About The Organization

CHORALE ACADIENNE was founded in 1979 to bring the masterworks of choral music to the people of Acadiana. The organization is comprised of singers from throughout the region who have a deep appreciation and dedication to the discipline of choral music. A strong commitment to the organization, based on the spirit of its volunteers, is evident in its programming.

Originally funded by a Touring Grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Chorale's early concerts were performed throughout the surrounding parishes of Lafayette. In 1981, a concert subscription season was established. Currently Chorale's programming features the presentation of three concerts each season. Performances are held in St. John Cathedral. In addition to its classical concert series, Chorale also presents lighter works at its annual Valentine Serenade.

Chorale Acadienne has received local, regional and national acclaim as one of the South's premiere choral groups. Christmas by Candlelight tickets are sought eagerly each year by Lafayette residents as the program sets the spirit of the holiday season.

In past years Chorale has performed with the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Symphonies in the presentation of major choral works, as well as appearing in concert at the Kennedy Center with Catholic University of America. Chorale has performed under the baton of world-renowned choral directors and has featured soloists from throughout the United States. Vance George, Grammy Award-Winning Director of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, has commended Chorale Acadienne for its professionalism and for its contribution to the cultural enrichment of the community.

Incorporated in 1980, Chorale Acadienne has not-for-profit status under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). Contributions to the organization are tax deductible and allow the organization to fund daily operation and to maintain excellence in programming.

Let Music Be The Breath Of Life...
from the Director...

As it begins its nineteenth season, Chorale Acadienne is the oldest continuously performing community chorus in the region.

Chorale Acadienne is proud of its place in the cultural heritage and history of Acadiana. This concert season will celebrate that heritage.

To experience the excitement of choral music performed in an authentic cathedral setting and to support the continued growth of the arts in Acadiana, please join us for the 1998-1999 Concert Season.

Artistic Director Leon Henry, a native of Vicksburg, Mississippi, is a vocal music educator in the Lafayette Parish school system. Henry holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Belhaven College and Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from LSU. He has taught at the University of Mississippi and Gordon College in Georgia. His choirs have performed at the World Exposition in Seville, Spain, and most recently with the USL Choir at Carnegie Hall in New York.

En Français

In anticipation of Francofête and in celebration of Acadiana's Gallic roots, a program of French sacred music opens the season. Pouлен's "Exultate Deo" and "Salve Regina" as well as the Duruflé "Requiem" will be featured. Featuring its French sonorities and timbres the Cathedral's majestic Casavant Frères instrument will enhance the celebration of our cultural heritage.

St. John Cathedral, 8:00 PM
27 & 30 October 1998

Music of John Rutter

The sacred music of John Rutter will be featured on our Spring concert. Rutter's interpretation of Psalm texts, "Psalmfest" will be among the composer's works performed.

St. John Cathedral, 8:00 PM
4 & 7 May 1999

Christmas by Candlelight

Amidst the lavishly decorated Cathedral, Handel's "Messiah" and carols old and new will set the holiday spirit. Join us in song to usher in the Christmas season. Christmas by Candlelight is truly one of Acadiana's traditions and is not to be missed.

St. John Cathedral, 8:00 PM
8 & 11 December 1998

Valentine Serenade

Celebrate romance and support Chorale Acadienne on a special evening! Dinner at the Petroleum Club and Cole Porter's legacy of sophisticated and witty music will make the evening most memorable. Glimpse a "lighter side" of Chorale's talented singers as they perform Porter's wonderful melodies.

Tickets for this fund raising event are not a part of the regular subscription season, but may be purchased on the attached order form.

Petroleum Club, 8:00 PM
14 February 1999

1998-1999 Season Ticket Order Form

Please send me the following tickets:

- Regular @ $30.00 each
- Senior Citizen or Student @ $20.00 each
- Valentine Serenade @ $60.00 each

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation of:

Charge to

- Visa
- Master Card

Account # Exp.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone

I wish to remain anonymous

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Benefactors $1,000 and up

Sustainers $500 - $999

Donors $250 - $499

Patrons $100 - $249

Friends up to $99

Please make checks payable to & mail this form to:

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