



The Williamsport Civic Chorus' 2017-2018 season

comes right on the heels of an electric and dynamic year, filled with invigorating collaborations and community outreach. It is fitting that such a tremendous year leads us into our 74th season!



We begin the festive season in early December by returning to the wonderfully acoustic and beautiful setting of Saint Mark's Lutheran to celebrate a traditional candlelight service of the "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols." The program will showcase some festive favorites and some lesser-known gems. In February, we celebrate Black History Month with a program comprised of spirituals, gospel and other works written by African American composers.

We will conclude our regular season performances in the spring with Mozart's "Coronation Mass" and Poulenc's "Gloria." Poulenc's "Gloria" has long been one of my favorite pieces of music. The Gloria is challenging, yet accessible; contemporary, yet singable; introspective, yet joyous. Rather than ending with a gigantic and climactic conclusion, it ends very quietly and serenely with an "amen." It has been a lifelong ambition to perform this singular work. I'm looking forward to directing the large orchestra called for in the score.

And to kick off this momentous year, the chorus will be performing the Star Spangled Banner at the Little League World Series in August! We're so honored to participate in the area's premier sporting event, a meeting place for thousands of people from all over the world. I can't think of a more wonderful way to celebrate 74 years of song!

Musically yours,



Michael J Connor,
Music Director

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