

# TEMPO TIMES



## Harmony for the Holidays

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/12/09: **F.L.A.S.H.** – performance in Hunt Valley for the region
- 9/26/09: **Painted Lips**, Annual Show, AACC, 7:30 p.m.
- 10/7/09: **Friends & Family Send-Off for International**, HCMC Rehearsal Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- 10/22/09: Nashville, Tenn., SAI International Competition
- 11/4/09: Sing with us during **"Harmony for the Holidays"** – see our website for more information
- 12/4/09: **State House by Candlelight**, 7:30 p.m. Annapolis, MD
- 12/5/09: **Snackin' With Santa**: A Holiday Tradition with HCMC, Place TBD
- 12/30/09: **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival of the Lights**, Mormon Temple, 7 & 8 p.m.
- 10/23/10: **Harmony Classic Sweet Adeline International Competition**, Seattle, Washington



**HOT OFF THE PRESS!!!** Harbor City Music Company invites you to join us for the holidays. Beginning on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, singers are welcome to unite with us on the risers for this six week program. No experience is necessary!

Singing, performing and music education are only a few of the benefits you will enjoy by participating in this new venture. In addition, you will create friendships (some of them life-long), increase your self-confidence, experience a renewed vitality and have the joy of sharing music with others.

You will have an opportunity to sing with us in two performances, one of which is a candlelight "gig" at the Maryland State House.

Singers will be able to use printed music when performing. The cost of \$40.00 will help to defray some of our operating expenses (e.g., music copyrights, rehearsal hall rental, etc.)

Join us from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the Chesapeake Arts Center, Brooklyn Park, MD.

\*Call 800.856.9868 or talk to a chorus friend, if interested. We will be posting registration information shortly on our website.

## SO MUCH TO DO. . . SO LITTLE TIME

The chorus is busily preparing for our International Competition performance in Nashville, Tennessee on October 22, 2009. This will be the third time that HCMC has been on International stage in **this** city. We will be testing the theory that the "third time is a charm?" The chorus brought in some regional experts to help us prepare for this experience and have been thrilled with what we have learned. A big thank you to Barb Neilson, Jo Lund and Ida Bilodeau who have helped us find our character in each song and continue to work with us on the specific Sweet Adeline judging categories. Maureen Holcombe's visit is just around the corner!

These specialists gave us their perspectives on how we performed and what we may want to do differently, often reinforcing what Michael has taught us. Their talent has helped to bring into perspective for HCMC that we ARE an educational organization and are extremely lucky to get voice and performance training on a **weekly basis**, particularly from judges in our own region.



Pascal Center  
Anne Arundel Community College  
September 26, 2009  
7:30 p.m.  
Tickets \$20.00

Guest include: Lustre, Stars of Harmony, Northeast High School Women's Ensemble and the Anne Arundel Community College Chamber Singers

(Contact your HCMC buddy or call our 800.856.9868. Don't be the last of your friends to get a ticket. **Limited seating is available!**)



## CHORUS MEMBERS ENTERTAIN AROUND TOWN

Summer 2009 has been a busy season for our chorus members. In addition to preparing for our upcoming competitions, we've also been busy entertaining throughout the region. In June, we were thrilled to be asked again to perform at the **Flower Mart** in downtown Baltimore. The chorus also appeared on the annual **NCEON** fund-raising show at the Chesapeake Arts Center (we believe we've done this for over seven years now). This group helps to collect food for the needy in the Glen Burnie area.

A pick-up quartet, consisting of four of our seasoned members (Nancy G., Suzi, Donna & Tina), decided to visit the **HonFest** in

Baltimore's Hampden community, all dressed as Lucy's. Tina Brady told the local press that it was "as if we were rock stars. Sing a song, pose with 'fans,' sing another song." What fabulous fun!

A small HCMC group performed for a second time at a local community center in Baltimore, having an absolute blast sharing some of our new repertoire with these older adults, teaching about our hobby and having them join in with a sing-along.

Another "impromptu group," all of them working for an agency that shall not be named (joke attributed to Harry Potter) will be performing at their organization's **FALL FEST**. Seven of our members who call themselves "Chord Breakers" auditioned

for this gig and were selected to sing three songs for the event.

Eight of our chorus members sang in a special International Fund-Raiser for Quartets in Delaware (August 30, 2009). Capri (Maggie, Kate, Nancy and Jen) entertained the audience as well as Sue (a.k.a.) who created a pick-up quartet (three of Lustre – Jenny, Lori and Lori) due to other a.k.a.'ers not being able to join her on stage. Jokingly, they've nicknamed their group "*a kluster*." (Get it?)



### HARBOR CITY MUSIC COMPANY SHOW CHORUS

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.harborcitymusiccompany.org/>

## About Our Organization...

Harbor City Music Company is a member of Sweet Adelines International, a non-profit, world-wide organization of women singers committed to advancing the uniquely American musical art form of barbershop harmony through education and **performance**.

Our group is unique as we sing and perform a variety of music, most of it arranged by our talented director, Michael Gellert. This exciting repertoire includes: pop, Broadway, classics, jazz and the blues. A sampling of the tunes you may hear are: California Dreamin' (Mama's & Papa's), Shenandoah, She's Got A Way About Her (Billy Joel) and Fly Me to the Moon (Frank Sinatra).

We **perform** in a variety of venues including: large sports arena's (e.g., Washington Mystics), Association meetings, holiday parties or small groups. Our member's range in age from their early 20's to our wise women, who are approximately 80 in years. (We don't ask; They don't tell!)

By day we are government workers, small business owners, nurses, teachers, periodic distribution engineers, learning executives and more.

Members come from all over the state of Maryland including: Montgomery, Howard, Carroll, Harford, Frederick, Prince George's, Calvert, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Queen Anne's, Wicomico counties and Baltimore City.

If you are looking for a large or small group of performers, call **800.856.9868**. We'd love it if you would consider booking us for a holiday party, special program or to deliver a special singing greeting for any occasion (Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mom & Dad's Day or a Birthday). It's an honor to share our special blend of harmony with others, ultimately harmonizing the world.

*"I remember when the candle shop burned down. Everyone stood around singing 'Happy Birthday.'"*  
Stephen Wright

real women.  
real harmony.  
real fun. ♪

