~ 50th Anniversary Concert ~

CODA CHORUS
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Starry Night & Candlelight
A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

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Joëlle Morris, Music Director • Rebecca Caron, Piano
Christopher Lansley, Flute • Alfred Lund, Percussion

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Welcome all to CODA’s Golden Anniversary Christmas Concert--Starry Night and Candlelight. We enjoyed preparing for this concert, knowing that in this small way we can share our happiness and bring you a little Christmas.

It is only appropriate that on this occasion we recognize those who have helped us prepare. First, our director Joelle Morris, who, with her exuberance, brightened each rehearsal night; and next, our accompanist, Rebecca Caron, a winsome master at the piano. We rehearse each Tuesday night at the Winthrop United Methodist Church and we thank the Church for making this venue available. To Hope Baptist Church, which has served as our concert hall for many years, we offer our gratitude and blessing. In the concert program you will find our many and varied financial supporters and we hope you will find a way to express your thanks for the help they give in making this concert possible.

Most importantly, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our major corporate sponsor, Kennebec Savings Bank, who has for many years been a reliable and generous partner in bringing choral music to the Kennebec Valley. In this regard, I want to extend a special note of appreciation to Andrew E. Silsby, President and CEO, for his personal interest and trust in the work of CODA Chorus.

Now let us begin to shine a little light on you and yours.

THE MISSION OF CODA CHORUS —

Our goal is to provide an opportunity for local singers of all backgrounds and abilities to join one another in song. We strive to encourage the enjoyment of singing and raise the level of music appreciation in Winthrop and surrounding communities by presenting concerts in a full range of musical styles from classical to modern, folk to rock n’ roll, old favorites to new arrangements, and everything in-between!

We typically give two Christmas concerts and one spring concert in Winthrop per season. Occasionally CODA has performed in other Maine locations including Augusta and Islesboro.

To encourage our youth to continue their studies of music, every year CODA gives a music scholarship to one or two high school seniors from Maranacook, Monmouth, or Winthrop High Schools. (see page 20).
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Originally from Evian, France, Joëlle Morris is a singer, actor, choir conductor and voice teacher. Recognized for her warm mezzo voice and her ability to sparkle on stage, she is admired for her versatility, from the concert stage to the operatic arena, in intimate jazz settings and French cabaret or simply sharing her gifts as voice teacher and coach. An active recitalist, Joëlle has sung across the United States, France and Switzerland and has performed in an array of opera and musical theater shows. Aside from conducting CODA chorus, Joëlle teaches private voice lessons at Colby College, UMF and in her home studio located in Winthrop, Maine. She can be reached via her website at https://joellemorris.com.

Rebecca is a music director and pianist who plays for theaters, schools, and choirs from Bangor to Portland and everywhere in between. She’s been involved in theater in many different capacities over the years - performer, choreographer, puppeteer, house manager, light board operator - but music is her passion. She played her first show at age 16 and hasn’t looked back - since then, she has worked on over 40 productions. Selected music director credits include ‘Patience’, ‘The Sorcerer’ (Theater at Monmouth), ‘Jekyll & Hyde’ (Waterville Opera House), ‘9 to 5’, ‘Little Shop of Horrors’ (Community Little Theatre), ‘Cabaret’, ‘Grey Gardens’ (Monmouth Community Players) and ‘A Funny Thing Happened...Forum’ (Lyric Music Theatre).

Christopher Lansley enjoys playing flute and piccolo with the Augusta Symphony Orchestra, Casco Bay Wind Symphony and the UMF Band. He also enjoys playing with chamber ensembles; duos, trios and the ASO Wind Quintet.

Alfred Lund is a lifelong percussionist and drummer, playing with local singer-songwriters and bands throughout Maine. He often performs with drums he makes himself, combining wood and hide in creative ways to generate unique sounds. In addition to music, Alfred shares a healing arts practice with his wife Ruth, with offices in Winthrop and Hallowell.

In recent years our members have come from local towns including Augusta, Farmingdale, Fayette, Gardiner, Hallowell, Leeds, Lewiston, Livermore, Manchester, Monmouth, Mount Vernon, Poland, Pittston, Readfield, Sidney, Vienna, Wales, Wayne, and Winthrop.
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The Board is always looking for volunteer help from within the chorus and from without. If you would like to contribute your time and skills to further the work of the chorus, please contact us from our website, codachorus.com

CODA Chorus, a community singing organization, is now in its 50th year presenting a variety of choral music to the greater Winthrop area. The Chorus began as an ecumenical association of church choirs in 1967 under the leadership of Donald Auclair. Its name betrays its beginnings: the Church Organists and Directors Association. While no longer directly church-affiliated, the group does perform both sacred and secular music. Over the years CODA Chorus has evolved into a community chorus, open to all.

