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A Newsletter for the ARKANSAS

Master Singers



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for the April 13th
Concert at UAM

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DIRECTIONS

from
Jim Daniel



It has been a wonderful season of Master'Singers. We will soon finish our first full season since 2019 and as I am writing this article, I am reflecting on all the Lord has done through this ministry in this 2023 season.

We began this season at our fall retreat where we joined our hearts in prayer, asking the Lord to do a mighty work in us and through us as we served Him together. I have sensed that prayer being answered at each event we have led. The times of fellowship we have shared as we have prepared for the events have reminded me of the words found in Hebrews, "And let us consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds, not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25, NASB). The encouragement we experience from one another is a gift from the Lord. We may be exhausted at the end of each event, but we are encouraged to "stand firm" as we continue our service to the Lord, looking forward to our next gathering.

I have not only sensed our prayer being answered in us as we have served together, I have seen our prayer being answered in others as we have led in sweet times of worship. Many have expressed after a service or emailed following a concert of worship to thank us for leading. They have described how the Lord ministered to them through the words we sang and through the heart-felt worship you demonstrated as you sang the story of the Gospel. The Lord was answering our prayers and encouraging the hearts of His children through you.

Our final prayer lifted at the retreat was for the Gospel message to be shared clearly, both in song and in spoken word. We have been witnesses of how the Gospel has been proclaimed as we sang and as others have joined in the proclamation by explaining the Gospel and giving the audience the opportunity to respond. The Lord has been gracious in giving us many opportunities to steward the Gospel well.

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Click [HERE](#) to
go to PCO to
Accept/Decline your invite

Please watch your email for your PCO invitation to the upcoming Concert of Worship. If you do not happen to see your invitation, click on the link above to go to PCO and accept or decline the upcoming concert.

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



All for His Glory

Alice Startup

Women's Chorus President

Our day at First Baptist Church Russellville was chock-full; from practice and more practice, to food and fellowship, and then to complete it with our moving Concert of Worship! I don't think our time could have been more blessed, nor the message of the gospel more clearly presented!!

To recap some things that we learned that day;

- We are looking at ministry opportunities for 2024
- We are discussing mission trip opportunities for 2025
- We also learned that any person in Master'Singers is welcome to join in the choir for the Northwest Arkansas-ABSC Rally that is planned for May 7th
- We are currently receiving applications for the Master'Singers scholarship for college or seminary students who are on track to become a worship leader, so spread the word to any eligible prospect
- It is also time to submit names for the Nininger / Keithly Awards (for anyone who has made outstanding contributions to music in the state of Arkansas)

As we look ahead to the close of our concert year, perhaps we would do well to consider the following passage of scripture.

"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children,
and you shall talk of them when you sit in your house,
and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down,
and when you rise up.

You shall bind them to your hand and wear them on your forehead.

You shall write them on the door post of your house and on your gates." - Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Our final Concert of Worship (this year) is in Monticello on April 13th and brings an opportunity to share the gospel in a secular environment, much like our mission trips to Ukraine, only, this time, within our own state. May we all come together in the spirit of the passage from Deuteronomy 6 when we gather in Monticello; may we be bathed in prayer, our countenance a reflection of HIM, with the message of the gospel displayed on our faces, through the lyrics and in our voices and through our instruments. May the Lord, work through us as HE plants seeds, waters already planted seeds, and bring a glorious harvest in that region, all to HIS glory!

In Christ's love, Alice



It's Harvest Time

Darrell Spigner

Men's Chorus President

The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places He planned to visit. These were His instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His fields. – Luke 10:1-2

A lot of people today have a farsighted view of the mission field. So many think that sharing Christ means you must travel or move to some foreign land. But that's simply not the case. Your mission field and mine is often in our own backyard. At the same time, there are people who are nearsighted...they only see the people who are right around them. They don't see the whole world! But here's the thing. God has promised a world harvest. So, it's vital that you and I carry that vision in our hearts.

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:6, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." At one time God may use you to prepare the soil of someone's heart. At another time you may plant the seed of his Word. Then at other times, you may be the one to reap harvest. But don't miss this important truth: You and I have a role in the harvest; here at home and around the world.

