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Come Celebrate the 277th Birthday of G. F. Handel's 'Messiah'

Sedona Conservatory presents:

Third Annual All-Arizona

'Messiah Sing-In'

Russell Fox, Conductor

A Celebratory 'Sing-Along Performance' with Soloists, Baroque Orchestra & Organ

Date To Be Announced Soon!

5:00 PM - Chorus Rehearsal Strongly Recommended - 4:30 PM Arrival

7:00 PM - Performance

Singers: \$20 Suggested Donation Listeners: \$45 & \$65 General Seating \$125 VIP Prime 'On Stage' Pinnacle Presbyterian Church 25150 North Pima Road Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Tickets: SedonaConservatory.org/Messiah

Chorus Notes: Preparing for 'Messiah Sing-In' | 2019

A full, complete '*Messiah*' performance with an intermission can run over 2½ hours. In this year's celebratory 'sing-along' format, the great majority of *Messiah*'s choruses will be performed, with just a few of the less well-known choruses left for future Sing-Ins. Here is the list of choruses we will perform, along with the corresponding G. Schirmer Edition page number references.

Choruses: (Schirmer's Full Piano-Vocal Score)

- 1. And the Glory of the Lord (16)
- 2. And He shall purify (36)
- 3. O thou that tallest good tidings to Zion (47)
- 4. For unto us a Child is born (66)
- 5. Glory to God (82)
- 6. His Yoke is easy, and His burthen is light (98)
- 7. Surely He hath borne our griefs (113)
- 8. Lift up your heads, O ye gates (144)
- 9. Hallelujah (193)
- 10. Since by man came death (210)
- 11. But thanks be to God (225)
- 12. Worthy is the Lamb, Amen (237)

On Saturday, (Date TBD)... Our one & only rehearsal begins promptly at 5 PM.

Plan to arrive 20-30 minutes early to park, refresh yourself, find your section - soprano, alto, tenor or bass, and claim your seat. Feel free to bring a brown-bag snack for your 45-minute post-rehearsal break prior to our 7 PM performance.

Preparing for Your 'Messiah Sing-Along' Performance

On performance day, there will be a somewhat *limited supply* of *Messiah* vocal scores available to borrow for the evening - A good reason to arrive early! If possible, it is best to have your own personal piano/vocal score to help you prepare. You can mark it up as needed, enjoy singing from your own score, and save it for next year's 'Messiah Sing-In.'

There are several very good editions of Handel's oratorio *Messiah*. However, unless you are planning to sing one or more of the vocal solos, the piano/vocal score suggested below will be perfect for you. This excellent standard edition is also one of the least expensive.

Suggested Messiah Score:

Title: **Messiah (Oratorio)**Complete Vocal Score SATB

Composer: George Friedrich Handel Publisher: **G. Schirmer Editions**

ISBN: 9780793505074

Where to Purchase Your Messiah Score: The following three major music stores are aware of the 'Messiah Sing-In' and should have the above G. Schirmer Edition in stock.

Recommended Music Stores:

• In Phoenix: Central Music - (602) 274-6532

• In Mesa: The Music Store - (480) 831-9691

• In Flagstaff: AZ Music Pro - (928) 556-9054

• Also Available through amazon.com

(Search: 'messiah score' > The cover is grey with green writing)

To Prepare, Rehearse With the Best: You will enjoy yourself the most by becoming familiar with the choruses at home prior to our 'Messiah Sing-In.' Therefore, you might as well rehearse with and learn from the very best. The following Youtube link will provide the amazing Choir of King's College, Cambridge as your rehearsal partners.

• https://youtu.be/-nZpe32M-EI

This Is Important: You will find our 1¼ - hour 5 PM rehearsal extremely helpful for your fullest participation. In that short time, our unique & diverse choral backgrounds will be united into a single, well-tuned, glorious ensemble. At 7 PM, joined by our soloists and orchestra, and a few hundred expectant listeners, our celebratory performance will begin.

Finally, I look forward to seeing & working with you this coming Fall! Feel free to invite as many others as you wish to join us. Enjoy your preparations, and plan to arrive early to also enjoy getting to know other enthusiastic choristers from throughout the Southwest. *Messiah* is such an incredibly satisfying choral masterpiece - What fun we will have!

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