

Alumni Letter

Up-Coming Events:

- Thank you concert for the class of '44.
- Alumni Banquet, October 21st at 4:30pm
- November 12th, Singers Fall Concert

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We are growing!

Hello again to all of our proud alumni, family and friends. We are excited about a brand new year and an almost brand new group. We are once again having a large turnover of members with a new group size in the high seventies. There are so many people auditioning that DC has had to add another sheet and audition on Saturday.

Speaking of DC please drop by and check out his new chair! Last year the whole group got together around Aaron Price and raised the money for DC to get a brand new conductors chair. The Silver Fox loves it.

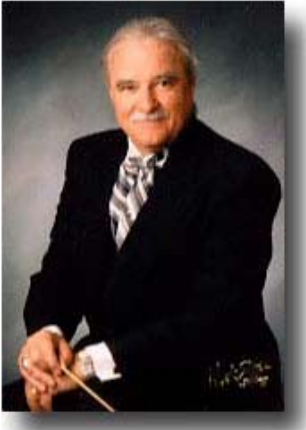
Feel free to check out website as much as you'd like and find out all the latest news about the University of Maine Singers.

-James Wieland, Alumni Officer

Who's Who?

Lee Hunter – President
Catherine Chesley – Vice President/Tour Coordinator
Seth Grondin – Secretary
Thomas Frecker – Publicity
April Cummings – Treasurer
Leah Shipps – Wardrobe/Librarian
Adam Duncan – Stage Manager
James Wieland – Webmaster/Alumni
Molly Webster – Assistant Conductor
Aaron Price – Assistant Conductor
Jeff Hallowell – Assistant Conductor

Conductor's Corner



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Dear University Singers Past and Present,

It is hard to believe that we are already up and singing and that the Fall term is underway. We have a big ensemble this year of 80 talented Singers! The first-year class this fall is the largest in the history of the University of Maine. I have already begun working toward the tour which this year will take us to Philadelphia. Please check our web site in the near future for details regarding the spring tour itinerary.

We have started singing a number of wonderful pieces including Hammerschmidt's "Machet die Tore Weit," "O schöne Nacht" of Brahms, Mack Wilberg's arrangement of "Shenandoah," Gwyneth Walker's "Crossing the Bar" on an Alfred Lord Tennyson text, the Mozart "Requiem,"

and several other pieces. It is truly a privilege to make music with such outstanding young singers.

This past May, members of the University Singers joined with choirs from California, Iowa, New York, Vermont and Maine for a performance of the Faure "Requiem" at Carnegie Hall in New York City. This grand event was accompanied by the New England Chamber Ensemble and included two professional soloists. I was elated with the quality of the performance to a full house of enthusiastic listeners!

We have already begun talking about our next European Tour which will take place in May of 2008. Further details will be forthcoming in the near future.

Needless to say, the success of the University of Maine

Singers would not be possible without the continuous and generous support of Singers alumni and friends. Thank you again for all that you do for the ensemble to help make it such a special experience.

We hope to see many of you during Tour 2007 as we head southward toward Philly

Once a University Singer, always a University Singer!

Very sincerely,

DC

Spring Tour 2007

Hello University Singers Alumni!

While our Spring 2007 tour schedule is not entirely nailed down, I am happy to be able to give you an idea of what we will be up to this year. We will be spending a little more time in Maine than usual this year, and then plan to mosey on down the coast, eventually turning back inland to end our tour in Philadelphia, PA. The following plan is certainly not final, but for now is our tentative schedule:

Monday, March 12:

Morning: Hampden Academy - Hampden, ME
 Afternoon: Mount Desert Island High School - Mount Desert, ME
 Evening: Cony High School - Augusta, ME

Tuesday, March 13:

Morning: Cony High School - Augusta, ME
 Afternoon: Mt. Ararat High School - Topsham, ME
 Evening: Noble High School - Berwick, ME

Wednesday, March 14:

Morning: Marshwood High School - Eliot, ME
 Afternoon: York High School - York, ME
 Evening: Nashua High School - Nashua, NH

Thursday, March 15:

Morning: Nashua High School - Nashua, NH
 Afternoon: Retreat - Danielson, CT
 Evening: Killingly High School - Danielson, CT

Friday, March 16:

Afternoon: Norwalk Branford High School - Branford, CT
 Evening: Our Lady of the Magnificat Church - Kinnelon, NJ

Saturday, March 17:

Free day in Philadelphia, PA

As I mentioned earlier, this is schedule is tentative and liable to change quite a bit. If you are interested in having University Singers perform at your school, or would like to know our most up-to-the-minute tour information, please check out our website at www.umaine.edu/singers.



Philadelphia Sky Line

*"We will be heading to
 Philadelphia. . ."*

Catherine Chesley
 Vice President and Tour Coordinator

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Dear Alumni,

It is an honor to be elected the President of such a great organization. Our seasoned veterans are ready to form a fantastic musical and social framework, and the new faces are the most excited and ambitious group of new singers that I’ve seen. After well over a hundred auditions, the most in Singers history and proof of the fantastic work of our officers, alumni and members, we have 26 great new voices and the largest choir Singers has seen!

