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Hello Singers!

The summer is upon us, and we're already looking forward to more great singing. The fall concert is November 16, 2008 at 3 pm in Baker Memorial Chapel, McDaniel College. The featured work is Handel's oratorio *Solomon*. We will use the Kalmus edition. I am currently studying the work and recordings to determine which sections to perform. Those of you who wish to purchase your own recording in advance or who would like to look at the solos, please contact me personally at [mboudrea@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:mboudrea@mcdaniel.edu) after the middle of July.

We will kick off the season on Saturday, August 23, 2008 from 10 am – 1 pm with our sixth annual summer choral workshop. I'll work on vocal techniques and introduce some of the wonderful choruses from the oratorio. The workshop will take place in room 100 on the first floor of Levine Music Hall at McDaniel College.

We will start rehearsals on Tuesday evening, August 26, 2008, 7 – 9:30 pm at Winters Mill High School. We will rehearse at that time every Tuesday through October 28. The next two Tuesday rehearsals, November 4 and November 11, will be held in McDaniel College's Big Baker Chapel. There will be an extra rehearsal at Winters Mill HS on Thursday night, November 6, 7 - 9:30 pm, and the rehearsal with the orchestra is on Saturday, November 15 from 2 – 5 pm. Soloists will rehearse with the orchestra from 1-2 pm.

You will find the registration form enclosed for both the fall season and the workshop. Please know that pre-registration is an enormous help to us in planning, so register early if you can. Pre-registration also helps by reducing the number of people needing to register and pay dues during the first rehearsal. Don't forget to indicate if you'll be attending the workshop as well. That really helps me plan what materials to bring. I'm so looking forward to seeing – and hearing you all again.

You, with all of your individual voices, coming together in such a powerfully united and joyfully ecstatic sound, are what make choral singing such an incredible experience for the whole community. We're looking forward to making this year the best ever!

See you soon!!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Margie' in a cursive, flowing script.

Margie Boudreaux, Artistic Director

ps. For those of you who really like to plan in advance, the spring 2009 concert will take place on Sunday, May 17 at 7 pm in Big Baker Chapel. The featured work will be the Durufle *Requiem*.