As we gather for another concert of worship in April, may our prayer be God give us 20/20 spiritual vision. Because the harvest is great!

See you in Monticello!
Darrell

If the links in this newsletter are not working for you,
please contact Lamona Gunter at lgunter@absc.org

CONCERT OF WORSHIP: UAM Monticello

Ticket Information

The free tickets for this concert have been claimed. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list should more free tickets come available, please email Lamona Gunter at lgunter@absc.org. If you have reserved tickets that you will not need, please let Lamona know so that someone else may use them. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at searkconcert.org. Pricing on those tickets is \$20 adults, \$18 veterans, \$15 children. Don't forget that a portion of all the ticket sales for this concert go toward the Master's Singers Scholarship Fund.

Schedule for the Day

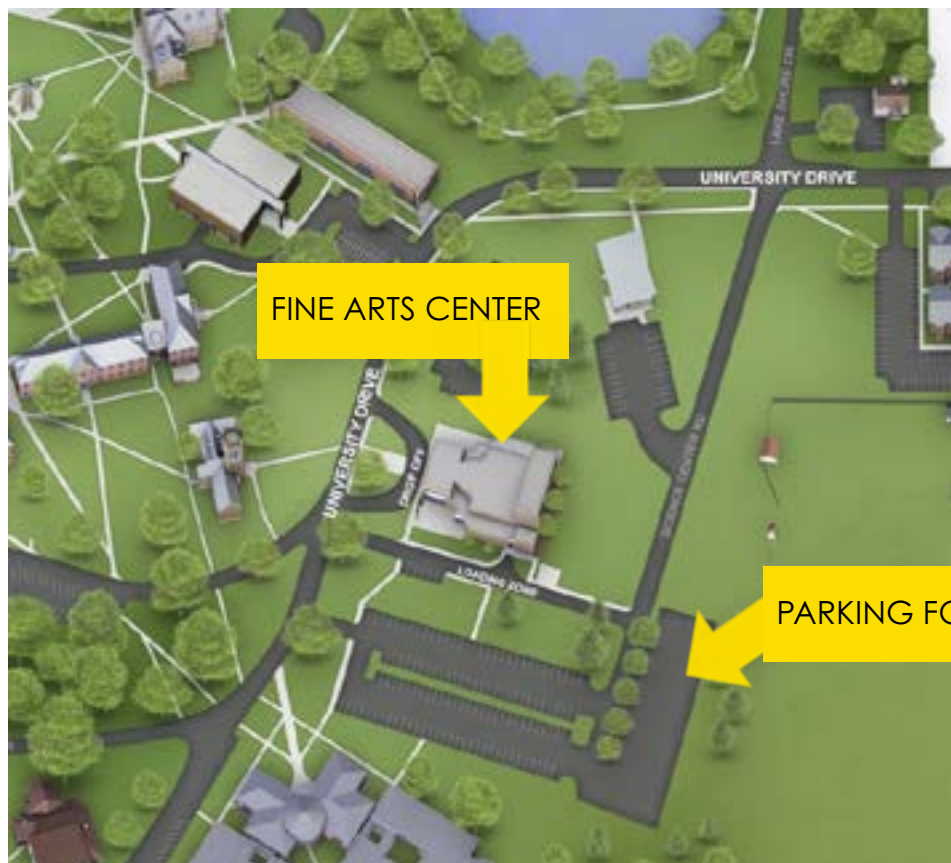
10:30 am	Leadership Team Meets at FBC Monticello
12:30 pm	Check-in - UAM Fine Arts Center (FAC)
1:00 pm	Separate Rehearsals Women - FAC Stage Men - Music Building Recital Hall Orchestra - FAC Lobby
2:15 pm	Break and Refreshments - FAC Lobby
3:00 pm	Combined Rehearsal - FAC Stage
5:30 pm	Dinner and Dress for Concert
6:45 pm	Line-up and Prayer
7:00 pm	Concert of Worship

Tentative Order for the Concert

Greeting
Oh Give Thanks
Behold Our God
It Is Well
At the Name of Jesus (SATB)
Psalm 46
Women's Chorus
My Jesus, I Love Thee
I'll Fly Away
Men's Chorus
The Old Rugged Cross
At the Name of Jesus
Breath and Clay
I Speak Jesus
Thank You Jesus for the Blood
Hymn of Heaven
Gospel Presentation
All the Praise

WE WILL HAVE SEATED RISERS FOR OUR CONCERT!

