



Cayuga Vocal Ensemble ~ 2017-18 Season ~

*"Touching hearts and minds
through choral music"*

Another Exciting Season Ahead

From Carl Johengen

I'm delighted to announce CVE's 2017-18 Season, my ninth as Music Director! I sincerely hope you'll join us in celebrating the diverse riches of choral music from 1500 to the present day. We're pleased to be able to cultivate community connections through another collaboration with Music at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Ithaca, as well as a return engagement to the Arts at Grace concert series in Cortland.

Our season begins with Bach! CVE will join musicians from St. Luke's and the Onondaga Civic Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Erik Kibelsbeck, to perform two movements from Bach's masterful *Mass in B Minor*, as well as *Cantata 80, "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott"* ("A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"). These performances will be in observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. It will also be CVE's first performance in Syracuse after many years. There are two opportunities to hear this Bach program:

- **Friday, October 27**, 7:30 pm, at Atonement Lutheran Church, 116 W Glen Ave, Syracuse, and
- **Sunday, October 29**, 4:00 pm at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Oak Avenue, Ithaca.



*The Ensemble basking in Ithaca's sunshine
Photo: Sheryl Sinkow*

As in 2016, our annual holiday program can be heard in one of three locations this year! *Christmas Ancient and Modern* will feature classic settings of Christmas motets by Renaissance masters William Byrd, Orlando Lasso, Giovanni da Palestrina, and others, alongside settings of some of the same texts by 20th and 21st century composers. Come celebrate the season with the glorious sounds of *a cappella* choral music, as the singers of CVE explore some of their favorite repertoire. Three performances, and no tickets needed! Simply come and "pay-what-you-wish" - your donations will help us and our hosts.

- **Friday, December 1**, 8:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, at 315 North Cayuga Street, Ithaca;
- **Sunday, December 3**, 3:00 pm at Grace and Holy Spirit Church, 13 Court Street, Cortland; and
- **Sunday, December 10**, 4:00 pm Trinity Episcopal Church, 44 Main Street, Binghamton.

We will also present excerpts from this program at Kendal at Ithaca, continuing our long tradition of sharing the glories of choral music with residents there.

The Lake Watch Inn will once again play host to our

- Annual *Gala Cabaret* fundraiser on **Saturday, April 7, 2018.**

Dinner, drinks, a silent auction, and loads of fun will be in store, along with some surprises! CVE's supporters won't want to miss this opportunity to get up-close and personal with our singers as we entertain you with Broadway, film, and popular selections in solos and small groups. Mark your calendars, and watch for announcements regarding ticket sales!



Ensemble singers Dan Taylor and Diane Kubarek entertaining the Cabaret audience, March 2017
Photo: Sheryl Sinkow

CVE ends its 2017-18 season with another in our exciting *Poetry and Song* series on:

- **Sunday, May 6, 2018** at 4:00 pm at St Catherine's Roman Catholic Church, St Catherine's Circle, Ithaca.

Since 2013, we have presented dozens of exciting American choral works on a variety of themes, and have collaborated with several of Ithaca's best-loved poets, writers, and visual artists. Join us for another thought-provoking and artistic exploration of American poetry and music!

Recording "A Celtic Christmas"

Our Ensemble singers are preparing a new recording of selections from our 2016 holiday season in time for the 2017 holiday season! CDs will be available for sale at our coming performances. 'Downloadables' will also be available via our website - all in time to stuff stockings!

Annual Gala Cabaret, Dinner, & Silent Auction

Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 6 pm at Lake Watch Inn on Lakeshore Drive, Ithaca.

After successful cabarets at Lake Watch for the last couple of years, CVE will once again be presenting a Gala this spring.

Purchase your tickets early for our Gala Cabaret - an evening of music, food, beverage selections, and silent auction. Funds raised at our past Cabarets have helped CVE establish a strong financial foundation, which in turn enables us to continue producing the excellent concerts you've come to expect. Consider sponsoring a table with friends or co-workers?

