

# THE CHORISTER



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## Poetry In Song

A World Premiere with Composer Libby Larsen

The Syracuse Children's Chorus concludes its 28th season with **Poetry In Song**, featuring a world premiere by composer **Libby Larsen**. *Mind You, Now* is supported in part by a grant from the **National Endowment for the Arts** and is based on the poetry of John Ciardi. The world premiere will take place on Sunday, May 3 at 4:00pm at Hendricks Chapel on the Syracuse University campus, in collaboration with the internationally-acclaimed **Cassatt String Quartet**.



Area music educators and Syracuse University music students have been invited to three open rehearsal events with the musicians in preparation for the world premiere. The Chorus will also hold question-and-answer sessions with the artists following each open rehearsal.

**Libby Larsen** is one of America's most performed living composers, creating works in virtually every genre from intimate vocal and chamber music to massive orchestral works and operas. Larsen is constantly sought after for commissions and premieres by major artists, ensembles and orchestras around the world. The **Cassatt String Quartet** has performed throughout North America, Europe and the Far East, winning numerous awards. The Cassatt has devoted itself to nurturing young musicians, and coaches, conducts sectionals, and reads works by student composers throughout the US.



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The 2008-2009 concert season is funded in part by a grant from The John Ben Snow Memorial Trust.



The concert is supported in part by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and Imagining America and funded in part by Alliance Bank. The concert is also made possible, in part, through an Initiative award. Initiative (the Syracuse-Campus Community Entrepreneurship Initiative) is funded by a grant from Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, focusing on entrepreneurship in the arts, technology, and our neighborhoods.



SCC thanks all of the chorister families, friends, and loyal community supporters that helped make our 2008 Poinsettia Sale a success! We greatly appreciate your continued support!

## Message from Barbara Tagg, Founder and Artistic Director

A Time To Sing— Now more than ever we need to sing. In challenging times we need to share, remember, be strong, be inspired, and realize there is always beauty in each day. We need to be where the creation of beauty, and celebration of life and humanity transport people from the challenges of the day to a soulful place where they can experience great joy through singing. We need to be part of an audience that looks into the faces of smiling young artists joyfully singing their hearts out as witnessed at our March 1 concert. What better inspiration than hearing the beautiful voices of SCC to give us inspiration and hope for the future.



We hope you join us for the May 3 concert at Hendricks Chapel for our third collaboration with internationally renowned composer Libby Larsen and second collaboration with the highly esteemed professional Cassatt String Quartet. The delightful poetry of our premiere *Mind You, Now* will surely put a smile on your face. Come be part of that audience that keeps us singing. This is one concert you won't want to miss.

About recruitment...because you are part of the SCC family, we would like to ask each of you to suggest some names of potential choristers to audition for next year. We are actively trying to boost the number of students who will audition for next year's Chorus in May. You are our best advocates. Help us spread the word about the Chorus to others who you know would love to be part of SCC. Call the office, send an email, and we will take care of the rest including contact with the teachers.

About your contribution...your continued financial support through donations is most important this year. As all arts organizations are being challenged, your contributions of any size help sustain the Syracuse Children's Chorus. Please continue to help keep us singing into the future. Speaking of the future, stay tuned for the 2009-2010 season announcement. It is going to be quite a year with four very exciting concerts! We have some wonderful surprises in store for next year. We hope to see you soon.

### Shiru! (Sing!)

The Chorus shared the stage with local composer **Jonathan Dinkin** and his klezmer band, **Klezmercuse**, for a March concert celebrating the rich tradition of Hebrew music. Choristers performed a number of Dinkin's pieces throughout the afternoon, including *Mi Chamocha*, *Hiney Ma Tov*, and *Sim Shalom*. The concert finale, *Sholem Zol Zayn* ('May There Be Peace'), was arranged by Dinkin and featured vocals by his wife Aveeya.



### Spring Events

- April 1 Chorale  
Duck Race to End Racism Prize Performance  
Immaculate Conception School
- April 26 All Choirs, *Poetry in Song* Preview  
Barnes and Noble, Erie Boulevard, Syracuse
- May 3 All Choirs, *Poetry in Song*  
With Composer Libby Larsen  
Featuring the Cassatt String Quartet  
Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University
- May 11-12 New Chorister Auditions

### Alumni Notes

By Alumni Chorister **Courtney Chiavara (1993-2001)**

Hello SCC Alumni! I trust that this newsletter finds each of you well. We have some exciting things planned for alumni over the next year or so...

First: SCC has now joined the digital age...**FACEBOOK**. If you are a SCC alumni please join our group. Once you have your facebook account, all you have to do is join the group called: **Syracuse Children's Chorus Alumni**. This is going to be a new way for alumni to stay in touch with each other and have access to some pretty neat updates over the next year.

