



About the Clinician. . . .

ERIC NELSON is Director of Choral Studies at Emory University, where he teaches graduate Choral Conducting and Choral Literature. He conducts Emory's 40-voice Concert Choir and its 180-voice University Chorus. He is also the Artistic Director of the Atlanta Sacred Chorale, a 55-voice adult chamber choir specializing in

sacred a cappella repertoire, and the Minister of Music at the historic 2nd-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Dr. Nelson received his training in voice and choral conducting at Houghton College, Westminster Choir College, and Indiana University. He has conducted choirs throughout North America and Europe, including performances in Krakow, Berlin, Leipzig, Prague, Moscow, Washington, D.C., Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Spivey Hall, the Piccolo Spoleto Festival, and at both the Southern and National Conventions of the ACDA. His ensembles have been praised for their ability to combine a high level of technical precision with warmth of musical expression.

Highly regarded as a clinician, adjudicator, lecturer, and guest conductor, Dr. Nelson has conducted and presented workshops for the American Choral Director's Association, the Music Educator's National Conference, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, the American Guild of Organists, Chorister's Guild, and for numerous churches, colleges and universities. In 2004, he was the recipient of a "Crystal Apple" award for excellence in teaching at Emory University. He is also a composer of choral music whose works are published by Colla Voce and Augsburg Fortress.

Voices United 2010

MARCH 20, 2010

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THE MANASSAS

CHORALE

AT MANASSAS BAPTIST CHURCH

8800 SUDLEY ROAD,

MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

WORKSHOP: 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

CONCERT: 7:30 P.M.

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GUEST CONDUCTOR & CLINICIAN

ABOUT VOICES UNITED

Voices United is an annual musical gathering, open to all singers, from all walks of life, aged high school through retirement. There is no audition. Registered singers participate in preliminary rehearsals. Then, on March 20, 2010, they will participate in a workshop with our guest clinician and conductor, working on the music they have learned, and learning more about the “choral arts” and good choral singing. That evening, the Voices United Choir will present a concert in conjunction with the Manassas Chorale. In past years, we have had more than 150 participants in Voices United!

REGISTRATION

A registration form is enclosed. Please fill out one form for each registrant, and return the form with the registration fee. The **\$37.00** registration fee includes workshop fees, music (six anthems), and lunch on March 20. *Make checks payable to **Manassas Chorale*** and mail to:

Manassas Chorale
P. O. Box 101
Manassas, VA 20108

Manassas Chorale members may turn in their registrations and fees at Chorale rehearsals. Early Registration *deadline is February 20*. After that date, registration is **\$42.00**. Registration is not complete until the registration fee is received, so please send payment with your registration. If you are paying for more than one registrant, please list the names of the registrants on the memo line of the check. Additional registration forms and brochures are available on the Manassas Chorale website: www.manassaschorale.org

REHEARSALS

Seven preliminary rehearsals to acquaint singers with the anthems will be held at various times and days. March 18 will be a make-up date in case one of the other dates is cancelled. Singers need to attend **three** rehearsals (more is preferable) to participate in the workshop and concert. Bring a pencil!! All rehearsals will take place at Manassas Baptist Church (usually in Weston Hall). Signs will be posted to direct you to the rehearsal room.

Saturday, Feb. 20	9-11 am	Thursday, Mar. 11	7-9 pm
Sunday, Feb. 21	3-5 pm	Saturday, Mar. 13	9-11 am
Monday, Mar. 1	7-9 pm	Sunday, Mar. 14	3-5 pm
Sunday, Mar. 7	3-5 pm	Thurs., Mar. 18 (make-up)	7-9 pm

MUSIC

Registered singers will pick up their music packet at the first rehearsal that they attend.

WORKSHOP

The workshop with our guest clinician takes place on Saturday, March 20, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at Manassas Baptist Church in the main sanctuary. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. There will be a mid-morning break and a break for lunch. Lunch is included in the registration fee. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes for the workshop. Bring your music, folder, and a pencil for marking. You may also bring a water bottle. Food and beverages are not allowed in the church sanctuary.

CONCERT

The Voices United Concert will be held Saturday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Manassas Baptist Church. The public is encouraged to attend. The Manassas Chorale and Chorale Ensemble will perform the first half of the concert under the direction of Rebecca Verner. The Voices United 2010 Choir, under the direction of Eric Nelson, will perform the rest of the concert. The finale will be a combined choir of the Chorale and Voices United. Manassas Chorale singers will wear their concert attire. Singers participating in the Voices United Choir only will wear the following:

Men: black trousers, white long sleeved dress shirt, red or mostly red necktie (or tie with red in it), black shoes
Women: long black skirt, white long sleeved dressy blouse (tucked in), black hose, black shoes, simple earrings (if worn), no bracelets, brooches, or necklaces

Each singer will also need a black performance folder, which may be ordered on your registration form, if you don't already have one.

TICKETS

Concert tickets are \$15 and are available at Music & Arts, or from Manassas Chorale members, or at the door. Tickets may also be purchased at the preliminary rehearsals.

FOR MORE QUESTIONS CONTACT

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