

SUMMER HARMONY - 2016

SUMMER HARMONY rehearsals are well under way kicking off season TWENTY-SIX! And it's much more than merely turning the page of the calendar and getting out a parcel of new music to get another round of songs ready to perform. There was something magic about wrapping up a milestone anniversary last year. It was fun to look back and reminisce about the songs that we had sung, the venues where we had performed, and, most cherished of all those memories, were the friendships formed and the camaraderie we have all enjoyed. But...that was then, and this is now.

The winds of change are in the air. Last fall our good friend and music director for nearly ten years, Clair Neamand, tendered his resignation. Though we understood his desire to have more time to enjoy his retirement, we knew he would be greatly missed. We continue to wish him and Kathy the very best.

On the other hand good fortune was at the ready, and after a diligent search, Summer Harmony connected with Vinny Trovato, whose experience in and around the music community in the Lehigh Valley seemed to be an excellent fit for Summer Harmony. He brings a wealth of ability, knowledge and enthusiasm to us, and we are delighted to kick off the next



quarter century with him at the helm of the good ship Summer Harmony.

The first part of this season has been devoted to rehearsals to get Vinny acquainted with the wily ways of the chorus as well as for the guys to get accustomed to Vinny's

style. That process is moving along quite well and we are all adjusting to one another's manner and technique. Best of all, of course, is that we are having a lot of fun in the process.

Our first performance will be at **Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church** on Saturday, June 25, 5:30 PM. Summer Harmony, along with the church's band will be providing entertainment at the church's open air venue in a bucolic setting in the hills of Salisbury Township not far off of Cedar Crest Boulevard and Devonshire Road (3441 Devonshire Rd) near Emmaus. This is an annual event for the church, perhaps best described as a good old fashioned ice cream social. Stop by for a bite to eat then sit back to enjoy some music in the good old summertime. The guys will sing, then the band will play with the guys singing (patriotic music, maybe?) and then the band will conclude with a set of their own selections. A rain date is set for the following day.

A fun annual outing is again on tap when we open an **Iron Pigs'** game on Thursday evening, July 14th at 7:05 (but come a little earlier to hear us sing) with our own straight forward interpretation of the Star Spangled Banner. No vocal hijinks, no rap or hip-hop to desecrate this sacred anthem; just the way that

Francis Scott Key composed it a couple of hundred years ago. This is a much anticipated outing for the guys who often bring family and friends for a wholesome evening of fun at the local ball park.

The following Sunday, July 17th at 4:00 PM, we'll travel to Quakertown to sing at **Trinity Lutheran Church**, 102 N. Hellertown Street, Quakertown. We have often sung in churches, from The Riverside Church in NYC to many others throughout the Lehigh Valley and beyond. Although singing in a house of worship implies a program of sacred music, our hosts often request that we include some secular numbers as well. I suspect you may hear some familiar tunes from the Great White Way of musical theater in New York and for sure, a few of your favorite patriotic selections as well. We very much look forward to this engagement in Quakertown.

Although much of July will be devoted to preparing new music for our season ending concert, we're delighted to find time to stop by **Waldheim Park** on Tuesday, July 19th at 7:00 PM. Nestled on the hillside of South Mountain off of Emaus Avenue in south Allentown, the amphitheater there is a truly inspirational setting for an evening of men's choral music.

Over the years the chorus has accumulated a substantial repertoire of music - well over two hundred selections. It is from that collection that several sets have been identified that would be both fun and appropriate to resurrect for Summer Harmony's traditional end-of-summer concert. This show is the highlight of

the year for the chorus and will be performed again this year at the **Scottish Rite Cathedral**, located at 1533 Hamilton Street in Allentown on August 26, 7:30 PM. The program, although in its formative stage at this point, will be an all Summer



Harmony event with a variety of choral music along with solo and ensemble numbers from within the ranks of Summer Harmony. Tickets, \$20 each, will be available after July 1st by calling the Summer Harmony hot line, 610-351-6001

After a brief hiatus in September, we'll begin rehearsals for a **Holiday Concert** to be performed at First Presbyterian Church in Allentown on December 9th at 7:30 PM. Please take a look at our new website (note the web address has changed) **SummerHarmony.org** between now and then to get the particulars for this concert. There is new content as well, so stop by often to see what's new with Summer Harmony.

For tickets Call 610-351-6001
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SUMMER HARMONY
The Premiere Men's Chorus of the Lehigh Valley
2016 CONCERT SCHEDULE

June	25	5:30 PM	Sat	Jerusalem Western Salisbury, near Emmaus
July	14	7:05 PM	Thu	Iron Pigs, Allentown
July	17	4:00 PM	Sun	Trinity Lutheran Church, Quakertown* *
July	19	7:00 PM	Tues	Waldheim Park, Allentown
Aug	26	7:30 PM	Fri	Scottish Rite Cathedral, Allentown *
Dec	9	7:30 PM	Fri	First Presbyterian Church, Allentown *

* Ticketing by Summer Harmony

* *Ticketing by others

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