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Women's Glee Club

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Message from the President

It is my great honor and privilege to be serving as this year's President of the Women's Glee Club. As a forth year member, I have seen the club cycle through many phases and must say that this year's group is the strongest yet. With the help of the other executives, this year will indeed be memorable for all involved. We are already off to a great start, as auditions were very successful and rehearsals are well underway. At just over 60 members, the club is the biggest it has been in a couple of years and has the potential for a very rewarding year.

With only three returning members, the executive board is relatively young yet is filled with great talent and passion for Glee Club. The combination of experienced and energetic new members will help continue the traditions of the past and lead the group to great successes in the coming year. We are also fortunate to welcome Linda Leslie as our faculty advisor from the School of Music. As Linda has worked with the WGC in the past, she is knowledgeable about our club and can assist us with many administrative details.

On a more personal note, I wish to express my regret for having been out of touch in recent years. Our alumni are such an important part of this organization, as you all laid the foundation of what our group has become today. It is my hope that we can rekindle the relationship with our alumni through potential Homecoming events and special concert receptions. As always, I encourage you to contact us with any suggestions you may have for alumni events.

I wish you all a great fall season and look forward to seeing many of you at our fall concert.

Sincerely,
Sandra Del Colle
President

Schedule of Events 2003-2004 Season

November 15, 2003 - 8:00pm
Exchange Concert at Bowling Green
with Bowling Green and University of Toledo

December 6, 2003 - 6:00pm & 9:00pm
Fall Concert - Museum of Art

January 17, 2004
Women's Vocal Arts Day

April 3, 2004 - 6:00pm & 9:00pm
Spring Concert - Museum of Art

April 13, 2004 *(Tentative)*
Concert Runout: MSU Women's Glee Club

May 6-17, 2004
International Tour

Notes from the Concert Manager

Under conductor Professor Snow, this year's Glee Club Concert is going to be amazing (as usual). More traditional than last spring's, the fall concert this year will feature such music as William Mathias's "Salvator Mundi," Gabriel Faure's "Gabriel", and Gabriel Charpentier's "Messe I". Non-traditional pieces include "Love is a Rain of Diamonds" by Gwyneth Walker and "Jordan's Angels" by Rollo Dilworth. The concerts will be held at the University of Michigan Museum of Art (on State and South University across from the Union) on December 6 at 6:00pm and 9:00pm. Tickets are $7 and will be sold at the door or you can e-mail us at wgc.exec@umich.edu. We are really excited about the Club aura this year and hope to see you.

Best,
Theresa Young
Concert Manager

Message from the Conductor

Dear Alumna, Friends, and Family,

Even after many years conducting the U-M WGC, it dazzles me when I consider the riches that make up the membership of this organization. Women are represented from such disparate disciplines as engineering, molecular biology, political science, language studies, music, and the dental school. We have singers in Ph.D. programs and new freshman. What brings them together, of course, is their intense devotion to music and self-expression. It is humbling indeed to witness the community building that happens through the study of great music and the process of singing together.

Crafting a year of experiences is one of the delights of my position with the organization. We are looking forward to a collegiate exchange with the Bowling Green Women's Chorus and University of Toledo Women's Chorus this November.

Our annual Women's Vocal Arts Day, which brings together 700 high school women from across Michigan, will feature a Ghanaian master drummer who will expose young singers to the singing, dancing, and drumming practices of Ghana.

We are planning an exchange concert with Michigan State University's women's choir and look forward to our own self-produced concerts in December and April in the Museum of Art.

We hope you remember your time with the Women's Glee Club with fondness and affection. Do keep us in mind when making charitable donations as our opportunities increase with every dollar we are able to raise. Upcoming projects include a commissioning and composer-in-residence program that will target "new voices" in the domain of women's choir repertoire.

Mark our home concerts on your calendar!

Dr. Sandra Snow
Conductor, Women's Glee Club

10th Annual Women's Vocal Arts Day

The Women's Glee Club is currently busy planning the Tenth Annual Women's Vocal Arts Day, to be held on January 17, 2004. For the past nine years, Women's Vocal Arts Day has brought together high school singers from around the state of Michigan in a day of musicality, camaraderie, and fun. The Women's Glee Club hosts these women, sings with them, and lets them experience a taste of the musical environment here on campus. This year we have an exciting and unique program planned, including the rare opportunity to see and work with a master of Ghanaian drumming.

Together with the Men's Glee Club, which simultaneously hosts the men's Vocal Arts Day, this day will culminate in a concert featuring the high school singers and performances by the men's and Women's Glee Clubs. This free public concert stats at 4:00pm at Rackham Auditorium, within the Rackham Graduate School on the north end of the diag. For directions to Rackham Auditorium of for more information on Women's Vocal Arts Day, contact the WGC Business manager, Tracy Gierada, at tgierada@umich.edu.

Exchange Concert in Ohio

On November 15th the Women's Glee Club will be combining with women's choirs from Bowling Green and the University of Toledo in a joint concert. The event will be hosted by Bowling Green University, and for any of our alumnae in the area it would be a great chance to come and support us! The concert will take place at 8:00p.m. and will include selections by each choir. For more information contact the WGC publicity manager, Valerie Johns, at vjohns@umich.edu.

As far as majors go, Women's Glee Club is a diverse group of women. Glee Club members represent eight colleges, including Rackham Graduate School. Some majors include Russian studies, business, cell and molecular biology, classical studies, Italian, history, and choral music education, while 14 remain undecided. Six women are in pre-professional programs such as pre-med or pre-dental. Over half the women are in the college of LSA. The most common LSA major is psychology, often combined as a double major in English or political science.