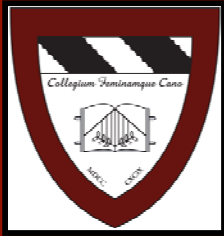


Holiday greetings!

News from the

Radcliffe Choral Society

December 2007



What's new with you?

New Job?
Relocated?
Funny Story?
Getting married?

Now that we've let you know our latest happenings, we'd love to hear from you! We would like to include an Alumnae News section in our next letter. If you have something that you'd like to share, please email: historian@radcliffechoralsociety.org

Erin McKenna '09 and Nora Barr '10 on 2007 Spring Tour Seattle



Associate Conductor, Dr. Kevin Leong, rehearses RCS before the spring 2007 concert

Letter from the President



Dear Alumnae,

Greetings from the Radcliffe Choral Society! This is the first of two paper newsletters we'll send you over the 2007-8 school year to share news and developments from Cambridge.

If you're hearing from us for the first time, we're pleased to be able to update you on many of the exciting projects for this year. In this newsletter, we invite you to view our upcoming concert schedule, to view photos from our past year, and to hear the latest plans for our upcoming summer tour to Costa Rica in June '08!

We'll next be performing on February 9th as part of a Women's Choral Festival; if you'll be in the Boston area we'd love for you to come!

You may already be receiving electronic updates from us. However, if you are not and would like to be e-mailed our electronic newsletter, please write to our Historian Samantha DeGennaro at historian@radcliffechoralsociety.org.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please write to me at president@radcliffechoralsociety.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Cara Ferrentino '08

President, Radcliffe Choral Society

A Message from Dr. Jameson Marvin

Dear Alumnae of the Radcliffe Choral Society,

RCS is going to Costa Rica! What a fabulous tour, Stella Lee and her Costa Rica Tour Committee have planned – be sure to read their article all about their exciting plans! Not only do we have a fabulous tour committee working very hard, we also have the most fabulous group of officers, headed by Antonia Fraker, Manager, and Cara Ferrentino, President. They are truly creative in so many ways that add to the high morale we consistently experience. To boot, 30 newbies joined our 44 returning members, and our rich opulent sound is made possible by the fabulous new voices combined with the well-trained oldies. Kate Woolf is in her 4th year as Assistant Conductor. Not only is she a



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Stella Lee '09,
alumna Elizabeth
Wienbloom '07,
and Jenny
Wolahan '07 make
gingerbread
houses with RCS
in November

Message from the Friends of RCS

Dear Friend,

In order to stoke some memories and renew connections, we are working to arrange a reunion for RCS

ideas and new energy. If you are interested in serving and advising current RCSers in their various activities, from whatever era or whatever location, please email liz_bedell@concordacademy.org so that we might begin to get you involved.

With best wishes for the holiday season and the New Year,

Liz Bedell and Wendy Coleman
Acting Co-Presidents

P.S. It is, as ever, exciting to see all that the RCS has planned, both in their musical endeavors and travel plans. Your contributions continue to make all of that possible; we encourage you to support the RCS through a donation this year.

alums. Thinking is currently focused on gathering in spring to mark the 25th anniversary (yes, 25th!) of the European Tour of 1983, but all RCSers in Cambridge would be invited to join us for a group sing, potentially to be conducted by Beverly Taylor. Stay tuned for more information.

As always, the Friends of RCS, officially the alumnae board for RCS, is in need of substantial new blood, new

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remarkable soprano soloist and a terrific conductor, she inspires the women to sing with her personal energy and charisma.

And what a good year to be singing well! The Radcliffe Choral Society is the only collegiate women's chorus to be invited to sing at the Eastern Division Convention of the American Choral Directors Association. We are swelled continually with pride. What a fabulous mature sound they are making. And they are very quick – which is incredibly rewarding for us all.

We gave a wonderful joint concert with Collegium in Sanders this fall and we just sang the traditional Christmas Holiday concert with the Glee Club, at First Church Congregational, Cambridge. It is always a heart-warming, fun, and inspiring concert to sing.

To celebrate the season, Polly and I have all the Holden Choruses out to our home in Lexington for a "Christmascue" where we drink hot mulled cider and eggnog, eat goodies, with two fire places glowing and the Christmas tree and house decorated. We then go out and

sing Christmas Carols in our neighborhood – I get many calls asking, "when are the singers coming?" – so it is a much-looked-forward-to event – the singers love it.

We join the HGC and HRCM for the Glee Club's 150th anniversary celebration in the spring, singing Stravinsky's *Symphony of Psalms* – that incomparable 20th century masterpiece that RCS and HGC premiered in 1930 with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Koussevitsky conducting.

This is also my 30th year, and I am proud to say that the Radcliffe Choral Society is experiencing huge respect and high morale, and they are singing fabulously.

