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## 2009-'10 Season

### *Dear Friends:*

Embarking on our 34th season, we are thrilled to have our director, Bob Webb still at the helm of our choral craft. In the manner of Mark Twain, we can report that rumors of his leaving us at the end of this season were greatly exaggerated. It will be his 28th season as director, a testimony to his dedication and the not-so-well-concealed fact that he genuinely enjoys leading us. We return the favor of his sustained commitment by striving to produce the highest quality harmonic sound at each and every concert.

This is no easy task. One never knows how it will all turn out because of the live dynamic interaction of the composer's score, the director, the singers, and the audience. For us, we have no set repertoire. Each concert is a totally unique undertaking, with inspiring and challenging music from a variety of musical genres. Yet, without fail, it all comes together by concert time. The measures which seemed so difficult to master and halting at the start, begin to flow gracefully. It is an amazing transformation. Each of us marvels at where our director has taken us, and how well we sound when previously, we had no such grounds for optimism. By the time of the first concert downbeat we are alive, fully rehearsed, and confident in sharing with you our joy for distinguished choral singing.

You have to witness this choral experience by attending our concerts, and invite others to do the same. Research has shown that choral singing and listening to great choral works improves your health and mental well being. It elevates your spirit, settles your mind, and gets your blood flowing. Additionally, a recent 2009 study by Chorus America headquartered here in Washington, D.C. (*i.e., The Chorus Impact Study - see link below*)\* found that choral singing continues to be the most popular form of participation in the performing arts. People who sing in choruses demonstrate characteristics that make them remarkably good citizens. Moreover, the choral experience has helped them become better team members in other areas of their lives. Finally, children who sing in choruses have academic success and learn valuable life skills. All of these positives are only possible with your continued support.

As your community chorale, we invite you to join us. Mark your calendars for our upcoming [2009-'10 Concert Season](#) at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, in Springfield, Virginia:

- [December 5th at 7:00 p.m.](#), *Rejoice!* featuring glorious holiday works such as Gwyneth Walker's *Rejoice*, and John Rutter's *Winchester Te Deum*.
- [March 20th at 7:00 p.m.](#), *Celebrating Haydn and Handel* with Haydn's *Lord Nelson's Mass* and Handel's *Coronation Anthems*.
- [May 22nd at 7:00 p.m.](#), *Encore and Hors d'Oeuvres* consisting of our director's most favorite choral works, followed by our annual dessert reception.

Refer to our website at [www.northernvirginiachorale.org](http://www.northernvirginiachorale.org), for all the details, and to purchase your tickets. We also invite you to become a 'Partner in the Arts' by making a monetary donation that will support all our activities, including our Outreach Program, through our online donation form. You may advertise your business in our concert programs as well, by contacting a chorale member or by doing it directly online. All of these means of support are fully tax deductible by virtue of our status as a registered non-profit organization furthering the arts in your community.

For our regular supporters, thanks so much for what you have done in the past. And for those who have yet to experience the magic of live choral music, we think you will be amazed once you attend one of our concerts. We always are. I look forward to seeing you in the audience in the near future.

Best Regards,



Ted Cummings  
President, 2009-2010 Season  
*The Northern Virginia Chorale*

\* See Chorus America's 2009 The Chorus Impact Study at: <http://www.chorusamerica.org>.

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