Second: Please, please, PLEASE send your **current mailing address** or **e-mail address** to the Chorus sometime in the next few months. We are working on updating the entire alumni database, and this will really help with our volunteer efforts. (For your convenience, all of SCC's contact info is on the back page of the newsletter.)

Third: Next season there is going to be a VERY special **ALUMNI CONCERT** in March. More information will be released soon, so please be sure to send your current contact information. The concert should be quite extraordinary!! Stay tuned to the next issue and e-mail blasts to find out all of the exciting details on this *never before done* concert.

I wish everyone a wonderful spring and a happy summer!

## 2008-2009 Alumni Initiative!

By Alumni Chorister Courtney Chiavara (1993-2001)

Greetings, Alumni! I am writing to you as an 8 year alumna and a current member of the Board of Directors. As beautiful spring weather arrives here in Syracuse, I would like to make a specific appeal to the alumni revolving around the spirit of *giving*.

This appeal is being sent on behalf of the 127 students are currently in the group. I am asking each alumnus to send a contribution to the chorus that *at least* matches the time that you were in SCC. So, if you were in SCC for four years, send \$4.00...or if it was eight years, send \$8.00.

This is a very easy way for *everyone* to be able to participate in raising funds for the organization whether you are still in school or out in the "real world". (For those in the corporate world, remember to check if your organization will give matching funds!) For your convenience, a contribution envelope has been enclosed in this newsletter.

I am hoping that you can help these students find "their own song"... just like I have found "My Own Song"... and trust that you have found yours. I thank you in advance for your support of the choir.

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## Duck Race Performance

Chorale performed a concert for students at Immaculate Conception School in Fayetteville on Wednesday, April 1. Third-grade students at IC won a performance from SCC for participating in Community Wide Dialogue's annual **Duck Race to End Racism**. SCC would like to congratulate the students of Immaculate Conception and thank InterFaith Works for inviting us to be a part of this important event. At right, members of Chorale perform a dance to *Mayim, Mayim* (Water, water). Below, Dr. Tagg asks the audience what language *Mayim, Mayim* is in (hint: all choirs sang this piece on our March concert). Thank you to Cheryl Ripley for her help in planning this wonderful event!



## Chorister Milestones

The Syracuse Children's Chorus proudly recognizes the following Chorale members, each of whom has participated in SCC for five years or more. Thank you to these singers and their families for their long-term commitment and congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

### 6 Years (2003-2009)

Betsy Black  
Rachael Thomas  
Margaret Wood

### 5 Years (2004-2009)

Jillian Carafa  
Samantha Claps  
Elizabeth Domachowske  
Shannon Flickinger  
Emma McDermitt-Wise  
Elise Murphy  
Jordan Reilley  
Libby Weber



Do you know a student who loves to sing?  
Call the Chorus Office for details about  
May 2009 auditions!

## SCC at Barnes & Noble

Where can you go to buy a book, have a snack, listen to fine singing and help the Syracuse Children's Chorus? The Barnes and Noble bookstore, of course! Join SCC for an afternoon of music on **Sunday, April 26** from **2:00-4:00pm** at the Barnes and Noble on Erie Boulevard in Dewitt. Start making your summer reading list, plan to stay for a drink and a snack, and enjoy a special preview performance for *Poetry in Song* by each of the choirs. This event will also act as a fundraiser for SCC! All you have to do is present an SCC voucher at the register, or simply mention that you are shopping with the Syracuse Children's Chorus, and SCC will receive a portion of the proceeds at both the bookstore and the Café! **SCC purchase vouchers** are available from any current chorister and are also available on our website for download and print. Can't make it that day? No problem! SCC bookfair vouchers are also good for **a full week following the performance**, so feel free to redeem vouchers or just mention the Chorus when making purchases **through May 2**. This is an easy and fun way to help support the work of the Chorus. We look forward to seeing SCC supporters for a fun afternoon of shopping, snacking, and singing!

### Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

## Alumni News

**Amanda Schofield** (1995-1999), **Allison Garwood** (1997-2003) and **Brittany Lynch** (1998-2004) are students of Dr. Tagg at SU. This semester, they are busy working with Training Choir, Senior Choir, and Chorale respectively. **Elana Bodow** (2000-2005) is a freshman at SU's Newhouse School of Communications. She is spending her spring break in New Orleans helping to rebuild houses damaged from Hurricane Katrina. **Allison Schnackel** (1996-2003) recently graduated from Canisius College in Buffalo with a degree in Childhood Education and Music Performance in Clarinet. She was the Cantor for Mass at Canisius for three years and most recently served as Cantor for Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on a trip to Italy with the Contemporary Music Ensemble from Canisius. SCC congratulates the following alumni choristers, all of whom are members of the Onondaga County Select High School Chorus: **Katie Burgwin** (2006-2007), **Meghan Burns** (2002-2004), **Danietta Charles** (2001-2005), **Joshua Corcoran** (2004-2007), **Loren Gauzza** (2006-2007), **Tricia Honors** (2006), **Matt Izant** (2000-2004), **Brittany Miller** (2007-2008), **Stephen Mitchell** (2002-2003), **Kathleen Morgan** (2002-2003), **Jesse Pardee** (2001-2002), **Julianna Pucino** (2002-2006), **Theresa Rutkowski** (1999-2003), **Raymond Winterhalt** (2005-2006) and **Elizabeth Wood** (2000-2007). Congratulations to **current chorister Samantha Claps** for her participation in the Select HS Chorus as well!

*We are proud of all of our alumni members and look forward to Receiving information from more of you! Contact us with your news and notes via email, mail, or phone. Our contact information is on the back page of this newsletter!*



Special thanks to alumni choristers **Dominick Corbacio** (2000-2004) and **Elizabeth Sutphen** (1999-2006) for their help at Camp Woodland last August. Above, Dom and Liz take a break from rehearsal to help staff and chaperones prepare a spaghetti dinner for members of Chorale.

## Homestay Hosts

Additional thanks go out to the following SCC families, who each graciously accepted choristers from the BNYC into their homes during October concert weekend.

The Betancourt Family  
The Calimlim Family  
Shelly Claps and Ron Pietraszek  
The DiGennaro Family  
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The McDermitt-Wise Family  
The McMichael Family  
The Perrone Family  
The Reilley Family  
The Simko Family  
The Vaughan Family  
The Wood Family



Chorale takes a break from warmups to pose backstage at Most Holy Rosary Church.

# *The Syracuse Children's Chorus*

*Cordially Invites You To An Evening with Composer Libby Larsen,  
Dr. Barbara Marble Tagg and Members of the Cassatt String Quartet*

Sunday, May 3, 2009 at six-thirty in the evening

at the home of Neva and Richard Pilgrim  
438 Brookford Road, Syracuse, NY 13224

\$100.00 per person ~ Limit of 75 seats

*To benefit the Syracuse Children's Chorus  
Dinner reception prepared by Chef Franco  
With vocal interlude by Nicholas Blaney, Baritone*

Includes a complimentary ticket to *Poetry In Song* at Hendricks Chapel at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Please confirm your attendance to the SCC Office by **April 27, 2009**.

M \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tickets needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **Syracuse Children's Chorus**.

## ***Choristers Keep Busy!***

We know that members of the Syracuse Children's Chorus love to sing. But what else do they love to do when they're not performing with the Chorus? Read on to find out!

**Faith Gara** (Training) enjoys spending time at Wanderer's Rest, an animal shelter in Canastota, playing with the many dogs and cats waiting for adoption. She has also fostered kittens in her home and collects needed supplies for the animals through her Girl Scout Troop. **Emily Mahoney** (Training, at right) is an accomplished ski racer. Emily has learned that just like SCC,

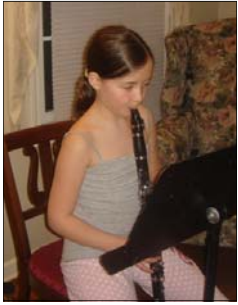


racing takes both commitment and practice to achieve your goals. **Whitney Harrigan** (Chorale) is a member of the Student Council at Jamesville-Dewitt Middle School and has spent time volunteering at the Salvation Army. This summer, Whitney will travel to Chicago with members from the "Young Neighbors in Action" group to help out in struggling communities by painting, cleaning, serving food, working with children and helping non-profit organizations. **Elizabeth Domachowske** (Chorale, at left) traveled to El Salvador for the third time this past February to do mission work within the Rancho Grande community. This year Liz



helped build new restrooms, repaint the community center, and build a fence for safety around the community center, and she hopes to continue going on this trip in years to come. **Juliana Melara** (Senior) is representing St. Margaret's School as the captain of her school's Syracuse Diocese Rite Aid Drug Quiz team. Juliana also practices with the North Area YMCA Swim Team and hopes to participate on her middle school's modified swim team in the fall. **Katrina Sheats** (Chorale) was recently one of the leads in Pulaski Junior-Senior High School's production of "Ax of Murder". She takes private voice lessons and is also active in the Art Club, Drama Club, and Science clubs at school. **Madeline George** (Junior) will be playing Maria in *The Sound of Music* at St. Rose School this May, and continues to be on her school's High Honors with Distinction list. **Libby Welch** (Junior) recently [cont. on pg. 7]

