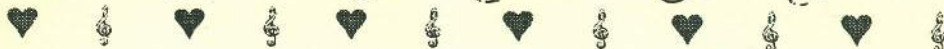


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NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF HEARTSONG

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1992

1992 in Review

How does a life and woman-affirming chorus follow the successful production of the 1991 National Women's Choral Festival? With an active year of community, song and celebration!

Welcome, New Members

In March, the chorus opened to new members with a record turnout of interested singers thanks to Ava's successful public relations. Potential members auditioned on March 30th, and nineteen new voices joined HeartSong.

Dallas Appearance

Thirty members traveled to Dallas on April 25th to appear with the Oak Lawn Band in their Spring Concert at Southern Methodist University. The program included *Wood River*, *Big-Legged Woman* and *River Rise Up*.

Take-Back-the-Night Rally

During Domestic Violence Awareness Week the chorus appeared at a Houston Area Women's Center event on April 30th singing *Something About the Women* and *Love Will Guide Us* with the Transco Tower Water Wall in the background.

AIDS Vigil

At an evening AIDS Vigil on June 5th, HeartSingers appeared in Bell Park to sing *Sister* and *Love Will Guide Us*.

Happy Birthday HeartSong

To celebrate the 6th year of HeartSong (that's right, count 'em, six!) Debbie arranged for members to relax on a farm near Brenham June 13th-14th. Fun was had by all --even a few old members came out to join the excitement. Melissa made the traditional birthday cake, and an impromptu concert was sung for our hostesses.

Integrity National Conference

At the Episcopal National Conference of Integrity at the Stouffer Presidente on July 11th, the chorus sang *Alleluia*, *Lift Ev'ry Voice And Sing*, *Love Will Guide Us*, and *How Can I Keep from Singing*.

Unitarian Church Service

The chorus held the annual service/concert for the First Unitarian Church on July 26th. Jamie preached and organized while Kim, Gail and Melissa offered readings and meditation. Judi and Roz presented special music.

Mary Preus Workshop

On September 26th, Minneapolis *Calliope* director, Mary Preus, taught members how to sing jazz/swing style. The workshop and party afterwards were a great morale booster for all who attended.

Habitat for Humanity

HeartSong helped dedicate the house built by women for women by singing *If It Wasn't For The Women*, *Alla That's Alright, But* and *Now I Walk in Beauty* at a soggy afternoon ceremony November 21st.

Tree Lighting

HeartSong will honor World AIDS Day, December 1st, by joining the AIDS Foundation and Body Positive Tree Lighting ceremony at the Multi-Service Center on West Gray.

Holiday Concert

The Holiday Concert will be held December 12th at Hamman Hall, Rice University. Details on the following pages.

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HeartSong

Nov/Dec 1992

Monday 11-23-92

Rehearsal
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Monday 11-30-92

Rehearsal
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
(8:30 - 9:30 with the men)

Tuesday 12-1-92

Appearance
Tree Lighting
Approx 6:45 pm

Thursday 12-3-92

Rehearsal
8:30pm - 9:30pm
* with the men at Bering

Saturday 12-5-92

Business Meeting
5:00 pm
See details on page 4

Monday 12-7-92

Rehearsal
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
(8:30 - 9:30 with the men)

Thursday 12-10-92

Rehearsal
8:30pm - 9:30pm
* with the men at Bering

Friday 12-11-92

Dress Rehearsal
Hamman Hall
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday 12-12-92

Holiday Concert
Call: 6:00 pm

Moore & Hunt Office Party
9:30 pm till ?

Monday 12-14-92

Carolling (tentative)
Details to follow

Monday 12-21-92

Rehearsal
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Monday 12-28-92

No Rehearsal
Happy Holidays!

* Please note location:
Bering Memorial United
Methodist Church, 1440
Harold at Mulberry in the
Montrose

Jan/Feb 1993

Monday 1-4-93

Regular Rehearsal Resumes
Open to New Sopranos
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Monday 1-11-93

Rehearsal
Open to New Sopranos
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday 1-16-93

HeartSong Summit
Tentative date

Sunday 1-17-93

Recuperate from Summit

Monday 1-18-93

Rehearsal
Open to New Sopranos
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Monday 1-25-93

Rehearsal
Open to New Sopranos
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Monday 2-1-93

Rehearsal
New Member Auditions
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday 2-6-93

Business Meeting
Time to be announced

Monday 2-8-93

Rehearsal
Welcome New Members
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Monday 2-15-93

Rehearsal
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Monday 2-22-93

Rehearsal
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Holiday Concert

The Holiday Concert will be held Saturday evening, December 12, 1992 at 7:00 pm in Hamman Hall on the Rice University campus. Parking is available at Entrance Number 8 off Sunset Blvd. This concert will be sponsored by the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, who will open with a set of seven songs followed by an audience sing-along. After a brief intermission, HeartSong will sing the following:

Alleluia
Sings Songs of Jubilation
Now I Walk in Beauty
Hanukkah Shalom
Stompin' at the Savoy
Love Will Guide Us
Once Upon a Silent Night

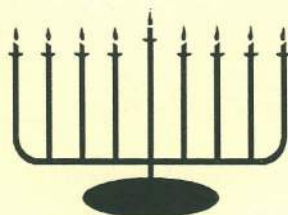
Judi Messina will be our accompanist, and Nancy Busch will sing in American Sign Language.

