



Corralin' the Chorale

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Our Singing Partners on May 14th

Guest Article by Grace Sams

The Tung Hsing Chorus Society of the Metropolitan Washington DC will join us for the May 14th concert. How much do you know about them? Would you like to know more about them? Let me, as their former member, bring you some interesting facts.

They are Chinese Americans who like to sing. About 30 years ago, as parents of children attending extra curriculum Chinese classes on Sundays, they decided to form a chorus to give voice to their musical inclinations, while waiting for their children. Very fortunately for them, one of the parents was Lucy Lin, a trained musician. She graduated from the Taiwan National Academy of Art and received her graduate degree from the Catholic University in Wash DC. They decided to name the group Tung Hsing, which means Young at Heart in Chinese 童心. Now 30 years later, only a few members remain from the inception of the group. Lucy and her husband, Eric, are among the founding members of the chorus. Today, the Tung Hsing Chorus Society is well known in the greater Washington area. They have performed in many

places, such as, the Kennedy Center, Mormon Temple in Kensington Md., the Ellipse of the White House. They have also travelled to Taiwan and Hong Kong for concerts.

When I joined the Laguna Woods Village Chorale 3 years ago, I was totally moved by the musical fervor of all who sing with the Chorale and the musical leadership of Doug. So I asked Lucy if she would consider bringing the Tung Hsing Chorus Society to sing with the Chorale at Laguna Woods. Thanks be to God that she and the rest of Tung Hsing were very eager to undertake this venture. Upon hearing this idea, Doug enthusiastically bought it. The rest is history. Now they are travelling across the country at their own expense to be with us for the love of singing. What joy we will share. I am requesting the Village bus service to be authorized to transport them to and from the Ayres Hotel where they stay and Club House 3. Would a potluck reception on either Friday or Saturday afternoon be a good way to welcome them? I will propose this as a request to our Board.

*In Concert: Village Chorale and Orchestra with Guest Choir on tour from Washington, D.C.
Guest Artist Ashley 1st (Formerly of Orange County, Now a New York City Recording Artist)
Saturday, May 14th • 3 pm • Clubhouse 3 • Ticketed Concert For the Public*

Met Composer William Joseph: "Oh, America I Hear You"

- William Hall: "I Know Where I'm Goin" • Folk Song: "Shenandoah" • Henry Purcell: "Sound the Trumpet" •
- Steffe/Wilhousky: "Battle Hymn of the Republic" • Mack Wilberg: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" •
- James McCray: "Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One" •