

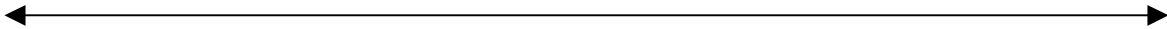


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Gwinnett Choral Guild participates in 3rd Annual Vermont International Choral Festival



Lawrenceville, GA, July 27, 2005 – The Gwinnett Choral Guild, under the direction of G. Phillip Shoultz, III, has recently returned from participating in the 3rd Annual Vermont International Choral Festival in Stowe, Vermont. The Gwinnett Choral Guild was one of seven choirs from across the United States participating by invitation only based on the judging of recordings submitted. The Gwinnett Choral Guild joined choirs from Baltimore, MD, Belmont, CA, Brockton, MA, Levittown, NY, Riverdale, MD, and Yakima, WA. The festival, sponsored by Music Contact International, brought together 200 singers under the direction of Robert De Cormier.

Mr. De Cormier is a nationally known chorus director and music composer and arranger. He founded the Vermont Symphony Chorus in 1993 and still remains their director. He also acted as music director of the New York Choral Society for 17 years. A graduate of Julliard School of Music, De Cormier's conducting engagements have taken him from Broadway and opera to numerous concert tours throughout the U.S. and Canada with his own professional group, The Robert De Cormier Singers. He spent many years as conductor and arranger for Harry Belafonte and has been music director for the popular folk trio, Peter, Paul and Mary for the past 20 years. Most of the music performed at the Vermont International Choral Festival were his own arrangements.

After three days of intense rehearsals, the mass choir presented a concert on June 18 entitled, "Around the World in an Evening of Song," at the Trapp Family Lodge Concert Meadow outdoor amphitheatre. The Trapp Family Lodge is the original home of the von Trapp Family, whose life was portrayed in "The Sound of Music." The mass choir performed nineteen selections including songs of the Trapp Family Singers, African-American spirituals, songs of Jewish life, American folk songs, and the Latin American mass, "Misa Criolla." The concert also featured a song by each individual choir with the Gwinnett Choral Guild performing a South African folk song with Artistic Director, G. Phillip Shoultz, III, as soloist.

The Gwinnett Choral Guild's participation in the festival also included the choir's individual performance for the community at the Stowe Community Church. The Guild also provided the complete music program for the Sunday worship service at Shelburne Methodist Church in neighboring Shelburne, Vermont. The Guild also spontaneously entertained the community at a local café and the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory in Stowe.

The Gwinnett Choral Guild's trip to Vermont was taken during their short summer break. It served as a fun social activity for the group as well an exercise in musical development. The Guild is now busy preparing for rehearsals for the 2005-06 season beginning August 2.

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The Gwinnett Choral Guild's new 2005-06 performance season will feature Handel's Messiah, Mozart's Mass in C Major K.258, the 2nd Annual Community Choir Festival sponsored by the Gwinnett Choral Guild, and an "On Broadway" Dinner Recital. Plans are already underway for the Guild to participate in the Boston Choral Festival next summer.

The Gwinnett Choral Guild is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1983 to provide quality choral music for both singers and audiences. The choir consists of volunteers from a wide variety of professions who share a passion for singing. The GCG has performed throughout metro Atlanta and Georgia, as well as the Biltmore House in Asheville, NC, the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC, Carnegie Hall in New York City, and in St. Petersburg, Russia. The Gwinnett Choral Guild performs music from a variety of styles including classical, patriotic, folk, Broadway, spirituals, sacred and masterworks by both foreign and American composers.

New singers are welcome and encouraged to contact the Guild about joining effective immediately. For information, please call (404) 223-9962 or visit www.gwinnettchoralguild.org.

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GCG (center) performs during the mass choir concert



GCG members pose with Robert De Cormier, Director



Phillip Shoultz proudly displays Festival participation award



Phillip Shoultz at Stowe Community Church



Phillip Shoultz, leads GCG in a spontaneous performance at Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, Stowe, VT



GCG prepares for concert at the Trapp Family Lodge Concert Meadow, Stowe, VT