

Alumni Letter

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Greetings to Our Great Family

It's that time of year again and we're all ready to have another amazing year! With twenty-two new members and a group size of seventy-eight we can barely wait to see what this year will bring. We've already had an amazing Blitzkrieg thanks to our new officer staff.

DC is back and boy you should see him motivate. His batteries are all charged after taking a semester off and his leadership has never been so valued. This year we look forward to many great concerts, a tour to New York and our four year annual trip to Carnegie Hall in the spring.

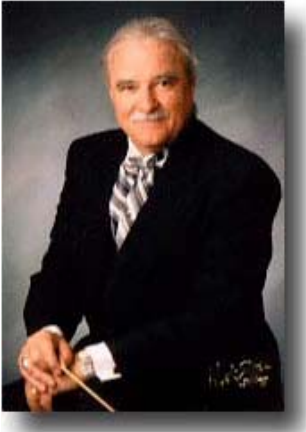
Please, check out our new website for updates and more information on concerts and activities with your family, the University of Maine Singers.

-James Wieland, Alumni Officer

Who's Who?

Kevin Child – President
Tyler Sing – Vice President/Tour Coordinator
John Hollander – Secretary
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Conductor's Corner



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Dear University of Maine Singers Past and Present,

It is absolutely great coming back to work with the new group of University Singers after being on sabbatical leave this past spring term. While I was on leave, I took a History of German Film course. It was a wonderful class, and I learned a lot. In February, I traveled to Los Angeles to the American Choral Directors' Association national conference. In LA, I found a lot of new choral music, and we have some of that in rehearsal with the Singers this semester. In April and May, I had the opportunity to judge choirs in Chicago, Toronto, Washington, DC, and Orlando. In addition, I conducted the Vermont All-State Choir in Middlebury, VT. So, while it was a sabbatical, it was a very productive time as well.

We are having great

fun with our new music which includes selections by Byrd, Mendelssohn, Lauridsen, Brahms, Michael Haydn, Andre Thomas and more. The ensemble is 78 large...about the biggest it has ever been! I probably will not have auditions next semester in order that we can all fit into the bus for the tour in March! Our spring tour this year will take us across New England to NYC. We are already well underway with our planning, and details will be provided on the University Singers' Website as soon as planning is complete. Our project with the Bangor Symphony this spring will be the Brahms' Requiem. We already have started rehearsing portions of this wonderful work.

In May, I will be conducting members of the University Singers along with other choirs from across the US in a

performance of the Faure Requiem at Carnegie Hall. We are all excited about this, and already a number of Singers' Alums have expressed an interest in being a part of the Carnegie Hall Choral Residency Program.

The campus is more beautiful than ever. If you have not been here for a few years, you will see an amazing number of new buildings. I hope that many of you can come to the University Singers Homecoming Reception and reconnect at that time.

Best wishes to you all. Once a University Singer, always a University Singer!

DC

Spring Tour 2006

Hello Singers Alumni!

I am very excited to tell you about our spring tour this year. We will be heading to New York City with stops in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut. I am also very happy to tell you that we are planning on having a concert on Long Island this year which should be extremely fun. Since it is so early in the year we don't have all of the tour stops solidified but here is our tentative schedule:

Monday, March 13:

Morning: Bangor High School
 Afternoon: Windham
 Evening: Kennebunk

Tuesday, March 14:

Morning: Kennebunk High School
 Afternoon: Farmington, NH
 Evening: Falmouth, MA

Wednesday, March 15:

Morning: Falmouth, MA
 Afternoon: Chariho HS, Rhode Island
 Evening: Open for now. working on a concert in Northeast Connecticut.

Thursday, March 16:

Morning: Killingly HS
 Afternoon: Retreat
 Evening: Naugatuck, Connecticut

Friday, March 17

Morning: West Connecticut
 Afternoon: Open
 Evening: Orient, NY (Long Island!)

Like I said before this is still mostly tentative since we haven't been able to confirm with all of these stops yet. If you would like to see a concert in your area you can check out our website at: www.umaine.edu/singers.



New York City Line

*"We will be heading to
 New York . . ."*

Tyler Sing
 Vice President and Tour Coordinator

Presidential Letter

Hello to all alumni of the University of Maine Singers.

It is a huge honor to be president of the most prestigious choral ensemble at the University of Maine! This year we look forward to upholding our tradition of excellence. We have a large number of singers and an even bigger more awesome sound. I really hope that you will be able to come to one of the performances that we have this year.

We are planning on heading towards New York City on tour so I encourage you to check out our website regularly to

check for our tour performance times and upcoming shows.

