

The Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage presents

The 11th
Weekend Choral Festival



Songs of
Home

June 24-26, 2016

First Mennonite Church
430 West 9th Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80204

www.mennomusic.org

Welcome!

The Weekend Choral Festival is a weekend choir retreat where singers come together to learn new songs, perform a concert, eat and snack a little and connect with others who love to sing! All singers are welcome, whether they are veteran choir members or are less experienced.

Music

Home is a powerful concept, especially today with so many refugees across the world. We will explore the sense of loss of home, the move toward home, and the security of home. Music will range from classical (Mendelssohn), to spirituals, a fresh arrangement of *Amazing Grace*, to contemporary pieces in several languages. Check our website for the list of songs and links to hear them.

Guest Conductor & Accompanist

Dr. Mark Bartel is the Director of Choral Music at Friends University in Wichita, KS. He is also the Artistic Director of the Wichita Chamber Chorale. His credentials include a doctorate in conducting from the Eastman School of Music. He hails from a singing Mennonite family in Ontario.

Mary Jo Preheim will be our accompanist for the weekend. She has taught applied piano at the college and university level, and is an active accompanist in Santa Fe.

Schedule

Friday, June 24

6:00pm - 6:45pm	Registration and Snacks
7:00pm - 9:30pm	Rehearsal, get acquainted

Saturday, June 25

7:30am - 8:00am	Morning meditations
8:00am - 8:45am	Breakfast
8:45am - Noon	Rehearsal
Noon - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Rehearsal Evening Open.

Sunday, June 26

8:30am - 9:30am	Rehearsal
*10:00am - 11:30am	Worship Service
11:45 am	Lunch and Evaluation

**Event open to the public*

Notes

Morning Meditations Early Saturday morning we will have a brief time of praise and prayer, utilizing the beautiful, meditative music of the early Christian church.

Sunday Worship The choir will prepare music for a worship service at First Mennonite Church in Denver. Other Denver area Mennonite churches and visiting family and friends are urged to attend. The compelling theme and music chosen for this service will be a highlight for the musicians as well as the congregation.

Extra Rehearsal

We plan to have an extra rehearsal or two (optional) in Denver in June for singers who want to get an early start on learning the music.

About MSMH

The Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage (MSMH) is a group committed to preserving and building upon the musical heritage of the Mennonite Church and is based in Denver, Colorado. Several choral events are sponsored by MSMH including the biannual *Festival* and the annual *Young Voices for Peace* youth choir. In addition several other events are organized each year.

If you and/or friends would like to be on the MSMH email list or to get more information contact Susan Graber at susan_g_16@yahoo.com.

For the latest information on this event and for more information about the Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage, see www.mennomusic.org.



Reserve your spot on our risers!

- Register online and pay through PayPal at <http://www.mennomusic.org/adult-festivals/>
- Or, mail in our Registration Form and payment

Most singers **register by June 1** – we appreciate knowing you are coming by then!

2016 Festival Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Voice Part:

Soprano Alto Tenor Bass
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Fees

- Registration deposit (enclose w/ this form): **\$35.00**/person
- Due at registration on June 24: **\$40.00**/person
- **Total: \$75.00**/person

Please mail your registration by June 1, thank you!

Please mail your completed registration form along with a \$35.00 deposit by Wednesday, June 1, 2016 to:

MSMH
c/o Leta Bontrager
2156 S Estes Way
Lakewood, CO 80227

Make checks payable to “**First Mennonite Church**” and write “MSMH” in the memo line. *Please DO NOT mail fees directly to First Mennonite Church.*