

Hinesburg Art& Series

President's Annual Report

June 2016

Music Director and HAS founder Rufus Patrick worked his creative magic again this season selecting challenging music and bringing together singers, soloists and instrumentalists for our four concerts. Our audiences responded enthusiastically!

The Christmas concert, which attracts an overflow crowd each year, ended with a *Musicological Journey Through the Twelve Days of Christmas*, a piece which starts with a chant and each successive day finds a different, very entertaining parody, each in the style of a different composer. It was fun to perform and also to see the audience reaction after the first couple of "days" and they figured out what was going on.

The first HAS concert was performed in March 1997, so this year's March concert marked our 20th year! Rufus' vision began with a performance of John Rutter's *Requiem* at the United Church of Hinesburg with 32 singers, 20 orchestra members, and a small but appreciative audience. The following year we moved the concert to St. Jude Church, which has graciously hosted both our March and Christmas concerts for close to 20 years. For our March 2016 concert we had 82 singers, 9 of whom sang in the first concert, and 20 orchestra members, one of whom has played in concerts ever since. The Mozart *Requiem* (first performed at our 10th annual concert), the four soloists (Sarah Cullins, Amy Patrick, Adam Hall and Gary Moreau), our concert promotion through FlynnTix, the many chorus members who sold tickets to friends and family, or a combination of those and other factors, drew the largest audience to date for a March concert. Performers left the concert with a glow that, for many of us, lasted long after that day and I expect that was also true for the audience. An audience member was overheard saying that when she closed her eyes she could have been in Boston or New York, the performance was that good. In April the four soloists and a smaller chorus and orchestra performed the Mozart *Requiem* again for a very appreciative audience at the intimate setting of the All Souls Interfaith Gathering in Shelburne.

The May concert at CVU featured pianist Suiong Wong, who performed Gershwin's *Prelude 1*. She also joined our accompanist Tim Woos and they dazzled us with several piano 4 hands pieces. At that concert we said "goodbye" to Pam Miller, percussionist, who has been with the Hinesburg Community Band for many years and is moving out-of-state. We also remembered Gary Frisch, a longstanding member of the Band who died in 2015.

The concerts cap many hours of rehearsal and also countless hours of "behind the scenes" work by many individuals, some of whom are HAS Board members but many of whom are chorus members, band members and community members. On behalf of the HAS Board I thank everyone who has helped make our concerts successful, whether it be by parking cars, advertising in our programs, writing promotional articles, sending out concert reminders,

setting up chairs, coordinating and providing refreshments for the time between the final rehearsal and the performance, pitching in as needed with any of the myriad of other event tasks, or simply being in the audience and enjoying the music.

I would also like to thank the members of our 11-member HAS Board. The work of the Board includes developing and maintaining our website, organizing and maintaining our growing music library, coordinating the annual appeal, soliciting advertisers for our programs, coordinating information for the programs, managing concert promotion, coordinating the Educational Outreach program, ensuring fiscal due diligence, goal setting, and maintaining financial records and minutes of Board meetings.

2015 – 2016 HAS Performances

July 4	Hinesburg July 4 th Parade	Hinesburg Community Band
August 5	Concert in the Park	Hinesburg Community Band
September 27	14th Annual Choral Celebration	South County Chorus
November 2	HAS Fall Concert at CVU	In Accord/Band/South County Chorus
December 13	Hinesburg Christmas Concert	South County Chorus and HAS Orchestra
March 13	HAS 20 th Annual Concert	South County Chorus and HAS Orchestra
April 10	All Souls Gathering Concert	South County Chorus and HAS Orchestra
May 20	HAS Spring Concert at CVU	In Accord/Band/South County Chorus

2016 Finances

Thanks to generous contributions from our community and the support of our advertisers, the Hinesburg Artist Series is financially solid. The HAS Board approved the following budget for calendar year 2016:

Revenue		Expenses	
Donations	\$ 14,100	Music Director	\$ 7,400
Program Ads	6,000	Music	5,200
Ticket Sales	3,000	Musicians	8,000
Concert Sponsorship	2,000	Accompanist	2,800
Other	1,800	Programs	3,000
		Educational Outreach	1,000
		Other	2,500
Total Revenue	\$ 26,900	Total Expenses	\$ 29,900

Memorial and Endowment Funds: \$ 22,345 Bandstand Fund: \$ 826

If you have questions or would like additional information about our organization, I encourage you to contact me (482-4279).

Yvonne Whitaker
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