Concert Attire:

The men will be in tuxedos! Not to be outdone, remember that HeartSong concert attire is something lovely in solid green, blue, purple or black. No prints, no white trim, no olive green, fuschia or any other "almost" color.

In closing, the two choirs will join together for

This We Know
Ave Maria
Season for Lovers
If We Only Have Love
Gaelic Blessing



After the Concert...

Debbie has graciously invited HeartSong members to join her and Connie after the Holiday Concert at the office party of Moore & Hunt, 3608 Audubon Place. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

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What Else is New?

On Our Backs:

We're sporting new HeartSong shirts as a result of Margaret's planning and coordination. Special thanks to her for handling all the orders and questions.

On Our Lists:

Marian completed a new membership directory and she's checking it twice--be sure to let her know if you change your address or phone number.

On Our Lips:

New music can be heard at rehearsals and appearances thanks to the Music Selection Committee and thanks to efficient distribution to the chorus via Jamie's librarian skills.

In Our Hearts:

Renewed vigor can be heard and felt among old voices and new as the chorus comes together to perform for our own home audience for the first time in over a year.

TCOB

The final bimonthly business meeting of 1992 will be held on Saturday, December 5th, at the *Weygood's* (Lynne and Gayle's) new home, 3501 Latma. We will start with a potluck dinner at 5:00 pm and try "to finish bidness" by about 7ish. Topics for discussion include

- whether to buy a piano
- next auditions
- summit--when, where, what
- committee reports
- budget needs for 1993

Also we need to pick new facilitators for the next 6 months. Gayle and Margaret's term is up December 31st. Please come and give your input.

THEN--all who like will pile into cars and head to Seabrook to watch the annual *Christmas Boat Parade*. The parade actually starts at 6:00 pm from South Shore harbor and goes across Clear Lake out the channel, into the bay and back again. So, we will catch the tail end of it as it passes under the bridge, etc., as it takes a long time. All the boats are lit from bow to stern and the heavy competition makes for fabulous sights in the water. It's a must-see, even if the night is cold (bring thermos & mittens). Plan B: If the night is rainy, we will simply go to the *Weygood's* private dance bar around the corner (the Ranch) and rock out. All skate!!! Lynne

From your director...

Thanks to each one of you for all that you personally have done to make this year a big success for *HeartSong*. It takes all of us to keep the vision. Keep up the good work.

1993 has much in store as we decide on our participation level in the upcoming 7th National Women's Choral Festival in Cincinnati and perhaps our first involvement in *GALA* (Gay and Lesbian Choral Association). Perhaps our holiday concert with the men will inspire more shared concerts with other community groups. A solo concert would be a lovely goal for '93 as well.

The face of *HeartSong* is changing, and I urge each of you to be a part of these changes. Please do what you must to participate in the summit coming up in January. It is an annual pow-wow where we redefine and reaffirm WHO we are. I remind you that this group makes up its own policies. What from? Your participation on committees, in meetings and in rehearsal is what determines our direction. *HeartSong* will never be any more or less than we collectively make it. So, please come and join in the dance. Besides, it's wild fun!

Finally, thank you for the privilege and honor of being your director. My thanks to each section leader, to Judi, and to all who help make the music (that's YOU!). Love and hugs to those who are on leaves of absence. We look forward to your return. Please have safe, wonderful, warm and peaceful holidays.

--Lynne

Stuff Your Stockings

Concert tapes for sale!

- **1989** (Green), features such favorites as *Breaths, Of Creation, From a Distance, Something About the Women*, and *Testimony*.
- **1990** (Purple), hear *HeartSingers* perform *Seven Principles, Asimbonanga, River Rise Up*, and *Alleluia* (the long one!).

The *HeartSong* price for each cassette is only \$8.00. (Lynne says they make great stocking stuffers and gifts for odd relatives.)

The ever-tasteful and attractive *National Women's Choral Festival* T-shirts are still available in a variety of sizes for only \$4.00 each. Get 'em while they last! Avoid crowded shopping malls; see Gayle at the next rehearsal for hand delivery.