With warm regards

Jim

Jameson Marvin
Conductor, Radcliffe
Choral Society

*Dr. Marvin conducts RCS and
Glee Club in Faure's Requiem,
Spring 2007*



*Dr. Marvin conducts RCS and HGC in
Christmas on the Common, December '07*

RCS Dresses

On November 2nd 2007 we debuted our beautiful new formal dresses at our fall concert with the Harvard Radcliffe Collegium Musicum.



Liz Spira '11.



Kay Leopold '09, Dr. Leong, and Ellie Campisano '08



Yijing Sun '11 at the annual Christmas concert on December 8th

Tour Costa Rica!!

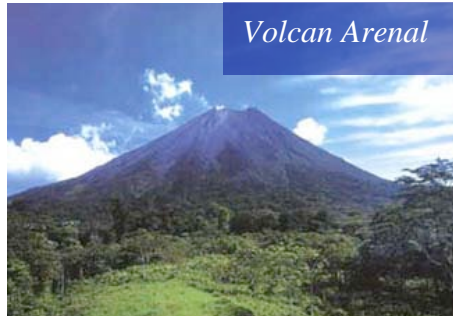
Dear Alumnae,

We wanted to write to you with more details about our largest project for the year -- our upcoming summer tour to Costa Rica -- which we're all looking forward to with very great excitement.

Tours continue to be one of the most wonderful elements of singing with RCS: each provides the opportunity to discover new places, form new and deepen existing friendships, and bring our ensemble unique musical and performance experiences. In Costa Rica we look forward to performing concerts for schools, communities, churches and even the US Embassy. We'll be singing in a benefit concert, collaborating with numerous local Costa Rican organizations and choirs, and of course taking time to explore the country's most beautiful natural attractions, including the Monteverde Cloud Forest, the (live!) Arenal Volcano and Samara Beach.

As you may remember, due to the scope and expense of touring, the Choral Society funds the project in a number of different ways. We allocate a large portion of the year's revenue toward tour expenses, which include plane and bus transportation, housing, and social and musical opportunities. For the past three years, including this fall, we've organized RCS recitals to raise money specifically for tour. In addition, this year, we have asked RCS members each to contribute \$550 toward tour expenses, an amount which we hope to keep as low as possible to keep our affordable for all of our members.

In addition, we rely on the generosity of alumnae such as yourself, who may have fond memories of your own tours with Bev or El or Jim and remember how important touring is to RCS as a choir and to each individual RCSer.



Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help make this year's summer tour financially possible for all RCSers. In the past alumnae have been able to help us through sponsoring matched donations from corporations or employers. Any and every donation will go a long way to help us achieve our goal for tour.

The tour costs approximately \$1038 per singer. \$550 would match your singer's contribution, and for \$680 you could fully cover the cost of your singer's plane ticket. Of course, *any* amount helps, and we are so grateful for your continued support.

On behalf of all of us in the Radcliffe Choral Society, thank you, and best wishes for the holidays!

Warmly,

Stella Lee and the rest of the Tour Team

Proposed Schedule

- 6/7** Arrive in San Jose
- 6/8** Rainforest in Monteverde
- 6/9** Concert at Galeron
- 6/10** Volcan Arenal
- 6/12** Concert at U.S. Embassy in San Jose
- 6/13** Concert with Coral Alfa-Omega in San Jose
- 6/15** Concert with La Academia Musica in Puriscal
- 6/17** Benefit Concert in Nicoya
- 6/18** Samara Beach
- 6/20** Concert with Coro Exalumni in Alajuela
- 6/23** Return to Cambridge

Highlights from 2007

"RCS women are amazing because we all accept each other for who we are."

-- New member Molly O'Loughlin '11



New members are sung-in



Glee Club Semiformal
Above Bianca Calderon '09 and HGC's Roberto Sada



2007 End of the Year Banquet

Upcoming Concert Schedule

Women's Festival Concert
Saturday, February 9, 8:00 PM
Sanders Theatre, Harvard University

American Choral Directors' Association Convention
February 14
Central Baptist Church, Hartford, CT

"Musica Diversa" Spring Concert with HGC
Saturday, March 8, 8:00 PM
Sanders Theatre, Harvard University

Stravinsky - Symphony of Psalms with HGC and HRCM
Friday, April 11, 8:00 PM
Sanders Theatre, Harvard University

Concert for Prospective Students with HGC and HRCM
Friday, April 25, 8:00 PM
Sanders Theatre, Harvard University

Farewell to Cambridge Concert with HGC
Sunday, June 1, 8:00 PM
Sanders Theatre, Harvard University



Julia Kingsdale '09 passes on the Secretary notebook to Kristina Yee '10



Antonia Fraker '09 and Assistant Conductor Kate Woolf

We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.radcliffechoralsociety.org



Members of HGC help out serving food



Pacific Northwest Tour



The 'Cliffe Notes



RCSers sing Radcliffe songs at History Night



Scavenger Hunt during retreat



Retreat Party