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On behalf of the staff at Troy University’s Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts, I would like to offer our deepest thanks to all of our Theatre patrons - especially our loyal season subscribers.

What an amazing season we had this year, and we have more than just our performers to thank for their memorable, entertaining shows. We want to thank you. Our patrons made history this season at Troy University’s Davis Theatre. Our season subscribers bought every single available ticket in our Theatre which led us to our first ever sold out season weeks before our first show even opened. Single ticket buyers were not able to purchase tickets this year unless they were lucky enough to get seats that were donated back to the Theatre by generous subscribers for resale to people on our waiting lists.

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Thank you again for your support of Troy University’s Davis Theatre. We are looking forward to bringing you many improvements for the 2008-09 season - such as our new sound system to be installed this summer - and an even more exciting season filled with great entertainment.

See you next season,

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May 13, 2008
7:00 p.m.

proudly presents

A Chorale Sampler

Featuring

The Montgomery Chorale
Rebecca Barrineau Taylor, Artistic Director/Conductor

and

The Montgomery Youth Chorale
Joel Gregory, Director
A Chorale Sampler

Tonight’s performance will last approximately 90 minutes including intermission.

Major Works
Carmina Burana
O Fortuna

Requiem
The Lord is my Shepherd

Requiem
How lovely is thy dwelling place

Carl Orff

John Rutter

Johannes Brahms

Shakespeare Concert
It was a lover and his lass
Shall I compare thee to a summer's day
When that I was a little boy

John Rutter
Nils Lindberg
Matthew Harris

Christmas
Missa Kenya: Gloria
Bill Taylor, Soloist

O magnum mysterium
Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King

Paul Basler
Morten Lauridsen
Moses Hogan

The Montgomery Youth Chorale
American Songs
Zion's Walls
At the River
Ching-a-Ring-Chaw

Adapted by Aaron Copland

Patriotic
Star Spangled Banner
Mansions of the Lord
Lord, guard and guide
Battle Hymn of the Republic

John Stafford Smith
Nick Glennie-Smith
Henry Baker, arr. Genuchi
JPeter Wilhousky

American Composers
Precious Lord
Down to the river to pray
Amazing Grace
Tiffany Nishibun, Soloist
Ezekiel saw de wheel

Thomas Dorsey, arr. Sevier
arr. Sheldon Curry
Allen Orton Gibbs

Broadway/Valentines
Love changes everything
Somewhere
Make our garden grow

Andrew Lloyd-Webber
Leonard Bernstein, arr. Edgerton
Leonard Bernstein

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Rebecca Barrineau Taylor
Artistic Director & Conductor
Montgomery Chorale

Rebecca Barrineau Taylor was named Conductor/Artistic Director of the Montgomery Chorale in 2002. She also serves a Director of Music Ministries and Choirmaster/Organist at Church of the Ascension in Montgomery, Alabama. In 2000, she earned a Master of Music Degree in Organ Performance and Choral Conducting at the University of Alabama, studying with Warren Hutton and Sandra Willetts. Her undergraduate degree is in Music Education from Florida State University. While there she also sang under and studied with Joseph Flummerfelt.

Becky's musical background is varied, including a two-year tenure as the initial director (and present board member) of the Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, which trains teachers in discipline-based arts education. She has taught music at both Montgomery Academy and Saint James School. She is co-founder and founding director of the Montgomery Youth Chorale. Becky has served as Dean and Sub-Dean of the Montgomery Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and serves in the Department of Liturgy and Music for the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama. She also directs a women's chorus at Tutwiler Prison.

Becky is married to baritone Bill Taylor, and has a son, Patrick Padgett, who is a musician.

Joel Gregory
Director
Montgomery Youth Chorale

Joel Gregory has been the Director of the Montgomery Youth Chorale since 2003. He holds a Bachelor of Music and a Master of Music degree in organ and choral conducting from the University of Alabama.

Joel is a past organist at First Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa and director of music at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina.

Presently, he is Organist/Choir Master at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church. He also holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Georgia State University and is a financial planner.
About the Montgomery Chorale

Montgomery has a rich tradition in the performing arts. For thirty-four years there has been just one continuous choral tradition: The Montgomery Chorale. The Capital City's official choral group, the Chorale has made significant contributions to the musical enrichment of the community. The Chorale's volunteer singers, who audition for membership, demonstrate commitment to quality performances of a challenging repertoire, ranging from classical to popular, and from sacred to secular music.

