

Cappella Festiva invites you to join us for a wonderful array of concerts scheduled throughout the year. We began as a small, professional choral ensemble - but over the years, we've emerged as one of the region's most unique music organizations. Today Cappella Festiva includes an auditioned adult chorus of professional and skilled amateur musicians; an acclaimed Treble Choir for boys and girls ages 10-18; and an annual Children's Summer Choral Festival that provides young singers with an intensive two-week music experience.

The last several years have been particularly rewarding for Cappella Festiva as we have grown under the artistic direction of Christine R. Howlett. Now over 50 choral members strong, the Cappella Festiva Chamber Choir performed a wonderful series of concerts including a performance at Carnegie Hall of Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* and culminating in a nearly sold-out performance of Mozart's *Coronation Mass* and Haydn's *Te Deum* at the 35th anniversary concert in May 2010.

Now in its sixth year, the Cappella Festiva Treble Choir continues to grow, providing an opportunity for young singers to explore diverse vocal repertoire. The Summer Festival has met with resounding success, as young artists gain valuable vocal training and musicianship skills in an intensive program. This past summer was no exception as we welcomed over 50 young singers to the Vassar campus under the guidance of Susan Bialek, Nancy Vanderlee, and Christine Howlett.

Because Cappella Festiva is a nonprofit organization, we rely on the generous support of friends like you. Your tax deductible gift will underwrite essential performance and rehearsal costs, as well as fees for professional orchestras, and scholarships and support for the treble choir and Summer Choral Festival.

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Cappella Festiva

Chamber Choir
Treble Choir
Summer Choral Festival

2011 2012

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2011-2012 Season

Peace Walk on The Walkway over the Hudson

Saturday, September 17, 2011.

Cappella Festiva Treble Choir performs.

Things Sacred, or Things Profane

Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, 7:30 PM, Lyall Fed. Church, Millbrook

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011, 7:30 PM, Christ Church, Poughkeepsie

Cappella Festiva Chamber Choir performs. Ron Bemrich, *guest conductor*

Things Sacred include works by Bruckner, Parker/Shaw, and Britten.

Things Profane include folksong suites and works

by Seiber and Vaughan Williams.

A Service Of Lessons and Carols

Sun., Dec. 4, 2011, 7:00 PM, Vassar College Chapel, Poughkeepsie

Cappella Festiva Chamber Choir and Treble Choir perform.

Cappella Festiva Treble Choir Concert

Saturday, December 10, 2011, 7:00 PM, Trinity Church, Fishkill

Beautiful seasonal and holiday selections.

Please check our website for Cappella Festiva Treble Choir's spring performance.

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Thursd. January 19, 2012, 7:00 PM, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie

Cappella Festiva Treble Choir performs.

Mendelssohn: *Elijah* American Symphony Orchestra

Friday, February 17, 2012, 8:00 PM

Saturday, February 18, 2012, 8:00 PM

Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, Sosnoff Theater
Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Leon Botstein, conductor

Prokofiev: *Alexander Nevsky* Hudson Valley Philharmonic

Saturday, March 31, 2012, 8:00 PM, UPAC, Kingston

Randall Craig Fleischer, conductor

Summer 2012: Children's Summer Choral Festival

Study and singing of diverse treble choral repertoire
for motivated young singers 9-18.

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Cappella Festiva Artistic Director Christine Howlett

CHRISTINE R. HOWLETT is Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities at Vassar College where she conducts the Vassar College Women's Chorus, Vassar College Choir and teaches music theory and voice. Recently, the Vassar College Women's Chorus was honored with invitations to perform at the National Collegiate Choral Association's Conference, the ACDA Eastern Conference in Philadelphia, and the ACDA State Conference in Rochester. Her choruses have sung at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall, and have toured in Italy, Turkey, Germany, Spain, and in the United States. She is active as a guest conductor and clinician. Ms. Howlett has sung in ensembles under Simon Carrington, Alan Gilbert, Jane Glover, Paul Hillier, Lorin Maazel, and Helmut Rilling, and performs with the professional ensemble, the New York Choral Artists. She is a member of Kairos: A Consort of Singers, an ensemble of sixteen voices whose members are artists-in-residence at the Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY. She studied as a voice performance major at the University of Toronto, and earned both a Master's Degree in Early Music Voice Performance and a D.M.A. in Choral Conducting from Indiana University.



Cappella Festiva Treble Choir Conductor Susan Bialek

SUSAN BIALEK is the Director of Music at Dutchess Day School in Millbrook NY, where she leads two choruses. Her school groups have performed at choral festivals in New York City and in Ontario, Canada. She is co-founder and musical director of the Cappella Festiva Treble Choir and has also directed the Hudson Valley Bachfest's Children's Choir and Bard College's Summerscape Children's Opera Chorus. Under Mrs. Bialek, the Cappella Festiva Treble Choir has appeared in concert at with the Cappella Festiva Adult Chamber Choir, with the Hudson Valley Philharmonic at the Bardavon, at Dutchess Stadium singing the National Anthem, and at Carnegie Hall as part of a special Mid America Production Memorial Day Concert. She has been guest conductor for All County Choruses in Putnam and Westchester Counties. Mrs. Bialek holds degrees from Vassar College and Manhattanville College.