The year is starting with a full speed ahead

Presidential Letter

attitude and we’re aiming for Philadelphia, PA in March. As always, keep an eye on our website for continuous updates on our tour concert venues. With our usual broad array of repertoire and the great Mozart’s Requiem slated for the concert with the BSO, any concert will certainly be worth attending.

The amazing leadership from DC and a very strong executive board combined with some of the best singers and most motivated people is a president’s dream and promises to leave the group in the best shape it’s been and open innumerous doors

for a great future.

I look forward to seeing, meeting and talking with as many of you as possible at our upcoming Alumni Banquet on the 21st. I’m always available to answer questions at

lee.hunter@umit.maine.edu.

Take care!

Lee Hunter

Tour Past

The University Singers '06 tour started off in my hometown, Bangor, Maine. It's always a pleasure for me to return to my old high school to perform, so it was a great start for me. From there, we proceeded down to southern Maine, making stops at Windham high school, and Kennebunk. We got to meet some of the students in both of these schools' outstanding music programs, which was

really great. We made a stop in Farmington, New Hampshire the next day, and that evening got to experience the beautiful town of Falmouth Massachusetts. The next day in Wood River Junction, Rhode Island, where we had a day concert, we got to hear some of Chario High School's a cappella groups, who, as the musical director of the Maine Steiners, I was really quite impressed with. We continued

through Connecticut that night and the following day, and on Friday morning, took a ferry ride to Long Island. We made stops for concerts in Greenpoint, New York, and Orient, New York. Both of these towns were a real pleasure to sing in. Something that I remember as a highlight of these, and so many other stops, was the hospitality shown to us. On Saturday, when our concerts were done, we made the drive to New

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Roll Call

Soprano 1

Jovan Brennen
Jane Hunt
Lisa Roth
Deborah Smith
Stephanie Rose
Maria Talbot
Krista Sirois
Rebbekah Autrey
Sarah Richardson
Lindsay Rinaldi

Alto 1

Chiara Amendola
Morgan Donnelly
Katie Allinson
Kristen Kuhns
Amanda Turcotte
Catherine Chesley
Emily Phillips
Alyssa Manzi
Kelly Garcelon
Chandra Cooper

Tenor 1

Peter Merbach
Darren Braun
Nathan Hillman
Aaron Price
Joshua Belka
Andrew Bodwell
Thomas Frecker
Joshua Nelson
Christopher Keene
Steven Padgett

Bass 1

Brian Milakovsky
Drew Albert
Aaron Gagnon
Joshua MacArthur
Kevin Child
Seth Grondin
Justin Zang
Ryan Newell
Jeremy Milton
Jonathan Haberzetil

Soprano 2

Catherine Aguiar-Diorio
Leah Shipps
Megan Leahy
Jackie Carvey
Eileen O'Donnell
Molly Webster
Callie Brown
Beth Peters
Ashley Callan

Alto 2

Elise Jack
April Cummings
Brittney Martin
Erin McNamara
Angela Richards
Jesse Hannington
Shannon Dohar
Ashley Smith
Morgan Graham
Katie Lauze

Tenor 2

Craig Deforest
James Wieland
Carl "Will" Stecher
Jesse Call
Nathan Richards
Jeffery Fairfield
John Hollander
Gregory Shaw
Thomas Sagona

Bass 2

Lee Hunter
Devon Robinson
Adam Duncan
Jonathan Cellis
Jeff Hollowell
Tyler Sing
Grant Batchelder
Nicholas Pratt
Eric "Dingy" Carlsen
David Roberts
David Collins

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Therese H Fagnant
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Donald A. Feeley
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Sally Carroll Fernald
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Sara Pray Fogler
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Karen Schneider Gagliardi
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Vicki Hosford Hamlin
Dr. Rodney P. Hatch
Marthe Beaudoin Haubert
Jane J. Hecker-Cain
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Celeste Roy Hufford
Duane F. Hufford
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Joseph P. Juliano
Margaret Wilde Juliano
Mary Atkinson Johnson
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Jane Maranhas Kruse
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Rebecca Drew Michaud
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Renee Minsky
Michael J. Mirisola
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www.mainesteiners.com

Renaissance
www.umaine.edu/renaissance

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Margaret H. Radke
Gail Mallett Rae
Dennis Rezendes
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Allison McLeary Rimkunas
John A. Rimkunas, III
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Matthew Rollender
Adelaide Grant Ruby
William S. Ruby

Stephen M. Salmon
Camille Curtis Saucier
Frederick E. Schmidt
Terry J. Schmidt
Stephen M. Shaler
Marsha Brown Shibles
Philip A. Shibles
Gayle Prince Shorter
Walter W. Shorter
Roger P. Smith
Wayne M. Strout
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Richard A. Vachon
Margaret Thompson Villarreal
Cheryl Walker-Salmon
Joyce Hobbs Walsh
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Daniel B. Williams

Friends of Music, Cont.

Alumni Banquet

We are currently
setting up or annual
Alumni Banquet for
October 21st at
4:30pm. 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.

York City. We all had a blast in Times square, and exploring the surrounding area.

My goals for the 2007 tour are really quite simple. I want to have a smoothly run tour, performing the best possible music for as many people as we can. I'm very confident that it will be a successful, fun experience.

- Seth Grondin,
University Singers Secretary

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