In the Winthrop area, the annual CODA Christmas concert has become a holiday tradition for heralding in the holidays and our Spring concert, which began in 1991, celebrates the coming of warmer weather! Over the years CODA has also performed at a variety of venues including the University of Maine at Augusta Senior College, Augusta’s St. Mark’s Episcopal Church and various churches in Augusta.

CODA’s directors in the last couple of decades have been Dale Perkins, Barbara Franklin, Delmar Small, and Ed Larson.

We welcomed Joëlle Morris as Music Director in September 2012 and Rebecca Caron as Accompanist in November 2012. They bring their considerable talents and love of music to inspire us (see page 6).

CODA awards their annual Jeannette Cumber Music Scholarship to one or two students from Maranacook, Monmouth, or Winthrop High Schools (see page 20).
Starry Night & Candlelight

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE
  Traditional Afro-American

STAR CAROL
  John Rutter

THERE SHALL A STAR
COME OUT OF JACOB
  Felix Mendelssohn

BRING A TORCH, JEANNETTE, ISABELLA
  Trad. French Carol, arr. John Rutter
  Christopher Lansley - Flute • Sarah Pelletier - Soloist

LUX ETERNA
  Tom Porter

AS IT FELL UPON A NIGHT
  trad. English Carol, arr. Katherine K. Davis

O NATA LUX
  Morten Lauridsen

LIGHT THE LEGEND
  Michael Isaacson

KEEP YOUR LAMPS
  Negro Spiritual, arr. Andre Thomas
  Percussion - Alfred Lund

INTERMISSION

JOY TO THE WORLD
  Lowell Masson, arr. John Rutter

SING ALONG
  (see pages 12-15)

O HOLY NIGHT
  Adolphe Charles Adam • Christopher Lansley - Flute

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR
  Edmund Sears

WE THREE KINGS
  John Henry Hopkins

SILENT NIGHT
  Franz Xaver Gruber • Joëlle Morris - Soloist

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
  trad French Carol, arr. Craig Courtney

CHRISTMAS WALTZ
  Jule Styne, arr. Pete Schmutte

THE CHRISTMAS SONG
  Torme/Wells, arr. Snyder/Higgins

WINTER WONDERLAND OF SNOW
  Bernard Styne, arr. Mark Hayes

HALLELUJAH CHORUS
  Messiah, George Frideric Handel
Oh Holy Night

Adam/Cappeau (Dwight)

Oh holy night, the stars are brightly
Led by the light of faith serenely
Shining, It is the night of the dear Savior's
Beam, With glowing hearts, by His cradle we

Birth, Long lay the world in
Stand, So led by light of a

Sin and error pinning, 'til He appeared, and the
Star, sweetly gleaming, there came the wise men from

Soul felt its worth, A thrill of hope, the weary world re-
Orient land, The King of kings lay thus in lowly

Joices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn,
Man, in all our trials born to be our friend.
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1849
Tune: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850
Source: Hymnary.org

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old—
2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peace and wings unclouded;

from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all gracious King."
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing;

The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
and ever o’er its Babel sounds, the blessed angels sing.

We Three Kings of Orient are

John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse a
Born a king onBethlehem’s plain, Gold I bring to crown him a

far, Field and fountain, morn and mountain, Fid-tow-ing yon-der Star.
gain. King for- et- ver, ceasing ne-ver O-ver us all to reign.

O, star of wonder, star of might, Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding. Guide us to the perfect light.
“Sing it loud so I can hear you.
Make it easy to be near you.
For the things you do
endear you to me.
Oh, you know I will, I will”

~ The Beatles
1968

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Thank you for supporting us throughout the year.

Please mark your calendar for these annual events:

Christmas Tree Sales: Thanksgiving weekend-until they’re gone! Main St., Winthrop
Vidalia Onion Sale: May; by order via club members
Annual Family Barbeque and Gumbo Festival to End Hunger – 3rd Sat. in Aug., 4:30 pm, Rambler Fields behind grade school
Harvest Supper – 3rd Sat. in Oct., 5:00 pm, Winthrop Congregational Church, Main St.
Hunter and Family Breakfast – 2nd deer hunting Sat. in Nov., 5-9 am; Winthrop Congregational Church, Main St.
Thanksgiving Dinner – at the Congregational Church, Main St., Winthrop or by delivery.

