

## Capital Singers of Trenton to Present Inaugural Concert

(Trenton, N.J.) – The Capital Singers of Trenton will present their inaugural concert on Friday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Church, 29 East Paul Ave., Trenton. The Capital Singers are a 23-voice mostly a cappella ensemble whose repertoire encompasses standard choral literature from Renaissance madrigals through contemporary works, including musical theater. The program will feature madrigals and anthems by Tallis, J.S. Bach, Bruckner, and Berger, as well as hymn and spiritual arrangements by Alice Parker, Robert Shaw, and William Dawson.

The Capital Singers of Trenton are devoted to promoting the art of choral singing, performing patriotic music at city and county events, enhancing the cultural prestige of New Jersey's capital city, and creating opportunities for service in the greater Trenton community.

The Capital Singers will be joined for a portion of the program by an affiliated ensemble, the 75-voice Trenton Community Singers, who will perform larger works such as "The Awakening" by Joseph Martin. Special guest soprano Gianine T. Campbell, a native of Lawrence and a former Miss Rhode Island, will sing the aria "Steal Me, Sweet Thief" from "The Old Maid and the Thief," a radio opera by Gian Carlo Menotti, in addition to soloing with the ensemble.

According to Stan Szalewicz, Chair of the Capital Singers' executive board, the impetus for the establishment of the Capital Singers was a 2005 Christmas choral concert at St. James Church. The success of that concert led Richard M. Loatman, artistic director and conductor, to bring together singers who were interested in sharing a quality choral experience. The members of both choruses had sung previously with Mr. Loatman in various ensembles, including the Notre Dame High School Choir, the Schola Cantorum, the Lawrence Chorale, and the New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus. "This common experience," explained Mr. Loatman, "provides a cohesiveness that enriches the choral sound and allows the singers to perform a wide range of music without extensive rehearsals."

General admission tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students under 22. To purchase tickets in advance, call 609-882-3319 or e-mail the [thecapitalsingers@yahoo.com](mailto:thecapitalsingers@yahoo.com).

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### JUST THE FACTS

- WHAT:** Inaugural concert of Capitol Singers of Trenton  
Richard Loatman, Conductor
- WHEN:** Friday, October 27 at 7:30 PM
- WHERE:** St. James Church  
29 East Paul Ave.  
Trenton, NJ
- WHO:** Capitol Singers of Trenton and the Trenton Community Singers  
Artistic Director and Conductor: Richard Loatman  
Principal Accompanists: Richard Ludlum and Timothy Brown
- TIX/INFO:** For further / ticket information call 609-882-3319 or email us at [thecapitalsingers@yahoo.com](mailto:thecapitalsingers@yahoo.com)  
Tickets \$10.00 for adults or \$7.00 for seniors or student under 22.