If you have not been to campus in a few years I would recommend trying to find a time to come up and check it out. There are quite a few new buildings that have sprung up in the last few years. If you haven't had a chance to see the new Buchanan Alumni House it is exquisite and worth taking a look at. The building is for alumni to feel that they have a place to come back to. It could be a nice place to visit if you are up for homecoming weekend and would like to attend our annual alumni Reception. I look

forward to seeing a lot of you this year! if you have any questions about any singers events happening this year feel free to email me any time at kevin.child@umit.maine.edu.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Child

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Tour Past

Our annual spring tour went well once again and we traveled throughout southern Maine, and journeyed down to my hometown, Rutland, Vermont and finished off with a free day in MONTREAL!! This tour was expected to be somewhat difficult because DC was off on a sabbatical. However, our Interim conductor, Jason Anderson and Vice President/Tour

Coordinator Ryan Newell did an excellent job with getting tour ready and doing what they needed to do to make our spring tour just as fun and successful.

We sang several concerts throughout Maine, one of which was at the First Congregational Church in Saco and my personal favorite. The church was rather new and the

acoustics were unbelievable which made the sound in there absolutely breath-taking. We then went to Scarborough, and were all set to sing at Kennebunk, but the weather did not prevail, and this show was cancelled. There was much disappointment, especially from our five alums of the high school. Next was (Cont. at end)

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Roll Call

Soprano 1

Alana Camenga
Jovan Brennen
Deb Smith
Lindsay Rinaldi
Marianne Iuliucci
Stephanie Rose
Sarah Richardson
Maria Talbot
Caitlin Howell
Krista Sirois

Soprano 2

Rebecca Bailey
Catherine Aguiar-Diorio
Jackie Carvey
Christel Kendzia
Molly Webster
Beth Peters
Callie Brown
Jen Dufresne
Leah Shipps
Emmy Kelley
Catherine Chesley

Alto 1

Katie Allinson
Mary-Anne Chesley
Mandee Nadeau
Koreana Chanterelle
Morgan Donnelly
Amanda Turcotte
Jocelyn Emery
Kristen Child
Emily Phillips
Kelly Garcelon
Rebecca Guildford

Alto 2

April Cummings
Elise Jack
Adrienne Pelletier
Katie Lauze
Lisa Flecher
Shannon Dohar
Erin McNamara
Angela Richards
Jesse Hanington
Kierstin Knopf

Tenor 1

Aaron Curtis
Jeffrey Frank
Wayne Clark
Jason Paquette
Aaron Price
Ryan Newell
Joshua Nelson
Tom Frecker
Josh Belka

Tenor 2

Brian Milakovsky
Will Stecher
Craig Deforest
Steven Padgett
James Wieland
John Hollander
Greg Shaw
Tom Sagona
Robbie Finch

Bass 1

David Cherry
Aaron Gagnon
Seth Grondin
Joshua McArthur
Jeremy Milton
Jonanathan Habertzettl
Steve Marchessault
Sean Bradburn
Kevin Child

Bass 2

Lee Hunter
Lee Pidacks
Jon Bond
Jeff Hollowell
Dave Roberts
Eric Carlsen
Nick Pratt
Tyler Sing
Adam Duncan

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Mary Kruse
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Cynthia Hawkes Meehan
George J. Meehan
Gregory A. Michaud
Rebecca Drew Michaud
Leonard E. Minsky
Renee Minsky
Michael J. Mirisola
Lanis Wing Monfried
Michelle O'Donal Morgner
William G. Morgner
Abbott W. Mosher
Kay Fletcher Mosher
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Ann Becker Wiersma
Dr. G. Bruce Wiersma
Daniel B. Williams

Friends of Music, Cont.

Alumni Banquet

We are currently setting up our annual Alumni Banquet for October 22nd at 5pm. We'll be hanging out and trading stories. Please come on by

and enjoy some great company and some snacks. We really want to keep our contact with all of you up so please come. We never would have

made it this far without the great work and accomplishments you had done first.

Tour Past Cont.

Conway, New Hampshire where we sang at Salyards Museum and Kennett High School.

After that it was time to journey further south to the wonderful state of Vermont, which was thankfully only about 2 and a half hours. We ended up in Castleton, VT on Thursday where we held our retreat, and then sang at mine, Jackie, and Beth's Alma Mater, Rutland High School Friday morning.

Friday afternoon we headed up to Burlington, and had some free time to shop, and see the sights of downtown Burlington before our last evening concert of tour at the First United Methodist Church in St. Albans. Saturday morning it was off to the city of Montreal, which was not much further north of where we were. We all enjoyed a free day here, relaxing at the Days Inn Conference Center and enjoying lunch in the beautiful city and getting ready for the club later that night.

Overall it was a great tour, and we all had a great time. Some memorable pieces that we sang included "Beethoven's Mass in C", "Festival Te Deum", "Cantique de Jean Racine", and of course our more upbeat repertoire, "United We Stand" and "The Storm is Passing Over". We finished with the traditional "Jabberwocky" and the Maine Stein Song. The potential for this year's choir is huge, and we are excited to go to New York City in Spring 2006!

John Hollander
Secretary