring Pops Concert, The Choirs of Lorain County Community College, Nancy Davis, conductor. Jazz, light classics, Broadway hits, oldies, and many musical surprises. Lorain, 8:00 p.m.

#### June 2

Wright State University Gospel Chorus, Brenda Ellis, conductor, WSU Creative Arts Center, 8:00 P.M.

#### June 9

Music of Spain: Lullabies, Laments, Lovesongs, The BelCanto Singers, Stephen Caracciolo, conductor, Columbus Museum of Art, Derby Court, 2:00 P.M.

#### June 15

Masterworks and Miniatures, The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Cincinnati, Earl Rivers, conductor. Sir David Willcocks conducting Honegger's King David. A cappella English miniatures of Elgar, Stanford, and Vaughan Williams. Rockdale Temple, 8501 Ridge Road, Amberley Village, 8:00 P.M.

#### June 15

An Evening in Vienna, Masterworks Chorale, Masterworks Chamber Singers, Summit Children's Choir, Summit Youth Choir of the Summit Choral Society, Frank S. Jacobs, artistic director. E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall, Akron, 6:00 P.M.

#### June 20

A Concert for the Whole Family: The Donut Man. Rob Evans, Christian composer and performer. Bay Presbyterian Church, Bay Village, 4:00 P.M. 216/871-0230

#### July 9

The Kettering Children's Choir, Mary Lynn Bergsten and Natalie DeHorn, conductors. Summer OCDA Conference.

## **UPDATED SUMMER CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY, JULY 7 **Boychoirs** 2:00 P.M. OCDA BOARD MEETING Senior High School 5:00 - 9:00 REGISTRATION Male Choirs 7:00 P.M. PRE-CONVENTION CONCERT Music and Worship Wright State University Madrigal Singers, Hank 8:15 A.M. SIMON CARRINGTON: INTEREST SESSION 2 Dahlman, conductor 9:30 а.м. **READING SESSION 2 OPENING SESSION** 8:00 р.м. Two-Year Colleges INTEREST SESSION 8:15 р.м. Children's Choirs Choral Masterwork Sing: Peter Jariisian **Community Choirs** CONCERT: Coventry Green, Basil Fett, conductor 9:00 р.м. 10:30 A.M. BREAK/VISIT THE EXHIBITS 10:00 P.M. WELCOME PARTY 11:00 A.M. HENRY LECK: INTEREST SESSION 3 Vocal Techniques for the Young Singer MONDAY, JULY 8 12:15 P.M. LUNCHEON/BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 A.M. REGISTRATION: Creative Arts Center Commons 7:00 A.M. BREAKFAST **READING SESSION 3** 2:30 р.м. R & S Breakfast Meetings Junior High/Middle School Two-year Colleges College and University Junior High/Middle School Ethnic/Multicultural **Community Choirs** HENRY LECK: INTEREST SESSION 4 3:30 р.м. Female Choirs African Drumming in Choral Settings 8:15 A.M. HENRY LECK: INTEREST SESSION 1 5:00 р.м. INTEREST SESSION An Overview of the Treble Voice Question and Answer Session with Simon 9:30 A.M. READING SESSION Carrington and Henry Leck **Boychoirs** 6:00 р.м. PICNIC DINNER Music and Worship SIMON CARRINGTON: INTEREST SESSION 3 7:30 P.M. Jazz/Show Choirs 9:00 P.M. CONCERT: Musica!, John Leman, conductor 10:30 A.M. BREAK/VISIT THE EXHIBITS 11:00 A.M. INTEREST SESSION WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 Conducting Techniques: Hilary Apfelstadt; 7:00 A.M. BREAKFAST Peter Jariisian R & S Breakfast Meetings 12:15 P.M. LUNCH Children's Choirs College and University Choirs 1:30 P.M. HENRY LECK: INTEREST SESSION 2 Ethnic/Multicultural The Boy's Adolescent Changing Voice Jazz/Show Choirs 2:45 P.M. CONCERT 8:15 A.M. INTEREST SESSION Kent State University Ars Nova, C. M. Shearer. Panel: How do you get that sound? 3:45 р.м. BREAK/VISIT THE EXHIBITS James Gallagher, Jerry Parsons, Ann Usher INTEREST SESSION 4:15 P.M. 9:30 а.м. **READING SESSION 4** Teaching Sight-Singing Through Structural High School Reductions: Leland Bland Female Chorus DINNER 5:30 P.M. Male Chorus 7:30 р.м. SIMON CARRINGTON: INTEREST SESSION 1 10:30 A.M. BREAK/VISIT THE EXHIBITS 9:00 р.м. CONCERT 11:00 A.M. INTEREST SESSION Kettering Children's Chorus, Natalie DeHom and Renaissance Performance Practice: C.M. Shearer Mary Lynn Bergsten 12:30 P.M. CONVENTION ENDS 10:00 p.m. GEMÜTLICHKEIT **REGISTRATION NOTES** TUESDAY, JULY 9