Watch for ticket discounts and information, menu choices, silent auction items at:

www.cayuga-vocal.org
and on our Facebook page

Donate a bottle of wine to our **Wine Raffle** or to our **Silent Auction**. A special item should be good as new, and maybe useful, frivolous, artistic, beautiful, hand-crafted, or maybe a re-gifted item. Do be in touch. Your gift will benefit CVE and the value of the item is tax deductible.

For more info on donations, email Diana at dnathani@twcny.rr.com.

***Find full performance details at
www.cayuga-vocal.org***

Find details, photos, video and musical clips from past concerts, as well as formal and candid photos reminding you of special moments. Also you'll find current details for upcoming concerts.

You may arrange for an audition, link to our Facebook page, log your interest in joining the board management team, all the things you'd expect to find there.

program advertising and with our Silent Auction.

Grateful Thanks for Your Support

Financial Notes

Heidi Fletcher, Treasurer

The past season was successful financially for Cayuga Vocal Ensemble. We performed in multiple venues and are looking forward to our upcoming season. Special thanks to the Community Foundation of Tompkins County (Strebel Fund), the Community Arts Partnership, St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Ithaca, Christ Episcopal Church in Corning, The



CVE performing during the 2016 holidays at The Center for the Arts at Homer (photo by Gwen Barbato, board member of The Arts at Grace, Cortland)

Arts at Grace, Cortland, and local businesses which advertised with us and those donors who supported us throughout the year. As a non-profit organization, we could not have had the wonderful season we did without the support from you as our audience, our donors, and the generous support from grants and local businesses. Please consider donating this season and attending this Season's fundraiser Cabaret (April 7, 2018) to help us continue providing music for your enjoyment.

Special Thanks to our Volunteers

Many thanks to our volunteers who took photos, did heavy lifting, managed our Silent Auction and logged sales, baked for events, managed parts of productions, assisted with box office duties and ushered for concerts. You've helped keep the wheels oiled through many of our concerts and other events.

Thanks to our official photographer Sheryl Sinkow for assisting with keeping us current with our photographic history.

We especially appreciate the assistance of our dedicated singers Dan Taylor, board member and technological help, Diane Kubarek for website management, Keith Slayden for historical record-keeping and Janine Willis for management assistance with

From our Development Chair

Kelly Behan

I have just taken on the job of development on the Cayuga Vocal Ensemble board. To me, development is not just about fundraising. It is also about people and their participation in creating a vital organization. The Music Director and the Singers are the backbone and we the people who enjoy their

performances are their support team. Are there ways we can extend our outreach and cultivate relationships with partners and friends of music in our region? Here are some ways you can help:

- contact us about becoming a member of the Board;
- participate on an advisory board to lend your special skills in areas of sound, recording, finances, program design, internet outreach, fundraising, etc; or
- be a member of the “one and done” group.

The Vocal Ensemble plans three main performances each season (performing some of those programs in other communities) plus a special program as a fundraising event. This coming year we will again host our Gala Cabaret. Which “one” of these programs would you like to help with? I would love to hear from you at kellybehan@aol.com. Let’s make it happen!

P.S.

The Ensemble is so grateful for your support. As you may know, ticket sales cover only a quarter of our annual operational costs. Your tax-deductible donations are always welcome. If you’d like to specify how your donation is to be allocated, you might consider underwriting:

- The conductor’s podium;
- Musical score purchase or rental;
- Special support of our March 2017 Cabaret or other fund-raising event; or
- A guest instrumentalist.

2017-18 season CVE Board members

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The Ensemble’s Spring concert 2017, conducted by Carl Johengen, at First Presbyterian Church, Ithaca: (L to R, back row) tenors Scott Miller, Chuck Burch, Andrew Hudson-Sabens, Andy Weislogel, Paul Soper, and basses Dennis Powell, Dan Taylor, Jeremy Pletter, and slightly in front Em Ludek, Keith Slayden; (L to R, front row) sopranos Diane Kubarek, Loraly Light, Katrina Kuka, Christina Taylor, Janine Willis, and altos Lisa Frank, Robin Booth, Barbara Powell, Marilyn Crooker. Photo: Sheryl Sinkow. Absent from photo alto Sherry Smart.