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Happy New Year !!!



The power of choral music

By Joseph Caulkins

What is the true power of choral music? Is it a perfect concert of sublime music that lifts your spirits? Is it that fulfilling moment when months of hard work are validated with an enthusiastic standing ovation? Maybe it's the ability of music to speak to all, regardless of ethnicity, language or culture. Perhaps it is that special composition which helps us through our grief or life's toughest moments. From childhood to our final breath, music is there for us. For singers, singing is as essential as breathing itself.

A recent Chorus America study shows more



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than 32.5 million adults sing in choirs, which increased by 10 million in only 6 years. When you add in students, that number swells to 42.6 million singers. That is nearly 1 in 10 Americans! Studies show that basketball is the most played sport in

the US with 26.3 million participants. In contrast, choral music is on a "fast break" hitting nothing but net. There are more than 41,000 K-12 school choirs in our country with such notable alumni as Presidents Barack Obama and George H. W. Bush, Snoop Dogg, Brad Pitt,

Sandra Bullock, and even comedians like Tina Fey and Jim Belushi and sports legends Walter Payton and Sugar Ray Leonard. Maybe they know what experts have learned about the benefits of singing. Singing increases self-esteem
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David Lang: *The Little Match Girl Passion*

PATRICK DUPRÉ QUIGLEY, CONDUCTOR

David Lang's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece opens Seraphic Fire's three-part Parables of Passion series. "Poignant" and "consoling" (*The New York Times*), this haunting setting of the Hans Christian Andersen tale is similar to a classic Bach passion.

Thursday, January 18, 7:00pm

Vanderbilt Presbyterian, Naples

For tickets or information, call 305.285.9060 or visit SeraphicFire.org

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and confidence, helps reduce anger, depression and anxiety, reduces stress, increases mental awareness and stimulates creativity. Physically, singing increases blood flow, improves sleep, boosts your immune system, releases chemicals like endorphins, dopamine and oxytocin, which effect our moods and happiness. But most of all it is fun and rewarding.

Key Chorale wants to keep our community singing. We are focused on making education and community involvement the hallmark of everything we do, using choral music as a tool to impact people directly, in addition to providing the beautiful and polished choral concerts you expect.

If you are reading this, you understand the importance of the arts and how music can touch lives in innumerable ways. I hope you'll join Key Chorale in our mission to keep our community singing all season long and beyond. Otherwise, we're just preaching to the choir!

From 2001-2010, Mr. Caulkins was the Associate Conductor/Director of Choruses for the Southwest Florida Symphony where he created the Stained Glass Series, led annual Messiah and Holiday Pops concerts and conducted on the Pops, Family, Chamber and Masterworks series. Prior to his arrival in Southwest Florida, he was Artistic Director/Conductor of the Bach Chamber Choir (Rockford, IL) and directed the St. Procopius Chamber Orchestra and Choirs at Benedictine University (Lisle, IL). For the past 9 seasons as Artistic Director of Key Chorale, Sarasota, he has consistently delivered innovative concert experiences through adventurous programming, unique collaborations and performances of new and rarely heard works. He is also artistic director of Una Voce, The Florida Men's Chorale, in Tampa.



Saturday, January 27, 2018
6:00 PM 10:00 PM
Colonial Country Club

Lovestruck Soiree

Harp and voice duo LOVESTRUCK will present an eclectic collection of favorite love songs from around the world and across the ages. Lovingly titled "Cupid's Playlist," Soprano Jennifer Paulino and Celtic Harpist Diana Rowan will perform timeless love songs from folk and classical traditions and bring it all together in 21st Century style.

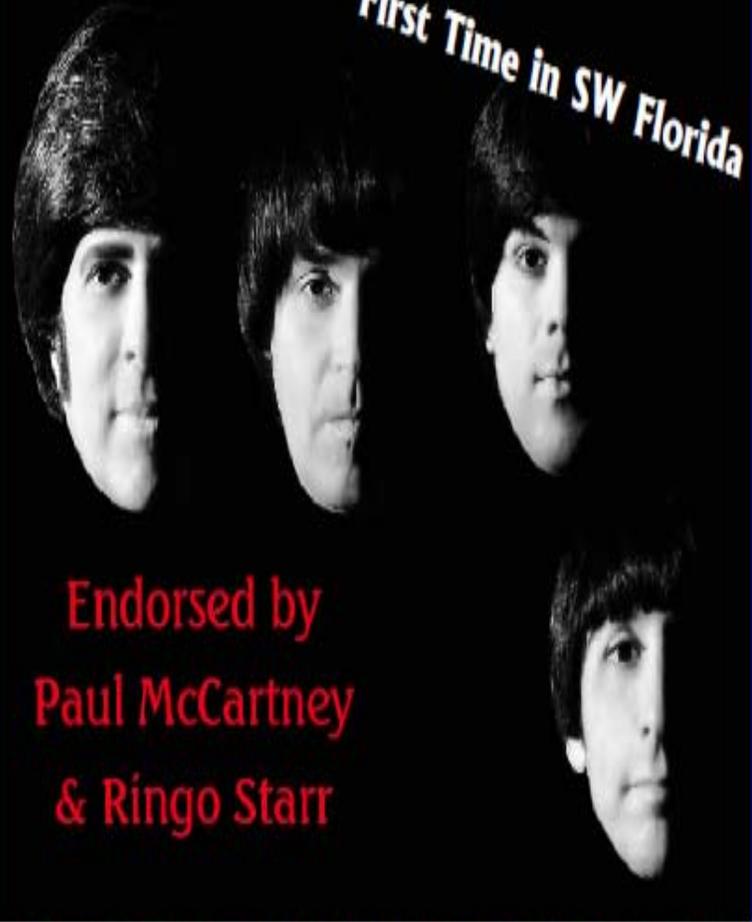
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Tickets include Dinner, Show, Live and Silent Auctions, 50/50 and more!

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Opera Naples



Violinist Frank Huang



Mezzo soprano María José Montiel

Beaux Arts Chamber Music Series proudly presents violinist Frank Huang. In addition to winning Naumburg and Hannover International Violin Competitions, Frank Huang occupies arguably the most enviable position in classical music today: concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. He will join artistic director Tao Lin in a program featuring masterworks for violin and piano. Frank Huang joined the New York Philharmonic as Concertmaster, The Charles E. Culpeper Chair, in September 2015. The First Prize Winner of the 2003 Walter W. Naumburg Foundation's Violin Competition and the 2000 Hannover International Violin Competition, he has established a major career as a violin virtuoso.

January 16, 7:30 pm

María José Montiel with Artistic Director Ramón Tebar on piano.

The Mezzo from Madrid, Maria José Montiel, considered one of the greatest Carmens of our time, is also a lover of the concert repertoire. She will enchant us with an evening of beautiful French, Spanish and Brazilian songs as well as beloved operatic arias.

January 31, 2018, 7:30 pm

Tickets: www.operanaples.org