•Call Local Hotel Numbers for Group Rates
•Contact Hank Dahlman Directly for
Graduate Credit

7:00 A.M. REGISTRATION: Creative Arts Center Commons

**BREAKFAST** 

R & S Breakfast Meetings

#### OCDA SUMMER CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM DUE JUNE 20, 1996

Last Name	First Name			
Professional Affiliation(s	s)			
Home Address				
City	State	ZIP		
Home Phone	Work Phon	e		
Names of family member	(s) attending co	onvention		
Registration Fees (Include	des Tuesday Li	unch)		
Before 6/20/96	After 6/20	# of Persons		
65.00 (ACDA Members) 110.00				
(Non ACDA-Members)*				
15.00 (Student Member)	20.00			
25.00 (Student Non-Member	er)* 30.00			
15.00 (Retired Member)	20.00			
20.00 (Spouse)	30.00			
*Includes ACDA Membersh	ip			
Meal Plans (Available only	through pre-regi	istration)		
A. Full Plan: \$45.00	# of Full N	Meal Plans		
3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dir				
Tuesday luncheon included i	in registration fe	e.		
B. Breakfasts only - \$3.00				
#Monday	_#Tuesday	# Wednesday		
On-Campus Lodging Laurel Hall. Limited availab	bility, so make re	eservations early.		
Single (\$25.65/night) Linens (\$7.00/packet)				
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For Convention Information:
Dr. Hank Dahlman
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(513) 873-3721

For Registration and Housing Information: Office of Conferences and Events Wright State University Dayton, Ohio 45435 (513) 873-5512

#### **Off-Campus Hotel Information**

Special convention rates have been arranged at the following locations within 1/2 mile of campus. For accommodations in nearby Fairborn and Dayton, please make arrangements on your own.

**Red Roof Inn:** 1-800-843-7663 or 513-426-6116. \$41.99 per night single, \$45.99 per night double, not including tax. Refer to No. B205WSU-Ohio Choral Directors Conference.

Fairfield Inn: 1-800-437-3364 or 513-427-0800. \$58.95 per night single; \$65.95 per night double, not including tax. Refer to Ohio Choral Directors Association. Make reservations before June 7, 1996

**Hampton Inn:** 1-800-HAMPTON or 513-429-5505. \$58.95 per night, not including tax. Refer to C-OCD. Make reservations before June 7, 1996.

Holiday Inn: 1-800-HOLIDAY or 513-426-7800. \$68.00 per night, not including tax. Make reservations before June 16, 1996.

## ACDA COMMUNITY CHORUS QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Organization	
Current Music DirectorSince When?	
Past Music DirectorYears of Tenure	
Administrative DirectorPhone ( )	
Organization's Mailing Address	
How many years has your organization been in existence?	
Total Membership: Sopranos Altos Tenors Bass	
Age Range of Singers: From to; Average age of Singers:	
Are you incorporated as a not-for-profit organization?Are you affiliated with	th any
institution? Which one?	
Annual budget:From what sources do you derive your financial support	
Describe your typical concert season (number of concerts per year, number of rehearsals per use of instruments, type of literature performed)	concert,
In what specific or general ways might OCDA assist your organization?	
Please list (on reverse side ) other community choruses in your area and names of contact per Please feel free to add any additional comments or questions on the back of this form.	rsons.
RETURN TO: Carol Longsworth, OCDA Community Chorus Chair, 55 Glenhurst Drive, Oberlin, Ohio 44074	

#### ACDA ADVOCACY RESOLUTION

Whereas the human spirit is elevated to a broader understanding of itself through study and performance in the aesthetic arts; and

Whereas serious cutbacks in funding and support have steadily eroded arts institutions and their programs throughout our country;

Be it resolved that all citizens of the United States actively voice their affirmative and collective support for necessary funding at the local, state, and national levels of education and government to ensure the survival of arts programs for this and future generations.

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