Be our guest! We meet every Tuesday morning, 7:30 am at American Legion Post #40. Like us on Facebook.
Starry Night & Candlelight
Quotes to ponder.

Remembrance, like a candle, burns brightest at Christmastime.
Charles Dickens

Ye, stars! which are the poetry of heaven.
Lord Byron

The candle of liberty has always been kept lit by a vigilant few.
Russel Pearce

It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.
William Shakespeare

When a happy person comes into the room, it is as if another candle has been lit.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of stars makes me dream.
Vincent Van Gogh

It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.
Eleanor Roosevelt
Maranacook High School student Abigail Despres is the 2017 recipient of the Jeanette Cumber Music Scholarship for music achievement. CODA presents this scholarship annually to one or two students from Winthrop, Monmouth, or Maranacook Schools, on a rotating basis, to promote the continued study of music. The next scholarship will be presented in May/June 2018.
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to be sung each & every day.

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Starry Night & Candlelight
Quotes to ponder.

Silently, one by one,
in the infinite meadows of heaven,
Blossomed the lovely stars,
the forget-me-nots of angels.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Evangeline: A Tale of Acadia

Just as one candle lights another
and can light thousands of other candles,
so one heart illuminates another heart
and can illuminate thousands of other hearts.

Leo Tolstoy

Star of the East, that long ago
Brought wise men on their way
Where, angels singing to and fro,
The child of Bethlehem lay -
Above that Syrian hill afar
Thou shinest out tonight, O Star!

Eugene Field
Star of the East

Life is no brief candle to me.
It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

George Bernard Shaw

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It seemed to be a necessary ritual that he should prepare himself for sleep by meditating under the solemnity of the night sky... a mysterious transaction between the infinity of the soul and the infinity of the universe.

Victor Hugo

Nirvana is not the blowing out of the candle. It is the extinguishing of the flame because day is come.

Rabindranath Tagore

Instead of cursing the darkness, light a candle.
Benjamin Franklin

If the stars should appear but one night every thousand years how man would marvel and stare.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Man loves company - even if it is only that of a small burning candle.
Georg C. Lichtenberge

The stars are the land-marks of the universe.
Sir John Frederick William Herschel

Be clearly aware of the stars and infinity on high. Then life seems almost enchanted after all.
Vincent Van Gogh

How far that little candle throws its beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world.
William Shakespeare

Metaphor for the night sky: a trillion asterisks and no explanations.
Robert Breault

One idea lights a thousand candles.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

When I consider how, after sunset, the stars come out gradually in troops from behind the hills and woods, I confess that I could not have contrived a more curious and inspiring sight.
Henry Thoreau

We are not here to curse the darkness, but to light the candle that can guide us through that darkness to a safe and sane future.
John F. Kennedy

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Candlelight
Quotes to ponder.

The stars are the jewels of the night, and perchance surpass anything which day has to show.

Henry Thoreau

The candle aimed its spark of light at heaven, like an artist who consumes himself to become divine.

John Steinbeck

There wouldn’t be a sky full of stars if we were all meant to wish on the same one.

Frances Clark

The soul: a wide listening sky with thousands of candles.

Rumi

Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground.

Theodore Roosevelt

So here I sit in the early candle-light of old age, and my book-casting backward glances over our travel’d road.

Walt Whitman

There are too many stars in some places and not enough in others.

Mark Twain

Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness.

Anne Frank

In winter I get up at night and dress by yellow candle-light.
In summer quite the other way, I have to go to bed by day.

Robert Louis Stevenson

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JOIN CODA CHORUS!

If you’re thinking about joining CODA, here’s what you need to know! We welcome any community members, high school age and older, to join us. Previous choral experience or music-reading skills are not required, but are, of course, welcomed. There are no auditions for membership.

CODA usually has 2 concert days per year, early December for Christmas and late April/early May for Spring. Our 2018 Spring Concert will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 7:00 PM.

Rehearsals are held Tuesdays, 7 to 9 PM, at the Winthrop United Methodist Church, beginning after Labor Day for our Christmas season and mid-January for our Spring season. If you’re just curious, feel free to attend a couple of rehearsals to see what you think!

Membership dues are $35.00 for each season (Sept – Dec and Jan – Apr/May). Dues may be waived in the case of financial need by submitting a written request to a Board member. Membership is free for High School students.

CODA By-laws state “Each member is expected to attend all rehearsals.” Of course, there are exceptions to every rule, but we ask for members to present as often as possible. Please see the Vice President about absences.

We Appreciate Your Support

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