

MUSIC CITY COMMUNITY CHORUS ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR SECOND SEASON

August 21, 2007 (Nashville)—The Music City Community Chorus announces auditions for its Fall Season. MC3 is a non-profit, broad-based, volunteer performing chorus in Nashville. As the group's director, Renee Grant-Williams' continuing goal for the chorus is to give both professional and non-professional singers in Nashville a chance to participate in a community musical experience, building a bridge between the various genres of music that flourish within Nashville's music community.

"We call MC3 the people's chorus of Nashville," says Grant-Williams. "There are a gazillion talented individuals in this city who never get a chance to perform. Our organization provides them that opportunity."

Mayor Bill Purcell feels, "With the formation of the Music City Community Chorus we have additional opportunities for the local music community and citizens of Nashville to come together."

The chorus is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Auditions are structured to recruit not only those who are skilled at reading music, but those who are willing and able to acquire music skills. Grant-Williams is currently holding auditions, which will continue through September.

The repertoire is primarily, but not limited to, classical choral works in the tradition of the great composers. Whenever possible and appropriate, solo assignments will be extended to members of Nashville's non-classical community. As dictated by programming and budget, all performances will be accompanied by the appropriate professional caliber instrumentalists.

This current season the chorus will be performing the Magnificat by Johann Sebastian Bach, followed by a work composed by his son Carl Phillip Emanuel Bach as a tribute to his father, also titled Magnificat. Past performances have included works by Beethoven, Vivaldi, Rossini as well as Verdi and Mascagni.

MC3 rehearses at Glenclyff High School at 160 Antioch Pike. To arrange an audition, call 244-3280. For information: www.MusicCityCommunityChorus.org

About Renee Grant-Williams: Renee Grant-Williams is an accomplished vocalist and musician, voice coach and conductor. She is a graduate of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and was later on the faculty there. Grant-Williams was appointed Director of the Division of Vocal Music at the University of California, Berkeley. She created and directed the San Francisco Community Chorus and Chamber Chorus. In Nashville she served as musical director of Second Presbyterian Church in Green Hills, where she was director of the music program.

One of the most respected voice coaches in the business, Grant-Williams' clientele has included Faith Hill, Linda Ronstadt, Christina Aguilera, Tim McGraw, Bo Bice ("American Idol"), Miley Cyrus ("Hannah Montana"), Keith Urban, Martina McBride, the Dixie Chicks, and more.

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Renee Grant-Williams is available for more in-depth interviews.
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