

February 15, 2010

Hello all of you singing ladies,

Valentines songs still woke me up last night, but the time has come to send out the spring mailing. Though winter still has itself dug in, it won't be long before we'll be singing together in **SPRING CHORUS!** We begin March 3 at All Soul's Church, singing from 7 - 9.

This spring we will sing a potpourri of songs, as usual. Mad Agnes, a very talented trio, came to town, and I wrote right away to get music to the song "Guardians", a beautiful soul song. I have in mind to teach you several Ysaye Barnwell songs, including "Breaths", a favorite from years past. A theme will emerge, I'm sure, but it hasn't come to me yet. I would love your ideas! The best way for me to experience your idea is to have music to listen to or look at, so pass that on to me if you think of a great song. Most songs this spring will be taught by rote and by ear, and we will have probably 3 songs that we'll use music to learn. Don't think you have to be a sight singer, though, to learn by music. Many of us just find our way through the music reading part, and learn by rote and ear and practice CDs mostly.

The cost for this **spring session is \$98 (the same as last year) or \$140 for mothers and daughters.** (Mothers and daughters, by the way, do not have to be biologically related; if you think of a young woman you would like to bring as a daughter-in-spirit, she would be welcome!)

To register, tear off the handy dandy sheet below and mail it to me with a deposit of at least \$40 (payable to Brattleboro Women's Chorus) to 120 Guilford Street, Brattleboro, Vermont, 05301 BY FEBRUARY 27th.

People who are brand new to chorus can (and should!!) come the first night to check it out, but the rest of you, I really appreciate having you pre-register so I have a sense of things. You can call me with questions, 254-8994. That's probably better than emailed questions. We will start singing together again on **March 3, and we will meet at All Soul's Church in West Brattleboro this spring.** (The driveway needs to be kept ready for the school they have there now, so our traveling up there should be very manage-able.) **We will rehearse from 7 – 9, with a teeny break mid-way.**

There is financial aid available and I will send or email you a form next week if you call me to request it. 254-8994. Go ahead and send your registration in, with a small deposit if you can manage that. We want to make our chorus accessible to all women and girls over 10 who want to sing together.

You can **support scholarships and outreach singing with a donation** in addition to your participation fee. Since we are a nonprofit, your donation is **tax deductible.**

If you have questions, give me a call. It's also time to **let your friends know** that this is the time to call me (or email, c/o our website) if they want to sing with chorus this spring. Please extend an invitation to sing to women new to town or that you think might enjoy our group - you are our best publicity, since you know who we are and what we do!!

See you when spring is even closer. xoxo Becky

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