[cont. from pg. 6] participated in Chittenango High School's presentation of *My Fair Lady*. **Gabrielle George** (Chorale) traveled to Washington, DC in January for the National March for Life. She also plans on attending the National Catholic Conference for Youth in Steubenville, OH this summer, and continues to be on the High Honors list at Christian Brothers Academy. **Jillian Carafa** and **Maria Wadman** (both in Chorale) each had a solo in *How to Eat Like a Child* at MPH Middle School. **Summer McMichael** (Chorale) is on the alpine race team at Toggenburg. She participated in both slalom and giant slalom races this season, placing in the Top 10 each week. Summer also



enjoys playing trumpet in her middle school band, playing on the volleyball team and participating in the junior high musical. **Olivia Mulloy** (Training, at left) loves animals, especially her two Golden Retrievers. Olivia is also a Girl Scout, and loves to play tennis, downhill ski, and play the clarinet. **Mary Arnold** (Training) plays indoor soccer. She is also involved with her brownie troop and loves helping out in the community with the other members. **Allee Santorelli** (Junior) is currently involved with her school's Drama Club, the girls Chittenango Lacrosse Club, and is the primary goalie for the Chittenango Soccer Club's U11 girls traveling team. **Melody Gan** (Training) studies violin and piano, and received her first Gold Cup from the New York National Federation of Music Clubs last year. **Madison Sidwell** (Senior) recently performed in Eagle Hill Drama Club's *Guys and Dolls* as a hotbox

dancer. Madi dances four days a week in classical ballet, jazz and musical theatre classes. Madi enjoyed performing with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra with SCC, and her family knows all the words to "Chocolate Milk"! **Adena**

**Rochelson** (Training) enjoys Girl Scouts, art, and playing the viola in addition to singing with SCC. **Oriana Castelluccio** (Senior) is busy rehearsing for *HONK, JR.* at Fulton Junior High. Oriana is also a violinist with the Oswego Community Youth Orchestra. **Paige Freyer** (Training, at right) joined the Toggenburg Ski Racing Team last fall and has had a great time competing with her team throughout the area. **Chelsea King** (Junior) sings in the Eagle Hill Voices at FM and is looking forward to a fun-filled summer at camp and a family trip to Carolina Beach. **Sophia Frontale** (Training) enjoys gymnastics, Girl Scouts, piano, swimming, soccer, acting, singing and dancing. This May, she will be performing in her eighth show. **Xinhui Liao** (Chorale) is an active participant in the choral and orchestra program at Eagle Hill. She also attends Chinese school every Sunday. **Sachin Shukla** (Training) takes Karate and has a green belt. He began playing the viola at school last fall, and loves to play



on his keyboard and read during his free time. **Stephanie MacMackin** (Chorale) recently appeared in *Pirates of Penzance* at Lafayette High School. She also enjoys playing the flute and horseback riding. When **Allison Butler** (Chorale) is not singing with SCC, she enjoys playing cello and piano. She also plays soccer, basketball and softball. **Sara Cussen** (Junior, at left) does Irish dance and also enjoys playing soccer. **Diana Polovick** (Training, below) also enjoys being an Irish Step Dancer for Johnston School of Irish Dance. She has been dancing since she



was six years old, and participates in local and regional competitions (Feis) throughout the year. **Nia Lloyd** (Training) enjoys training and competing on the Rising Stars gymnastics team. **Nia** and **Lydia Kelly** (Junior) are rehearsing for two plays together with Stagerights Youth Theatre this April. **Riley Mahan** (Senior) is also a member of Stagerights and will join them on stage in July. **Aaron Ruiz** (Senior) takes piano lessons, is a member of the Notables at Ed Smith, and sings on the music team each week at his church, Iglesia Bautista



