

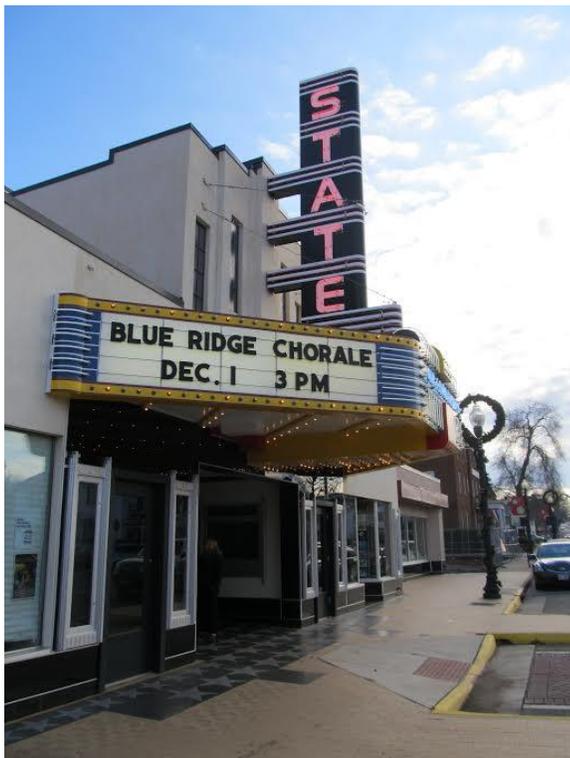


# CHORALE NOTES

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**2013: What a Year!**  
**2014: So Much to  
Look Forward To!**



***Our Chorale Spring Season*** starts at 6:30pm on Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> at Open Door Baptist Church in Culpeper. Get there a bit early if you can. Ongoing rehearsals will be 6:30 to 8:30 each Monday until late April/early May. New and returning singers, welcome! For more info, see [www.brcsings.com](http://www.brcsings.com), email [info@brcsings.com](mailto:info@brcsings.com), or call 540-717-9023.

***Our Youth Chorale*** starts up again at 5:45 pm Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at Open Door Baptist Church in Culpeper. Get there a bit early if you can. Ongoing rehearsals will be 6:45 to 7:15 each Monday until late April/early May. New and returning singers, welcome! Email [info@brcsings.com](mailto:info@brcsings.com) or call 703-609-7369.



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*Cowboy heroes, cops and robbers,  
Glamor and strife, bigger than life!  
Sitting in the darkness, what a world to see!  
Let's go to the movies, Annie, wait and see.*

*Let's go to the movies...let's go see the stars!  
Fred and Ginger spinning madly....  
Songs and romance. Life is the dance.  
Sitting in the darkness, popcorn on your knee!  
Give the maid the night off! Turn the kitchen light off!  
Let's go to the movies, Annie, you and me!*

*Let's go to the movies  
(We love to go, to RKO, Columbia, Universal)  
Let's go see the stars  
(Jack Warner and Sam Goldwyn and MGM and Paramount)  
Dreams of glory, cast of thousands  
Bigger than life, bigger than life!  
Only happy endings, that's our recipe!  
So, welcome to the movies! Wait and see!*

Lyrics excerpted from "Let's Go to the Movies," *Annie*, 1977, by Charles Strouse

## **Coming Soon! Music of the Movies!**

Our Spring concerts, which will be held at the beginning of May, will present music from the movies. From the 1920's to the present, musical films have been favorite Hollywood productions, and many American musicals were written just for the movies. When you add in movie theme songs, which have become an art form of their own, songs from American films are a vast and varied buffet of music.

Under the guidance of Director Melissa Janes and Youth Director Cathy ter Weele, we'll offer selections from movies ranging from classic to action to animation.

Mark your calendars for the first weekend in May, and watch for more concert information coming soon!

**Photos** on this page and page 3 are courtesy of Johncie Carlson. State Theatre photos: pages 1, and 4 through 8, by Jeanette Calhoun.



Braving in one case avid Christmas shoppers and in the other very a low wind chill factor, groups from the Chorale got out and sang carols during the holiday season. Shifts of Chorale volunteers sang through the day at the Country Shoppes for their Open House (with Santa and Mrs. Claus' approval, and maybe even Marilyn Monroe's as the photo to the right shows), and many of our Chorale singers bundled up and performed carols at the annual Culpeper Community Tree Lighting on a bitterly cold November 24<sup>th</sup> evening. These were a great kick-off to the Christmas season!

## **There We Went A-Caroling**



# Poinsettias and Markets and Quilts, Oh, My!

## 2013 Fundraising and Donations Helped Keep Us Singing!

**What's the Fuss?** As a community chorale, we must stay accessible to singers and to the community. So, we keep our registration fees low, provide sheet music at no cost to singers, and keep ticket costs to a minimum. This seriously limits our income. At the same time, we retain top-notch directors and accompanists. So, while donations are critical to our income, we have to raise funds, too. The Chorale relies heavily on, and deeply appreciates, our volunteers: friends, singers and their families who step forward to design and provide interesting and effective fundraisers. Our hats are off to you!