It has been a rewarding journey for the Chorale since it was formed as the Montgomery Civic Chorale in the spring of 1974 by Dr. James Elson, Chairman of the Music Department at Huntingdon College. Since then, eight directors have led the Chorale through many successful seasons and a number of exciting adventures. In 1992 the Chorale was chosen to participate in the Vienna International Choral Festival. The National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., was the site of a Chorale concert in 1995. In 1997, following the collapse of communism, the Chorale performed in Prague, Vienna, and Budapest.

While the Chorale enjoys national and international exposure, its first priority is to the citizens of Montgomery and the surrounding area. The Chorale has been involved in community events including Jubilee Weekend, Festival in the Park, Zoo Weekend, and working jointly with the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, the Alabama Dance Theatre, the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Montgomery's Capitol Sounds, and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. The Montgomery Chorale, still young at 34, is looking forward to many more generations of choral music lovers to inspire.

The Montgomery Chorale

Rebecca B. Taylor, Artistic Director/Conductor
Tiffany Nishihun, Administrative Director

SOPRANO
Mollie Adams
Colleen Amaya
Peggy Bailey
Cheryl Fekete
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ALTO
Amy Barwick
Beverly Benson
Nancy Buzard
Janice Davis
Sharon Farley
Peg Fuhr
Denise Gordon
Susan Haupt
Leslie Laird
Peggy Mcclleland
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BASS

* Soloist

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Your donations to the Theatre will help preserve a great historical landmark and a source of many wonderful memories. Your gifts will also ensure that future generations will have their own memories of this Theatre.
Tiffany Nishibun, a frequent soloist with the Montgomery Chorale, also serves as the Administrative Director.

Tiffany is an Adjunct professor of music for AUM, Faulkner University, and Huntingdon College. She teaches privately with the Huntingdon Academy of Music and is also the Director of Children's Ministries at the Church of the Ascension.

Tiffany is married to Shane Nishibun.

Lauren Thompson, a native of Columbia, Alabama, graduated from Huntingdon College in 2004, double majoring in Piano Performance and Business Administration. She went on to earn her MM degree in Piano Performance with an emphasis in Piano Pedagogy from the University of Oklahoma in 2006. Lauren was the 2003 Alabama Music Teachers' Association College Piano Winner and the 2005 Music Teacher's National Association Young Artist Piano Competition State Winner for Oklahoma.

Lauren has taught at the University of Oklahoma, Birmingham-Southern College, Samford University, and currently serves on the music faculty at Huntingdon College.

Cynthia Summers began serving as accompanist for the Montgomery Youth Chorale in 2007, having been a member of the Montgomery Chorale since 2002. She began accompanying groups, choirs, and soloists in the fourth grade. During high school she earned an Outstanding District Accompanist Award in the Alabama All-State Choral Division. She continued accompanying while attending the University of Alabama.

Cynthia holds a BS in Computer and Information Sciences, with a minor in Music, a Secondary Math Certificate, and a Master of Education in School Counseling. She was the Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Choirmaster at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Prattville, from 1989-2004. She continues teaching mathematics at Prattville High School where she has served as an accompanist for choral functions as well as the annual high school musicals.
About the Montgomery Youth Chorale

In keeping with its commitment to the promotion of the choral arts, the Montgomery Chorale offers young people in the Montgomery area an opportunity to develop their vocal talents and join with other musicians in making beautiful music.

In its fifth year, the Montgomery Youth Chorale has already developed a reputation for excellence in choral music. The Youth Chorale performs with the Montgomery Chorale as well as presenting its own concerts each season. The Youth Chorale has performed at various local events and worship services, for the governor, for the anniversary celebration of the Alabama Choir School, and recently a collaborative performance with The Alabama Dance Theater's production of *A Christmas Carol* in their annual Mistletoe presentation. Recently, the Youth Chorale toured in the Mobile area; they sang at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and visited the USS Alabama and Dauphin Island. In touring, the Youth Chorale encourages educational and musical enrichment as well as performance opportunities. Besides the obvious musical training these young musicians receive, the benefits of singing in a demanding choir program are many: self-control and self-mastery, independent thinking, teamwork, service, analytical thinking, poise, confidence, focus, and discipline are but a few.

Membership in the Youth Chorale is open to young people, ages 8 to 16 (boys must have unchanged voices). Partial scholarships are available, if needed. Young musicians/parents interested in an audition or in more information about the Youth Chorale should contact the Chorale office at (334) 265-3737.

The Montgomery Youth Chorale 2007-2008
Joel Gregory, Director

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