



The North Shore Choral Society explores, studies, and performs a wide range of choral music for the enrichment and enjoyment of its singers and audiences.

Join the Chorus!

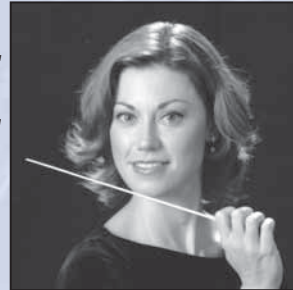
Regular Tuesday rehearsals begin on September 8 at 7:30 PM. Auditions for new members are at 6:30 PM before the rehearsals on September 8 and 15. We welcome any singer who has the desire and commitment to learn and perform great choral music. For an audition appointment, contact Len Barker via email at lenbarker@comcast.net or call him at 847-272-2351.



Accompanist Sharon Rich Peterson also accompanies for the Chicago Symphony Chorus and Northwestern University. She has served as Music Director of Lyric Opera's "Opera in the Neighborhood" performances of *Magic Flute* and is organist at North Park Covenant Church and North Park Theological Seminary.

Meet our new Music Director!

Julia Davids enjoys a thriving career as a versatile musician. She holds degrees in Education, Conducting and Voice Performance from the University of Western Ontario (London, ON), the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI) and Northwestern University (Evanston, IL).



As a soprano soloist, Dr. Davids is an avid performer and recitalist, having appeared with Opera Atelier, the Vancouver Cantata Singers, the Toronto Chamber Choir, the Toronto Consort, the Guelph Chamber Choir, the Aradia Ensemble, Publick Musick, the Callipygian Players, Ars Musica and others. Recent engagements include *Messiah* with the Saint Cecilia Singers. Dr. Davids has served as voice adjudicator and conducted workshops on vocal pedagogy with many groups. She is on faculty at Loyola University, Chicago, IL where she teaches voice and conducting and directs the Loyola Chorus.

Dr. Davids is a proud founding member of the Canadian Chamber Choir, Canada's national choral ensemble providing a professional-level choral environment for Canadian singers, conductors, and composers. Artistic Director of the CCC since 2004, Dr. Davids has led the ensemble on concert and workshop tours of Ontario, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, and Saskatchewan. She is currently Director of Music Ministries at Trinity United Methodist Church, Wilmette. A native of London, ON, she now resides in Skokie with her husband, baroque violinist Martin Davids, and their two children.

From the Director

I am delighted to be the new Music Director of the Choral Society! I am sure that you believe, as I do, that music has a special power over us as individuals and over our society. This season our repertoire reflects some of what we wish for our world – Hope, Peace, and Joy. Experience the power and excitement of live, great choral music performed with passion by the North Shore Choral Society.

Julia Davids
Music Director, NSCS

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**Don't miss
this season's
performances:**

Messiah

Sim Shalom (Song of Peace)

Blockbuster Beethoven



2009 - 2010 * Seventy-fourth Season

Songs of Hope, Peace, and Joy

Presenting Julia Davids

With pride and excitement we announce the selection of Julia Davids as Music Director of North Shore Choral Society. After a three-year search process and from a field of 23 applicants, eight semifinalists, three finalists, and after careful consideration of hundreds of conductor evaluations from NSCS singers, Julia Davids has emerged as our proud choice! Please join us for our new era of music-making with Julia as our Music Director.

David W. Hunt
President, NSCS

Sunday, November 22, 2009 3 PM

The Parish Church of Saint Luke
939 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202

A Song of Hope

Julia Davids, Conductor

George Frideric Handel: *Messiah*
Featuring the winner of the 2009-10
Donald Chen Young Artist Award

Celebrate the coming of Christmas
with this most beloved oratorio
in the 250th anniversary year of
George Frideric Handel's death.

This performance will feature full orchestra
and outstanding soloists, including the
winner of the inaugural North Shore Choral
Society's young artist competition. When
the NSCS last performed this work ten
years ago, it was to a capacity crowd –
you won't want to miss it!



Become a Sponsor! Help make the music happen.

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on the concert ticket order form and mail with your check.
Contributions are deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Sunday, March 14, 2010 3 PM

Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation
4500 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076

A Song of Peace



"SIM SHALOM"

Julia Davids, Conductor
Sharon Rich Peterson, Piano
Martin Davids, Violin

Michael Isaacson: *Sim Shalom*

Leonard Bernstein: *Simchu Na*

Srul Irving Glick: *Avinu Malkeinu; Sing Unto the Lord a New Song*

Traditional Israeli Folksong: *Hashivenu*

Elizabeth Alexander: *Where There Is Light in the Soul*

Eric Whitacre: *Five Hebrew Love Songs*

Randall Thompson: excerpts from *The Peaceable Kingdom*

Pairing Christian and Jewish music and texts,
this concert explores peace and relationships through
sacred and secular love. Canadian composer Srul Irving Glick
was shot in a hate crime as he left his synagogue in Toronto.
His indomitable spirit is demonstrated in his music,
an outpouring of hope for peace.

The program continues with the lush, beautiful
Five Hebrew Love Songs of highly acclaimed American composer
Eric Whitacre. With texts written by Whitacre's wife,
these lyrical love songs will be accompanied by NSCS
pianist Sharon Peterson and violinist Martin Davids.

The concert will conclude with the last two movements of
Randall Thompson's powerful *Peaceable Kingdom*
for a cappella chorus.

Sunday, May 2, 2010 7 PM

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall
50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, IL 60201

A Song of Joy

The Chicago Philharmonic
Larry Rachleff, Conductor, *presents*
"BLOCKBUSTER BEETHOVEN"



Beethoven: *Romance*
for Violin and Orchestra

Featuring David Perry, Violin

Beethoven: *Symphony No. 9 ("Choral")*

Featuring rising stars from The Ryan Center for
Young Artists at Lyric Opera,
and The North Shore Choral Society

Experience this monumental, ground-breaking,
triumphant masterpiece that ranks among
the world's greatest musical achievements.
Thrill to the poetry of Schiller's *An die Freude* as only
a live performance can provide in this collaboration of
the North Shore Choral Society
and the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra.
Only a limited number of tickets have been
reserved for our season subscribers.



The North Shore Choral Society is supported
in part by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council,
an agency of the State of Illinois.

Order your tickets now and save!

Season subscription to all three concerts (November, March, May)

A limited number of tickets for the May 2 concert have been reserved for
NSCS subscribers. It is likely that these season subscriptions will sell out,
so we encourage you to order without delay!

Regular admission	_____ @ \$60	\$ _____
Senior (age 65 and over)	_____ @ \$50	\$ _____
Student	_____ @ \$30	\$ _____

Single tickets in advance (available for November and March)

Regular admission	___ November 22	___ March 14	@ \$22	\$ _____
Senior (age 65+)	___ November 22	___ March 14	@ \$20	\$ _____
Student	___ November 22	___ March 14	@ \$12	\$ _____

Single tickets at the door of the November and March concerts
are: Regular \$25, Senior \$22, Student \$15.

Comparable single tickets for the May concert may be purchased
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or chicagophilharmonic.org

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Tickets will be mailed in October 2009
Thank you for joining us for this 2009-2010 season.