

TEMPO TIMES



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7/17/10: **NCEON Annual Benefit Concert** Chesapeake Arts Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 9/11/10: **Regional FLASH**, Hunt Valley, Maryland, 7:30 p.m.
- 9/18/10: **Singing National Anthem** at the Opening Ceremonies for Horse Appreciation Day, Pasadena, Maryland
- 9/25/10: **"OUT OF THE BOX"**, HCMCs Annual Show, Chesapeake Arts Center, 3:30 p.m. featuring Maxx Factor, Capri and other fine quartets
- 10/23/10: **Harmony Classic Sweet Adeline** International Competition & Convention, Seattle, Washington
- 11/3/10: **Harmony for the Holidays begins**, Chesapeake Arts Center, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (six week program)
- 12/3/10: Performance at the **MD State House**
- 12/4/10: **HCMC Holiday Show**, TBD
- 12/15/10: **Festival of the Lights** Performance, Mormon Temple, 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

WHAT HAPPENED TO SPRING?

The editor is writing this column as we swelter through the eleventh straight day of 90+ degree temperatures. What happened to spring? For that matter, wasn't it just six months ago when we were digging out from record snow falls? Whew, how time flies!!!

April, May and June were three terrific months for the chorus. Harbor City Music Company was pleased with our performance on regional stage taking 2nd place large chorus. Our scores made us eligible for a wild card with International and we are pleased to report that we will be singing in Houston at the 2011 International Competition.

Who could have predicted that we would be competing in three consecutive International competitions? Unprecedented!

We are also proud to report that HCMC was well represented on regional competition stage(s) by several talented quartets as well as Sarah Nainan Newhard keeping the audience "alive" with her emceeding antics. We continue to be thrilled with our International competitors, Capri (Jen Kuethe, Maggie Butts, Nancy Disney & Kate Mannherz), 6th place, and a.k.a. (Sue Taylor), 11th place. Since International in October, they have been entertaining audiences throughout the US with their fabulous harmonies.

Congrats to all of our HCMC quartet members who competed in regional competitions. In Region 19, quartets representing HCMC included: Mirage, 2nd place, (Christy Eckert), PartyLine, 3rd place (Sharon Ehrisman, Sarah Nainan Newhard), & Lustre, 4th place (Jenny Harris, Lori Crouter, Lori Dreyer and Laura Collozi). We also extend kudos to Escapade, Region 14's 5th place medalists (Donna Coakley & Sherry Stanton).

We also want to give a shout out to Sherry Stanton (Capital Accord Chorus) and Sharon Ehrisman (Harmony on the Bay) for giving of themselves to help grow others in Sweet Adeline Harmonies! Congrats on your performances.

HCMC GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

HOWARD COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE

The "company" (HCMC) has been sharing their special blend of harmony to help and support others in the community. In June, they joined with a local health insurance company, **OptumHealth Specialty Benefits** (a part of UnitedHealthcare), and participated in the American Cancer Society's, Relay for Life. HCMC entertained on the main stage as the "walkers" circled the stadium. The OptumHealth team raised over \$19,000. One of its employees and HCMC Team Coordinator, Nancy Gaither, who lost both parents to cancer, suggested that Harbor City Music Company, perform, supporting her work team.

To read more about this inspirational event, go to

<http://villageconnector.com/howardcountymd/2010/06/27/insurance-company-tackles-cancer-through-healthy-team-building-efforts/>

NCEON BENEFIT CONCERT

The chorus will also be singing for the **North County Emergency Outreach Network** benefit performance on July 17th at 7:00 p.m. This has become an annual tradition and we believe that we have performed for this group since the year 2000. Why don't you plan on coming out to join us for this evening of diverse entertainment. Admission: is a food donation: canned or boxed.



FALL IN TO SOME HCMC FUN!!!

Autumn is a time of harvest and gathering together. Singing *a cappella* is all about the immersion of self into the community – a coming together of like souls, so to speak. That's one of the great feelings about singing in a chorus of women — it's an opportunity to stop being you for a little while and become us. Why not put all of your troubles aside for a few hours each week and immerse yourself into a gathering of creative, uplifting, and talented, wonderful women?

The "company" is ramping up for an incredibly active fall including: their annual show called "Out of the Box" on September 25th at 3:30 p.m. at the Chesapeake Arts Center and an AfterGlow with wonderful quartets and more. Keep track of ticket prices and more by following us on our website or Facebook Fan page. Plus, we are planning our trip to Seattle, Washington from October 17 – 23 where the International Convention and Competition is "brewing." After that is "under our belt, we extend a warm welcome to all women who would like to sing for a six week period during the holidays (see article called **Harmony for the Holidays** below).



Harmony for the Holidays

Beginning, **November 3, 2010**, HCMC welcomes all women to join the 2nd annual **Harmony for the Holiday** Chorus (here's your chance to sing with one of the largest groups in the region working with Master Director, Michael Gellert). 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.

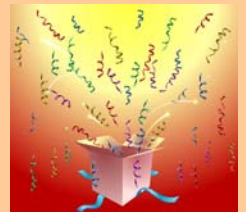
You will be invited to perform at the Maryland State House in Annapolis and the Festival of Lights at the Mormon Temple. Participants will also be invited to sing on the annual holiday show with the HCMC KIDS KHORUS (last year sixteen children joined in the harmonic celebration).

Harbor City Music Company Show Chorus Presents

"OUT OF THE BOX"

Featuring:

MAXX FACTOR (NBC's Sing-Off Favorites)
Capri, Award winning International SAI Quartet
& much, much more!!



Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010
3:30 p.m.

Chesapeake Performing Arts Center

For more information, call 800.856.9868 or visit us on the web

HCMC is thrilled to have three new
members join us on the risers.
Welcome **Lynda Banfer, Judy
Hassan & Lisbeth Jorgensen!**

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 (even a roving quartet), call **800.856.9868**. We'd love it if you would consider booking us for a holiday party, special program (Volunteer Recognition, Fall Harvest Days) or to deliver a special singing greeting for any occasion (Mom & Dad's Day or a Birthday). Use your imagination and we will help you celebrate your event! It's an honor to share our special blend of harmony with others, ultimately harmonizing the world.

To book a performance with "the company" (HCMC), call **800.856.9868**.
More information about this entertaining and engaging group can be found at
<http://www.harborcitymusiccompany.org> or connect with us on our HCMC Facebook Fan page.

real women.
real harmony.
real fun. ♪