



## 2019 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND CALL TO REHEARSAL

**Welcome** to the Messiah Choral Society's **47<sup>th</sup> Season!** You will have a wonderful time learning this magnificent work of art and ultimately singing at the Bob Carr as we share this gift with the community. The Messiah Choral Society has a tradition of presenting a high-quality performance. The concert is a major accomplishment as well as a joyful way to begin the Holiday Season for those singing and those in attendance. The performance is on **Sunday, December 1, 2019** at 3:00 p.m. at the Bob Carr Theater.

**Our first rehearsal is September 8, 2019**, at 2:00 pm. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m., or you may pre-register (See instructions on the registration form). The last day of registration is Sunday, **September 29, 2019**. Most rehearsals are planned for Sundays at 2:00---4:15 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall (Room 119) of the Keene Music Building on the Rollins College Campus in Winter Park. However, there will be a few rehearsals at other locations. Check the website often for updates and announcements.

**Conductor:** Our Music Director and Conductor, Dr. John V. Sinclair, is renowned for his artistic performance style both here and abroad. His goal is for us to be world-class as well – an ambitious expectation for an all-volunteer oratorical society. He enhances our performances with gifted professional soloists and an orchestra of outstanding musicians.

**Attendance requirement:** Anyone missing more than three rehearsals will not be allowed to perform. This applies to all members including experienced singers. Dr. Sinclair makes changes every year. You must be there to learn these changes and practice them. The absence count will start with the first rehearsal on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Emphasis on professionalism:** We love to sing and have fun. But our goal is performance excellence. Please be in your seats ready to sing, five minutes before rehearsal call time. And please, no talking during rehearsal. There is no time to waste. Brief announcements will be made at rehearsal's end.

**Scores:** We use the Watkins Shaw/Novello score. You may not use another version as this can cause confusion. You can purchase a score before rehearsal starting September 8<sup>th</sup>. We will also sell sectional practice CD's that contain most of the choruses that we'll be singing. All scores must be bound with solid black covers by performance day.

**Section Leaders:** Your Section Leader is your direct contact for any questions or concerns. They also take attendance at rehearsals but it is **your responsibility to sign in**. If you don't sign in, you'll be counted absent even if present. Section Leaders are: **Soprano**---Joy Twitty; **Alto**---Christiana LaCroix; **Tenor**---Bob Anderson; **Bass**---Rob Landry.

**Rehearsal Guidelines** and **Performance Decorum** standards are on the website. They outline our expectations of one another. Our performance has always been free to the public. Therefore, we must fund this production ourselves through grants, donations and fundraising activities throughout the year. You can help by selling Aunt Ruby's gourmet nuts to your family and friends. We also sell advertising in our programs and hope you will approach businesses you frequent and your professional service providers.

In addition to singing, consider taking a leadership position or helping out on a committee. Please get involved!

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

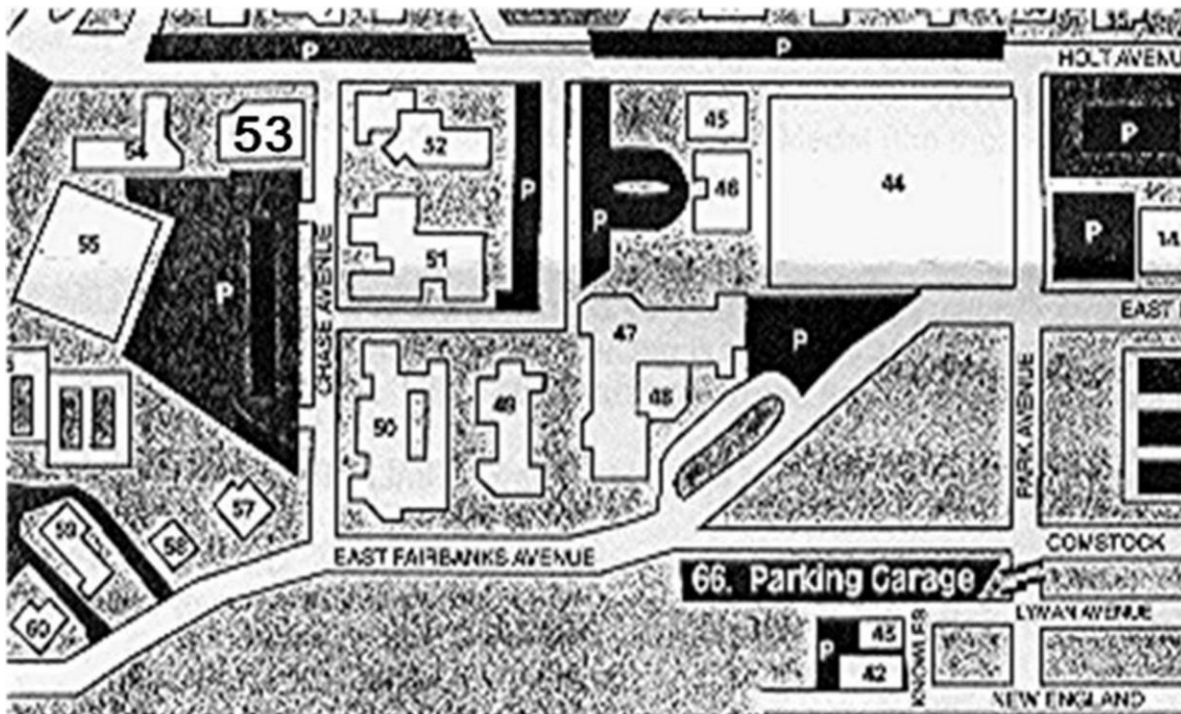
Maggie Winter  
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Keep this letter as a reference throughout the season. It is also available at [www.messiahchoralsociety.org](http://www.messiahchoralsociety.org)

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**Getting to rehearsals:** The Rollins College Campus is at the junction of Park Avenue and East Fairbanks Avenue in Winter Park. Keene Hall is #53 at the corner of Chase and Holt Avenues.

**Parking:** There are some parking spaces on campus (but you'll need a seasonal permit through the Rollins Safety Office). It's best to park in the SunTrust garage (#66 on the map). The parking garage is free for Rollins activities unless the City of Winter Park is having a festival. In that case, Rollins generally donates the garage to a local charity for the day and it then becomes a fundraising facility during the special event.



Rehearsals are in building #53 (corner of Chase & Holt.  
#66 is parking garage where most members park.

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