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From the Director

Cappella Cantorum's 2015 spring concert will take place March 22, the exact date that Cappella gave its first concert 45 years ago. On Palm Sunday, March 22, 1970, Cappella performed Schubert's *Mass No 6 in E flat major* at Valley Regional High School in Deep River with 51 singers and an amateur orchestra. Our 45th anniversary concert will also feature a work by Schubert, his *Mass in G major*, as well as Faure's *Requiem* and *Cantique de Jean Racine* with some 80 singers and professional orchestra. The performance will take place at St. Mark the Evangelist R.C. Church, 222 McVeagh Road, Westbrook. Soloists will be Patricia Schuman, soprano, Christopher Grundy, baritone, and Fredrick Goff, tenor. Advance tickets are \$25 on-line at CappellaCantorum.org or may be purchased by calling 860-577-2950. Tickets the day of the concert will be \$28 at the door. Reception will follow the concert in the lower level of the church.

Registration/rehearsal for Cappella's Men's Chorus will be Monday, March 23, 7 p.m. at John Winthrop Middle School, 1 Winthrop Road, Deep River. Late registration will be the following Monday, March 30, same time and place. The group will sing spirituals, Broadway and classical selections, barbershop and sea chanteys. No auditions required. Bring a black three-ring notebook. Cost of registration and music, \$32. Register and pay at Cappella's website, CappellaCantorum.org. For more information, call Barry Asch at 860-388-2871.

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Barry B. Asch, Conductor
Deborah Lyon, Assistant Music Director

Faure 'Requiem' Schubert 'Mass in G'

with professional chamber orchestra

Patricia Schuman, soprano
Christopher Grundy, baritone
Fredrick Goff, tenor

*St. Mark the Evangelist R.C. Church
222 McVeagh Road, Westbrook*

Sunday, March 22, 3 p.m.

*--Tickets: \$25 in advance,
\$28 at the door--*

*Visit CappellaCantorum.org,
call 860-577-2950, or purchase at the door
(Children 12 and under free)*

Looking into the future, Cappella's 2015 Winter Concert will be performed on Sunday, Dec. 6. It will feature sounds of the season, a Holiday Festival with Chorus and Brass. Details will be forthcoming on our website, CappellaCantorum.org.

Men's Chorus begins rehearsals March 23



A sure sign of spring is the beginning of Cappella Cantorum Men's Chorus season. Registration and first rehearsal will be Monday, March 23, 7 p.m. at John Winthrop Middle School. No auditions are required. Late registration will be the following Monday, same time and place. [Log onto CappellaCantorum.org](http://CappellaCantorum.org) for on-line registration. Barry Asch will direct.

The men will prepare a variety of music for their summer season. Selections will include classical pieces, Broadway tunes, spirituals, gospel music, sea chanteys and barbershop tunes. Concert schedule is as follows:

Sunday, June 7, 3 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Great Hammock Road, Old Saybrook.

Saturday, June 13, 7:30 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 11 Park St., Guilford.

Sunday, July 12, 3 p.m. at the Deep River Town Hall Auditorium on Main Street, Deep River.

Sunday, Sept. 20, 3 p.m. at the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Center, Main Street, Old Saybrook.

Sunday, Sept. 27, 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, Ferry Road, Old Lyme.

Sunday, Oct. 10, 4 p.m., Dennis Union Church, Cape Cod, Mass.

Visit CappellaCantorum.org for tickets or purchase at the door.

45th anniversary dinner at Water's Edge



Cappella will celebrate its 45th anniversary Sunday, March 22, with a special dinner at Water's Edge Resort & Spa, 1525 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, beginning at 6 pm. All members, past members and friends (and spouses) are invited to join in the celebration.

This 45th anniversary is very special to Cappella as we are not only celebrating 45 years of performing beautiful choral music but we are also recognizing all the work and dedication of our music director and founder, Barry Asch, who for 45 continuous years has faithfully led us in our concerts.

Cash bar will open at 6 p.m. and dinner seating will begin at 6:45 p.m. The menu will include a choice of one of three entrees: Statler chicken with wild mushrooms, lemon and herb butter; fire-grilled flank steak with horseradish/garlic butter, grilled asparagus, sour cream and chive potatoes; or North Atlantic salmon filet, mango beurre blanc and sweet potato risotto. Dessert will be New York cheesecake. Price will be \$50 and includes tip and tax. Reserve tickets on-line or see Gail Carlisle by March 16.

Cappella celebrates 45 years of performance



On March 22, 2015, we celebrate the 45th anniversary of the first concert performed by Cappella Cantorum. This is a remarkable milestone in the life of an organization, also remarkable because Barry Asch has been conducting this chorus for all 45 years, all 90-plus concerts; many years there were two performances of each concert! He also rehearses and conducts the Men's Chorus between the spring and fall concerts.

Cappella Cantorum has survived through two economic slumps and the growing pains of changes in society. Audio practice tapes have been replaced by CDs and Cyberbass on-line. In 1970 there was no such thing as a website. Barry had no e-mail ability to give post-concert rehearsal feedback. Technology has certainly changed our world.

There still are a core of members who have sung with Cappella Cantorum for 10 to 20 years. Most of these people have also served on our board in a variety of capacities. We thank these members for their long-time support. Their willingness to commit to additional time to tend to the business side of this organization is very much appreciated.

Sponsors and advertisers alone cannot support our organization. We want to thank our audience, too. There are many of you who have attended our concerts and have sponsored us for many years. Some audience members have been attending for almost 45 years! Thank you so much for your support. Each one of you gives us a reason to practice and perform these great choral masterworks.

We invite you to visit our dynamic website, CappellaCantorum.org, for more information about our history, including pictures of European concert tours. As we move into our next chapter, please "Like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. We want you all to come with us as we move on to our next 45 years.

Thank you all for your support, and Happy 45th Anniversary, Cappella Cantorum!

*- Claudia Epright
President*





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Pre-tour concert at St. Andrew's Church



Come to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Route 79 in Madison on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, 4 p.m. and enjoy the music that the Cappella Cantorum International Tour Chorus 2015 will perform on its trip to Austria and Hungary later in the month.

This year the group will perform in several cathedrals including St. Stephen's in Vienna, St. Stephen's Basilica in Budapest, St. Michael's, the wedding church in Salzburg as well as doing a joint concert with an Austrian choir. Choir director will be Hallie Sorenson. Singers include members of Cappella Cantorum, Con Brio, the Choral Club of Clinton and the Shoreline Chorale.

The concert in Madison will include pieces from Schubert's *Mass in G* as well as Mendelssohn's *Heilig*, Scarlatti's *Exultate*, Lojeski's *Amazing Grace* plus works by Mozart, Bruckner, Rutter and Robert Shaw. The program features not only classical but spiritual and fun music.

Tickets are \$5 if bought on the website, CappellaCantorum.org, or \$10 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the work and ministries of St. Andrews's Episcopal Church, including Habitat for Humanity and local food pantries.