Directions - UAM Fine Arts Center



The UAM Fine Arts Center is located at 371 University Drive in Monticello. Click [HERE](#) or on the map to the left to open the Google Map to the location. As on all University campuses, parking is at a premium. We have been asked to park in the lower (gravel) parking lot (indicated below) to reserve places for those attending the Concert of Worship.

Registration will be in the Lobby of the Fine Arts Center. You may enter through the lower stage doors or through the main entrance in front.

PARKING FOR MASTER'S SINGERS

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Files for All Concerts

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Ruth Nininger / Ervin Keathley Award Nominations

This award was established in 2009 to honor a male and female Master'Singer who have made an outstanding contribution to music ministry in Arkansas. The Award will be presented at the Annual Master'Singers Retreat. Please feel free to nominate living or deceased male and female members. Give your nominations to your presidents (Alice Startup or Darrell Spigner). All nominees must be in by the final Concert of Worship of the current year. Non-eligible members: **Current directors (Jim Daniel, Angela White, or Tim Gunter), current presidents (Alice Startup or Darrell Spigner) or past recipients:**

2009 – Jean Pilcher and Tim Blann
2010 – Retha Kilmer and J. Paul Williams
2011 – Janie Thompson and John Dresbach
2012 – Peggy Pearson and Will Thompson
2013 – Donna Crenshaw and Glen Ennes
2014 – Donna Teague and Richard Wade
2015 – Glenda Riddle and Sam Wakefield
2016 – Mary Winters and Bob Endel
2017 – Elizabeth Barnett and Louis Criswell
2018 – Missy Hines and David Tatum
2019 – Vicki Bedford and Lee Barnett
2020 – Carrie Taylor and Doug Moore
2021 – Shelia Moore and Larry Grayson
2022 – Sharon Sanders and Jerry Miller

The Master'Singers Memorial Scholarship

The Arkansas Master'Singers Memorial Scholarship is now accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year. The scholarship is designed to support students who are preparing for some type of vocational ministry through music. The Scholarship is for \$1,000, and can be renewed annually for up to three additional years. For more information and application instructions, please follow the link below.

[Scholarship Information](#)

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Now we turn our eyes to finishing our season. We will finish our 2023 season in a unique setting. Seldom do we have the opportunity to share the Gospel outside of the church walls. I am praying that many will come to the Monticello concert who may never hear us sing in other venues. I am praying for the Gospel to be clearly sung and spoken to an audience we might not reach in our normal settings. What an exciting way to close out our season. Will you join me in this prayer? Let's gather together once more this season to see how the Lord will answer our prayer offered at the retreat. Let's come expecting Him to do a great work for His Kingdom and for His glory. We will be careful to give Him "All the Praise!"

Jim

WE WILL HAVE SEATED RISERS FOR OUR CONCERT!

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW....

click for more information

Register for the 2023 Spring Worship Leader Roundtables



July 10-14, 2023
Ouachita Baptist University

Registration Now Open
www.praiseworksarkansas.com



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WWW.JOYWORKSARKANSAS.COM

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW...



Welcome to Planning Center Online



We are so excited to introduce Planning Center Online (PCO) to you this year. We will utilize PCO for all of our concert scheduling and registrations as well as storing and sharing all our music charts and recordings for the year. PCO is an incredibly powerful tool that will enable us to share information more readily.

What if I already have a PCO account with my church?