Nueva Esperanza. Aaron is either rehearsing, practicing, taking a lesson or performing every day of the week, and he loves it all! **Yihui Liao** (Training) likes to play basketball with the YMCA, even though she is afraid she will double-dribble. She also enjoys hanging out with her friends. **Shauna Cheatham** (Junior) enjoys singing with SCC as well as with the Bethany Baptist Church Choir. Shauna also takes ballet, tap, and jazz dance classes and loves playing basketball, piano, guitar, and flute. **Samantha Claps** (Chorale) is a member of the West Genesee High School Chorale and was recently seen as a waitress in the school's production of *Sweet Charity*. Samantha is also on the track team and in the teen choir at church. **Alex Brown** (Senior) was selected for the Harmonizers, his school's auditioned ensemble. Alex actively participates in local children's theatre productions and earned his Black Belt in Karate last November. **Brendan Keeney** (Senior) recently participated in Jump Rope For Heart for the American Cancer Society, the Syracuse Symphony Practice Marathon, and the Pennies for Patients Program for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. **Owen Volk** (Senior) has been involved in Karate, volunteers at his church, and enjoys archery, fishing, biking and swimming. **Elise Murphy** (Chorale) has earned a Liverpool Letter for academics and plays tenor sax in the Jazz Band at Liverpool High School. She was also selected for the highest choir level at LHS, the LHS 16 Chorus. Elise truly has a passion for music and would like to become a music teacher.

## Children Helping Children

The Syracuse Children's Chorus was a proud member of the **Change Bandit** campaign for the Golisano



Children's Hospital at Upstate this past winter.

Choristers saved their pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters throughout November and December. All proceeds from the campaign went to support funding for a variety of everyday needs at the Hospital, including games and books for the children.

The Chorus donated **\$230.00** to the Children's Hospital following *The Nine Lessons and Carols*, including \$40.00 in contributions from December's **Light the Night** project. Thank you to all chorister families and concert attendees for your support!

### Light the Night

Chorale's performance of *Stille Nacht* at this season's *Nine Lessons and Carols* was dedicated to the following:

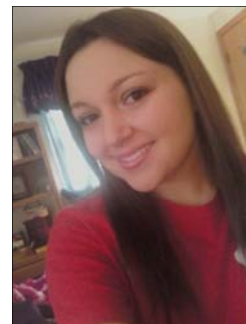
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## Spring Chorister Report

Chorale member **Samantha Claps** is the current Chorister Representative on the SCC Board of Directors.

I was so honored to get such a wonderful opportunity to represent the Syracuse Children's Chorus. My experience with the Chorus has been absolutely an amazing journey thus far. Chorale is strong and confident this year and has been producing breathtaking sounds on such pieces as *Talking to the Sun*, *Sing Creations Music On* and the new Libby Larsen piece that we are premiering in May. Chorale worked hard to master the unique and challenging pieces of *Talking to*



*the Sun*, which we performed with Senior Choir at the end of March. It was such an honor to perform with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra and it's always a pleasure to be working with amazing conductor Maestro Daniel Hege. Maestro Hege made a surprise appearance at one of our March rehearsals, and Chorale was so eager to work with him that we abandoned our original rehearsal plans and rehearsed *Talking to the Sun*. It was very exciting to hear Maestro Hege discuss the piece, because his opinions really influence the choir.

It feels Chorale is getting better and better every year, and many strong friendships are being shared throughout the choir. I personally have made many strong friendships in the choir throughout the year. Some friends have gone but it seems like new friendships are always emerging. To me, Chorale is one big happy family, and that's how it feels when you walk into the rehearsal room. The Syracuse Children's Chorus is not only an organization that guides children in singing and learning wonderful music, but guides them into friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

### SCC at the Dome!

**Senior Choir** and **Chorale** sang the **National Anthem** at the Carrier Dome in February in front of 26,879 fans, including chorister families and friends. Choristers cheered on the SU Orange, who lost to the Final Four-bound Villanova Wildcats 89-86 despite 22 points from junior Eric Devendorf and 21 points from junior Paul Harris.



### SCC with the SSO

**Senior Choir** and **Chorale** performed Calvin Custer's *Talking to the Sun* on the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra's Classics Series this past March. The Syracuse Post Standard noted that the choir's harmonies "melded together beautifully as the talented, young voices rang true throughout the concert hall." At left, Chorale member **Arianna Hege** joined Dr. Tagg for a pre-performance photo with her dad, **Maestro Daniel Hege**.

## Special Thanks

We gratefully acknowledge the following individuals and organizations who have recently donated goods or services to the Syracuse Children's Chorus.

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Dana DiGennaro	Amy Melton	Ping Zhang
Mary Beth Domachowske	Andrew Mitchell	



Above, members of Senior Chorus relax in the choir room at Most Holy Rosary Church before **The Nine Lessons and Carols** this past December. Thanks to Ann Perrone for taking photos and all of our other choir chaperones for their help backstage at this concert and all of our other performances this season!

**Help SCC Go Green!** Help us save on printing by sharing this newsletter with a friend or family member who may be interested in learning more about the Chorus!  
You can also read *The Chorister* online at [www.syracusechildrenschorus.org](http://www.syracusechildrenschorus.org).

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