

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE GRWC?

by Chelsea Evans

We are now neck deep into our 2012-2013 season; working hard on memorizing music and preparing for our Annual Winter Concert on Saturday, Dec.15th at 8pm at Trinity Unity Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Dr. Southeast. You can expect to hear the type of repertoire that the GRWC has become known for, featuring songs from contemporary Canadian composers Jeffrey Enns and Stephen Smith, as well as from Australian women's ensemble "Coco's Lunch". The evening will include "Tres Cantos Nativos" from Dos Indios Krao, as well as "What Have You Done to Lift Somebody Up", newly commissioned by the Cincinnati women's chorus, "MUSE". You will enjoy a wonderful mix of songs that stand for social justice, music that celebrates cultural diversity, and tunes that will get your tapping your toes and keep you humming along. A reception will immediately follow the concert.

As our chorus continues to evolve, there are some new and exciting changes coming that we want to fill you in on. Perhaps the first thing you will notice is the number of women on the risers. The GRWC attracted a wealth of great new talent this year that Lori just couldn't say "no" to, so we are now a chorus of 62 women's voices, united in song. This is the largest the chorus has ever been so you will hear a very full, rich sound.

The new chorus members seem to be settling in very well. New member in the alto section, Nicole Nicolas, says "I just love coming to chorus to sing!" And we love having all the new members and their talents as well as the new friendships they have brought. In order to accommodate our ever-growing chorus, we have had to move to a new, larger rehearsal space at Forest Hills Northern Middle School. The change is bittersweet as we miss our friends at Fountain Street Church very much, but our new location gives us the elbow room needed to stay focused and productive.

There is another new face you will notice on the stage. We are delighted to welcome Matt Gonzales as our new accompanist. His talent and insights have been an invaluable resource already. We know that you will be as impressed by his skill and musical intuition as we have been.

With all the changes and growth this year it is important for us to let you know that we are still focused on our PASSION. PURPOSE. SONG. and we can't wait to share it with you this season.

We have one more new surprise for you that will be unveiled at our winter concert. Without giving too much away, let's just say that you can expect to see the women of GRWC looking quite glamorous under the stage lights! A big thank you goes out to all our groupies who have supported us through the years and continue to celebrate our continued growth with us.