If you have a current PCO account with your church, you can link the two accounts. Linking will make switching back and forth between multiple organizations very easy (without having to log out and back in). To do so, you must be using the same name, email, and password for all organizations. Then, simply log out and back in. Then click "Link Accounts." You may need to reset your passwords to be the same. If so, please contact David and he will send you a password reset, then you can reset the password for all organizations at once. You can also access Music Stand for multiple organizations after linking the accounts. Simply click the three lines icon on the top left of your screen, click your name when it pops up at the top, then select which organization (church or Master'Singers) you wish to access! If you need help, please contact David!

Registering for Concerts of Worship and other Events

For each event, everyone will receive a scheduling request via email. At the bottom of that email are two links, one to "Accept" and one to "Decline" the request from PCO. If you plan on attending the concert/event, please accept the request, and if you cannot attend, please decline the request. When you "Accept," you are counted for two very important reasons: the Meal before the concert and to let us know how many are coming in each section and the orchestra. By doing so, the host church can best prepare for our arrival. The deadline for being included in the meal count is by NOON on the Monday BEFORE the event. Please help us help our hosts by replying promptly.

Scheduling emails are sent out from PCO two weeks prior to the concert. If you are NOT receiving these email requests, please do the following: 1) check your junk/spam folder as these emails may end up there, 2) log in to PCO and ensure that you are checking the right email account, 3) if neither of the two previous options help, contact David Tatum for assistance. dtatum@fbcsherwood.org

Acquiring Music Files

Music charts and recordings will no longer be available on the Master'Singers website. All of these tasks will now be included in your PCO account. To view the files, you must go to the "SERVICE" (concert) in which you are scheduled to sing/play.

Once you accept your invitation, if you are viewing the service on your computer (not your smart phone or tablet), select the service in the "PLANS" tab at the top. On the right hand side of each song in the order of service, select the gray box with the number in it to access each song's files.

Music Stand App

If you have a tablet you can use PCO's Music stand App. It is available for free in the App Stores for both Apple and Android devices. To access the music for each concert/service, simply log in to Music Stand with your PCO credentials (see below). You can then navigate to the particular Service (concert) and your music will be in order and ready for you to view. This works with both singers and instrumentalists.

Forgot Your Login?

If you have forgotten your PCO login, simply click the "Need a password?" link on the PCO login page. Enter the email address that you use to log in, and PCO will send you a password reset email.



2022 - 2023 Events

October 13, 2022

Concert of Worship
Ouachita Baptist Univ, Arkadelphia

October 25, 2022

ABSC Annual Meeting
FBC, Hot Springs

January 23, 2023

ABSC Evangelism Conference
Geyer Springs FBC, LR

February 23, 2023

Split Concerts of Worship
FBC, Fort Smith & FBC, Searcy

March 16, 2023

Concert of Worship
FBC, Russellville

April 13, 2023

Concert of Worship
UAM Fine Arts Center, Monticello

September 14-15, 2023

Annual Master Singers Retreat



The Arkansas Master Singers exist as a fellowship of believers to proclaim the majesty and love of Almighty God, to share the gospel message of Jesus Christ, and to provide the encouragement of the Holy Spirit through the medium of music.

2022-2023 Leadership Team



Jim Daniel
Director



Darrell Spigner
President



Taylor Keenen
1st Vice President



Jeremy Raines
2nd Vice President



Randy Cross
Ten 1 Host



Brian Trostle
Ten 2 Host



Phillip Johnson
Baritone Host



Jerry Miller
Bass Host



Michael Battenfield
Chaplain



Josh Junyor
Accompanist



Ken Holland
Past President



Tim Gunter
Inst. Ens. Dir.



David Tatum
Communications

Men's Seating Coordinator

Randy Cross



Angela White
Director



Alice Startup
President



Cheri Cloud
1st Vice President



Lynda Martin
2nd Vice President



Kathryn Coleman
Sop 1 Host



Carla White
Sop 2 Host



Bev Bowman
Alto 1 Host



Cindy McKinstry
Alto 2 Host



Janie Thompson
Chaplain



Peggy Pearson
Accompanist



Sharon Sanders
Outfit Coordinator



Missy Hines
Past President

Women's Seating Coordinators

Karla Tarkington

Amy Golden