

Bucks County Choral Society opens season with Requiems

The Bucks County Choral Society opens its 44th season with the "cathartic power" of two Requiems.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's, "Requiem Mass in D minor," brings the full range of human emotion to bear in the experience of remembrance and loss as only Mozart could.

The Princeton Girlchoir, under the direction of Lynnel Joy Jenkins, joins the choral society in performance of "A Child's Requiem," by Steven Sametz.

Written in dedication to the

tragic incident in 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the deep sorrow of that event is transformed into a message of consolation through music.

Sametz composed the Requiem in fulfillment of the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Music Prize, administered by the University of Connecticut.

Sametz, a Connecticut native, reached out to the Sandy Hook community in the process of writing the piece. He also collected children's responses to tragedy and loss from schools across the

country, including the Quakertown Friends School.

"Being the first choir following its premier performances in Connecticut and Princeton to perform a piece as emotionally powerful as Steven Sametz' "A Child's Requiem" represents an artistic risk for BCSS that we don't take lightly," said Thomas Lloyd, BCSS artistic director.

"The terrible events at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012 are still very difficult for our society at large to understand. I committed to performing this piece because I believe it helps us to process issues of fear and vio-

lence in our society in a way that is neither manipulative nor tells us what we should think, feel, or do.

"Especially with the composer's having agreed to let us intersperse movements of the new requiem with movements from one of the most familiar, by Mozart, I believe the audience will have the space and freedom to allow the music to bring us to a better place both collectively and individually as we face an uncertain future."

The choral society will present the concert in partnership with Network of Victim Assistance

(NOVA) as part of the choral society's community outreach program, "Healthy Families, Healthy Community."

The Riverside Symphonia, a longtime BCSS collaborator, joins the choral society along with featured soloists Clara Rottsohl, soprano, Emily Drummond, alto, David Vandervall, tenor and Robby Eisenrout, bass.

The performance will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Doylestown (Buckingham Township). Ticket information is available at buckschoral.org or 800-838-3006.

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HealthLink celebrates 15th anniversary

Connie Wrzesniewski

It was on the last day of summer that HealthLink Dental Clinic celebrated its 15th anniversary with a cocktail party at Twining Hall, Trevoze. Volunteers wrapped up the season with an evening full of camaraderie, sociability and warmth.

HealthLink began as a medical clinic and continues to function as a dentistry clinic with more than 30 dental volunteers, a volunteer board and a number of administrative and event volunteers.

"Volunteers are the backbone of the clinic," said Bernie Dishler, president of the board of directors. "We couldn't do it without them."

The volunteer medical clinic shifted to all dental in April 2015 when the Affordable Care Act was implemented.

"We lost so many patients it narrowed down to only dental," said Mae O'Brien, CFRE, executive director. "HealthLink is a free dental clinic for any adult in Bucks or Montgomery counties."

Arnie Pfannenstiel, dental director and volunteer also emphasized the value of volunteerism, extending "a warm thank you to everybody on behalf of HealthLink."

HealthLink also celebrated its partnership with the Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple University. With this partnership, HealthLink is able to provide endodontic services including root canal and crowns to its patients, eliminating extractions. Under the supervision of their professors Temple dental students provide these life-altering services to patients.

The collaboration, which benefits both Temple University students and patients at HealthLink Dental Clinic, would not have been possible without the leadership of Dean Amid Ismail.

During the evening Dean of the



Dr. Bernie Dishler with Dr. Amid Ismail, who received the Eugene Jackson Humanitarian Award at HealthLink Dental Clinic's 15th anniversary celebration.

Kornberg School, Dr. Amid Ismail was honored with the Eugene Jackson Humanitarian Award to recognize his commitment to oral and overall health issues facing the underserved.

Dr. Ismail's extensive domestic and international work in the field has consistently focused on society's underserved populations and dental health disparities across the globe.

Ismail is a visionary in providing the best environments for students to learn while providing optimal dental care to patients.

"In my experience I learned two things," he said. "There are people who take and those who are satisfied by giving. They are the happy ones."

Christa Issler offered a patient's perspective and touched on the effects of living in poverty.

"Underemployed is something I never planned on," Issler said.

Lawmakers slate events to honor Vietnam vets

Bucks County lawmakers will host three local events in October and November to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the conflict in Vietnam and honor veterans who served during that time, according to Sen. Chuck McIlhinney (R-10).

The commemorative events will be held in conjunction with the Department of Defense as part of a nationwide tribute to Vietnam veterans. A special Vietnam veteran's lapel pin has been produced as part of the program and will be distributed to attending veterans and wid-

ows of Vietnam veterans.

Sen. McIlhinney and Reps. John Galloway, Scott Petri and Steve Santarsiero will host the first event at 7 p.m. Oct. 13 at American Legion Post 317, 215 S. Main St. in Yardley.

Along with Reps. Marguerite Quinn, Scott Petri and Bernie O'Neill, McIlhinney will host the second event at 7 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company, 5064 Stump Road in Plumsteadville.

The third event will be hosted by McIlhinney and Rep.

Katherine Watson at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 10 at Bayers Choice, 4355 County Line Road in Chalfont.

To be recognized at one of the events and receive the commemorative pin, a recipient must be a United States military veteran who served on active duty at any time during the period of Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of stationing location. Attendees must register online at www.senatormcIlhinney.com/Vietnam-veterans-50th or by calling the senator's district office at 215-489-5000.

Entries wanted for Garden State Watercolor Juried Show

Garden State Watercolor Society presents its 47th annual Juried Show at Ellarslie, the Trenton City Museum, Nov. 19 through Jan. 15. The artists' entry deadline is Oct. 15.

The Opening and Awards Reception will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Nov. 19, for Trenton Museum Society and Garden State Watercolor Society members, and 7 to 9 p.m. that evening for the general public at Ellarslie, the Trenton City Museum in Cadwalader Park, Trenton, N.J.

Artwork will be selected for the exhibition by juror Joel Popadics, first vice president of the American

Watercolor Society.

His watercolors have been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions in galleries and museums across the United States, including the National Academy of Art.

He has been featured many times in American Artist, Watercolor Artist and The Artist's Magazine. He leads watercolor workshops in the US and Europe during the summer.

In addition to the Opening and Awards Reception on Nov. 19, upcoming free events during the exhibition will include the annual Gallery Talk, from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 27, and a Round Robin painting

demonstration, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 11.

Third Thursday Members Meet Members event on Dec. 15 will be a private night of music and social soiree, with Trenton Museum Society members and GSWs artists getting to know one another.

There also will be a free Artist Demonstration with New Jersey watercolorist Dorrie Rifkin from 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 12.

An Artist's Workshop with Popadics will be scheduled for a fee. Visit gswcs.com/events.

Knights of Columbus host Penny Party

The Knights of Columbus #4545 Father Stommel council in Ottsville hosts its annual Penny Party on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

The event, for ages 16 and older, will be held at the Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist Gym, 4040 Durham Road, Ottsville.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Prize drawings start at 7 p.m. There will be more than 250 prizes, 15 of them worth more than \$100.

Admission is \$5 per person. There will be food and fun. For information, or to make a donation, call Ellen at 610-416-5061.

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