The sale of spring flowers: hyacinths, tulips and lilies brightened up a slushy March, and brought in about \$300 for the Chorale. **Joyce Calhoun** and **Nellie Santinga** headed up this activity.

**Nellie Santinga** (left) oversaw the 2013 **Poinsettia Sale** which brought seasonal flowers to brighten homes around the area, and made \$915 for the Chorale! Thank you to Nellie, and to all the volunteers

Kudos to **Wanda Osborn** and her family who were pivotal to the Air Fest activity, and so much more!

## The Quilt Raffle Was a Great Success!



This photo is of the cover in progress of a beautiful handmade quilt. The quilt was custom made as a gift to the Chorale by Joyce Calhoun, Chorale member and owner of Herbal Quilter, Culpeper, VA. It was a great fundraiser! The drawing was held on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at our Concert at the State Theatre, and the raffle raised \$1,266 for the Chorale. The lucky winner is now the proud owner of a handmade "Around the World" queen-sized knotted quilt in colors of dark blue, amber, gold and tan, with light blue accents.

A long-time quilter, Joyce makes bed quilts, baby quilts and a number of other fabric items for sale and also to order. Thank you, Joyce, for this wonderful gift to the Chorale, and for all your support!

Our **Holiday Marketplace** brought in \$640 after expenses (some of which had been offset by volunteer donations), and was a very active part of the Culpeper Downtown Open House!

**2013 Donations**, which ranged in size from under \$5 to \$1000, totaled \$6,000: a nice portion of our budget. Supporting the Chorale via donations is not hard, nor is it expensive, but it surely is effective!

The Master Mind behind our fund raising in 2013 was **Donna Pringle**, despite her very heavy job travel requirements. Thank you, Donna, for all you do!

### Other 2013 Fundraising activities included:

A *Wildtree Party*, *Concession Stand at the Culpeper Air Festival*, *Concert Program Ad Sales*, and our *3 Way Drawing* each week which will continue this season (that jackpot just keeps growing!)

# Scenes From the Green Room

at the State Theatre, Dec 1, 2013



## What Is a Green Room?

A green room is a space, usually a lounge, where performers can stay before and after their time on stage, and during breaks. Besides meeting the needs of the performers, having a green room is important to organize traffic in the backstage and wings of the theater.

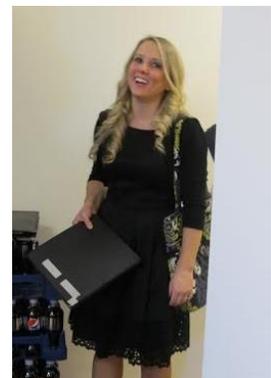
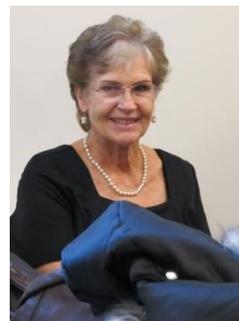
Theater designer and historian Richard Southern (1903-1989), who studied medieval theatre in the round, observed that the central acting area was called “the green.” This area was often grass-covered, and was used only by the performers. The surrounding space and circular banks were occupied by the spectators. “The green” for a long time was a common actors' term for the stage, and apparently technical staff at some West End London theaters still refer to the stage that way. It's thought that the green room got its name because it's the place of transition to “the green,” the stage.

As chorale singers we perform in many types of venues, and we always need a location to assemble ourselves as well as to put our coats. Our venue hosts are wonderful in helping us by providing green rooms, and we are glad to have this resource. So, we find ourselves in all sorts of green rooms - some really impromptu, some very small, some very big, some elegant and some not so much so. Some green rooms we've used have been Sunday School classrooms, the entry hall of a college, and staff lounges in residential facilities. One of the most interesting and lovely improvised green rooms is a tasting room adjoining a wine cellar, where the acoustics are really fun.

These photos were taken at the green room of the State Theatre, on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a real green room, a very nice and facility with enough space that our photographer could really show how Chorale members handle waiting for the concert to begin.



# More Green Room Photos



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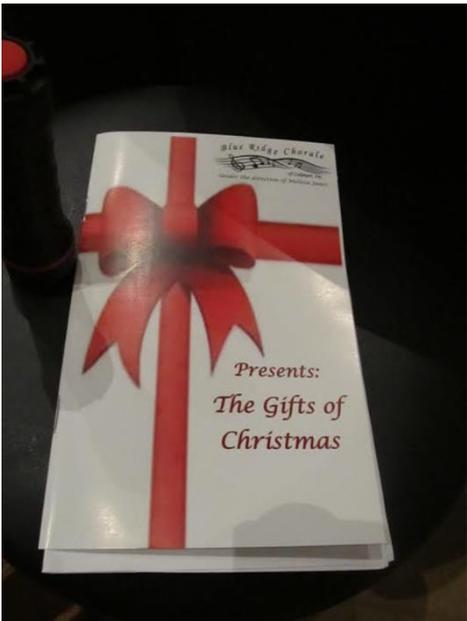
The Concert at Prince Michel Vineyards on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.



The State Theatre, December 1<sup>st</sup>. It's 20 minutes before show time, and the Theatre is filling up nicely.



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Thank you for being part of our 2013 Holiday concert season! We hope we'll see you this Spring!