

Wisconsin - Upper Michigan District Big Sing 2009 Hosted by the Milwaukee Male Chorus

Summary:

The plan for this year's District Big Sing is to break from the traditional formal concert format and try a Cabaret style program. Chorus solo numbers should be picks of your most entertaining numbers used in your recent shows. The venue will be The Venice Club, a five star local restaurant.

<http://www.foodspot.com/veniceclub/>

Our goal is to make this a fun evening and will go something like this:

- . Service Numbers - National Anthem - Salutation
 - . Sit down dinner with entertainment.
 - . Intermission
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 - . Traditional Afterglow, featuring a "Pizza Party", with beer and soda.
- . Chorus solo music selections will be similar to the Cabaret but wilder and crazier.

The entire evening will be spent in the same room.

Ticket prices will include dinner, show, afterglow, pizza, beer, and soda.

The audience will be singers, and their invited guests.

Total capacity of the room is 250

Deadlines to keep in mind:

February 7, 2009: Big Sing Information Request (Singers, Solo Numbers, etc.)

March 1, 2009: Big Sing Order Form (Food Choices)

April 17, 2009: Money for Big Sing (for all attending – singers and non-singers)

Note: April 17, 2009 is also the deadline for reservations at the Marriott. Please deal directly with the Marriott for this.

Contact Information

You are free to ask anyone question, but to ensure everyone gets consistent information, please direct documents and requested information to:

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Milwaukee, WI 53208
414-344-6357

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Thank you and we look forward to seeing all of you in May.

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Schedule / Plan:

5-15-2009 Friday

Meet at the Venice Club for Friday Bash – great food available from menu.

1905 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield, WI 53005

www.veniceclub.com

5-16-2009 Saturday

Calvary Lutheran Church

1750 North Calhoun Road, Brookfield, WI 53005

www.calvarylc.com

9:00 to 11:00 A.M. District Meeting
(May be held at the Hotel pending approval)

1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Massed Rehearsal

5:00 P.M. Gather at Venice Club

5:30 P.M. - Sit Down Dinner

(Could use accompanists to volunteer to play dinner music.
Could use individual choruses to sing some type of dinner music.)

7:00 P.M. - Start Program

9:00 P.M. - Finish Program

9:30 P.M. - Start Afterglow

12:30 A.M. - Stop Afterglow

1:00 A.M. - Start After Afterglow/s
at Courtland Hotel

You're on your own..

5-17-2009 Sunday

(This is tentative depending on how many singers are interested in participating.)

Sunday Morning Worship Service at Calvary Lutheran Church (2 city blocks from the Venice Club)

Sing Several numbers (with music). Select from List below

- . Praise Ye The Lord of Hosts
- . Lord Listen To Your Children
 - . Amazing Grace
 - . Soon I will be done
 - . It Is Well With My Soul

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Massed Numbers

(In order of performance)

Armed Forces - The Pride of America TTBB

Choral Arrangement by Greg Gilpin, Copyright 2006 by Carl Fisher
introduced by Milwaukee Male Chorus – does not have to be purchased by other choruses for
this Big Sing

Star spangled Banner

+ Tag from new Service Songs – done just before dinner starts

Salutation

by William Bentz TTBB

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There's No Business Like Show Business

Irving Berlin, Octavo Edition for Male Voices TTBB
Irving Berlin Choral Library
Copyright 1946, Arrangement Copyright 1952

Get Me To The Church On Time

From "My Fair Lady", Arranged by Ed Lojeski
Hal Leonard Pop Choral Series TBB
Copyright 1956, Arrangement Copyright 1983

There Is Nothing Like A Dame

From "South Pacific", Rogers & Hammerstein
Williamson Music, Inc. Choral Series TTBB
Copyright 1949

Mr. Cellophane

from "Chicago", Arranged by Steve Zegree
Hal Leonard Corporation TTB
Copyright 1975, Arrangement Copyright 2004

Who Are the Brave

New Directions choral series TTB
Words by Paul Williams, Music by Joseph M. Martin
Copyright 1992 by Studio 224

Rhythm Of Life

Arranged by Richard Barnes, Waring Choral Series TTBB
Shawnee Press Inc.
Copyright 1955, 1969, Arrangement Copyright 1975, 1980
(To be performed at the Afterglow)

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Planned Order Of Performance

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Salutation

The numbers above will be sung before being seated for dinner.

Forsyth Solos followed by
There's No Business Like Show Business
Directed by Charles Frassetto

Nicolet Solos followed by
Get Me To The Church On Time
Directed by Jim St. Charles

Milwaukee Solos followed by
There Is Nothing Like A Dame
Directed by Rob Clark

Intermission

Presentation of Scholarship

Munising Solos followed by
Mr. Cellophane
Directed by Peter Jonas

Negaunee Solos followed by
Who Are the Brave
Directed by Vicki Lempiner

Potty Break

Start Afterglow with
Rhythm Of Life
Directed by Lisa Malavsky

Choruses will perform in reverse order of Concert appearance and have as much fun as they want...

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Hotel Information

We visited 6 different Hotel/Motels before selecting:

Courtyard by Marriott Brookfield
16865 West Blue Mound Road, Brookfield, WI 53005
Phone: (262) 821-1800
Web Address: www.marriott.com/MKEBC

This is the hotel / motel closest to the location of our District Big Sing. Best location for offset from traffic noise and easiest access in and out. Walking distance to many good shopping and eating places. Free guest membership at Ballely Exercise club next door.

Best prices negotiated for group rate...very nice rooms.

\$79.00 per night for Kingsize bed

\$89.00 per night for 2 double beds

Hotel room rates are subject to additional applicable state and local taxes (currently 13.01%) in effect at the time of check-out.

A Block of 80 rooms has been currently set aside...50 Kings and 30 doubles.

METHOD OF RESERVATIONS:

Reservations for the Event will be made by individual attendees directly with Marriott reservations at:
1 (800) 321-2211 or (262) 821-1800.

If commitment for reservation is not done before 4/17/2009 our leftover rooms in our block will be released. If after that date you want a room at this hotel you may have to pay \$158.00 or \$178.00 for the same rooms. We really got a good rate on these rooms. Also, if you are late, other hotels/motels may be full because of MU graduation

CUTOFF DATE

Reservations by attendees must be received on or before 5:00 PM, Friday, April 17, 2009 (the "Cutoff Date". At the Cutoff Date, the Hotel will review the reservation pickup for the Event, release the unreserved rooms for general sale, and determine whether it can accept reservations, based on a space-and rate-available, at the Milwaukee Male Chorus group rate after this date.

A meeting room has also been reserved for the "After – Afterglow"

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Women's Activities

Here are a few of the amenities available for the ladies to see and do while the men are rehearsing:

We will have brochures for these points of interest for you when you arrive:

Milwaukee Zoo
Potawatomi Casino
Milwaukee Art Museum
Discovery World
Harley Davidson Museum
Mitchell Domes

In the immediate vicinity of your hotel at 16865 W. Bluemound (within walking distance) are the following:

Bally's Fitness (next door) Free passes for you because you are staying at the Courtyard
Brookfield Fashion Center Mall (across the street)
Pier I Imports
JoAnn Crafts and Material
Stein Mart
Penzy's Spices
Factory Card Outlet
Starbucks
Sally's Beauty Supply
Country Buffet (excellent lunch buffet)
Marty's Pizza (great Italian food especially pizza)

Close but probably requires a car or long walk are:

At 16460 West Bluemound is an excellent Original Pancake House for breakfast.

At 15600 and Bluemound is Brookfield Square, a very big mall with Boston Store, Sears and Penneys plus many other stores and a food court.