

What's New? Postings at InlandChorus.com

February 9, 2012: A Christmas issue of *The Inlander* features a dramatic cover with illustration art by George Harr depicting a classic Santa overlooking the Chorus. This issue describes upcoming Chorus broadcasts on radio stations WHIO and WING on December 24, 1943 – "Articles Page"

January 8, 2012: **Annual Luncheon on Saturday, April 28.** View original rare photos, programs, records, articles, and more items before they are delivered to the Inland Children's Chorus Collection at Wright State. Download the announcement or write alred@inlandchorus.com for more details.

December 29, 2011: Recently posted concert chorus photos include the first such photo taken in December 1936. This photo shows the founding members of the chorus and Richard Westbrook (director) with accompanists Lucille Lienesch (piano) and Urban Deger (organ). Other notable additions are 1939, 1941, and 1965 -- "Photos Page"

December 15, 2011: The actual radio script for a 1940 Christmas Eve broadcast on WLW in Cincinnati of *The Story of Bethlehem* by the Inland Children's Chorus. Narrator and radio personality Paul Allison reflects on "this whole bleak, distracted world" as it becomes engulfed by World War II. Next to the script on the "music" page are recordings of this performance (Sides 1-6). -- "Music Page"

December 4, 2011: A record by the Linden Center Children's Chorus, which was at one time also sponsored by Inland, is shown on the "music" page. Listen to restorations of these rare recordings of the Linden Chorus singing "Panis Angelicus" and "Were You There." -- "Music Page"

November 21, 2011: A dozen original news photos with detailed reporter notes offer a vivid portrait of the Chorus and life in the mid-1940s -- "Photos Page" -- See also the *Journal Herald* article in which the photos were published – "Articles Page"

November 14, 2011: An April 1968 article describes two generations of Chorus members: LaDonna (Beatty) White and her daughters Marilyn Jean and Gretchen. The cover page also includes articles on the Spring Festival concert and the 1968 Chorus graduates -- "Articles Page"

November 2, 2011: The February 1969 program states that this concert "marks the 25th Anniversary of performances given by the Inland Children's Chorus at the Dayton Art Institute." This program includes the lyrics for "Dayton, The City Beautiful" with music written by Joseph Geiger (Chorus director) and James Will (accompanist) -- "Programs Page"

October 30, 2011: Two articles describe an event in 1944 at which the Chorus gave a special performance for Milton Cross, who was known for 44 years as the "voice of the Metropolitan Opera" -- "Articles Page"

October 14, 2011: Special 1944 gift record album with an embedded color photo in exceptional

condition and signatures of the concert Chorus members on inside flap -- "Music Page"
October 9, 2011: Recently donated, high-quality photos have been added to the "member submitted" area, including a 1940 portrait of Richard Westbrook and a 1960 publicity photo of Chorus members with Santa – "Photos Page"

October 4, 2011: New concert chorus photos have been added, including the original publicity photo taken for the "first public appearance" on June 4, 1937 – "Photos Page"

September 2, 2011: See the Westbrook collection of publicity photos 1936-1949 and a new member snapshot album on the photos page.

July 31, 2011: See rare photos from the Westbrook collection of Milton Cross ("voice of the Metropolitan Opera") and of tenor David Lloyd singing during the *Saint Nicolas* concert – "Photos Page"

July 24, 2011: Try the Google custom search page to find the names of people, events, and archival material on this website. The link to this search page also appears on the forum page.

July 18, 2011: Two 1937 newspaper articles describe Christmas traditions and the Chorus in an age of "realism and sophistication" as well as impact of the staging of Broadway theatrical designer Raymond Sovey – "Articles Page"

July 10, 2011: A July 1957 feature article includes photos from the Chorus picnic at LeSourdsville Lake amusement park -- "Articles Page"

June 18, 2011: The *Dayton Daily News* includes a feature on the costumes for the world premier stage production of Benjamin Britten's *Saint Nicolas* -- "Articles Page"

June 11, 2011: A January 1968 feature article describes a performance by former Chorus member Joy Clements (née Joyce Marie Albrecht) at the White House -- "Articles Page"

June 8, 2011: See a newspaper article with photo of Joseph Geiger coaching the tenor and bass sections prior to a 1956 concert with the Dayton Philharmonic -- "Articles Page"

May 14, 2011: See photos on the "about us" page of the Chorus Luncheon 2011 in Kettering, Ohio. Items displayed at this gathering were delivered to Wright State University on May 4. Plans are underway to hold another luncheon and display of new items on April 28, 2012.

May 6, 2011: Over 45 former Chorus members and their guests met in Dayton on Saturday, April 30, 2011. The archival items displayed at the lunch were delivered to Wright State University on May 4. Photos from the lunch will appear soon on the "about us" page.

March 2011: Attend a lunch for former Chorus members and their guests in Dayton on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Meet old friends and view original photos, programs, records, articles, and more before they are donated to Wright State University.

February 19, 2011: Four concert programs have been added to the programs page, which now

contains 64 programs from 1937 to 1965 -- "Programs Page"

February 9, 2011: The music page has been updated to highlight selections that are strong musically or technically, include outstanding solos, or offer special historical interest. These featured selections appear in **bold** -- "Music Page"

February 2, 2011: Four concert programs added, including a December 1944 program with an autograph of Raymond Sovey, two-time Tony Award nominee and Broadway theatrical designer who staged the Chorus -- "Programs Page"

January 27, 2011: Thanks to the work of restoration expert Bill Howe of Grafton, WI, music files for many early records are being upgraded and new ones can now be added to the music page. Bill is generously donating his time and expertise "to the cause." His restored files appear with an [H] -- "Music Page"

January 9, 2011: A newspaper article reports on a pair of concerts with the Dayton Philharmonic and features a publicity photo with Chorus members Linda Crumb and James Lehman -- "Articles Page"

December 30, 2010: Image of charm bracelet given as a memento for participation in the Chorus and to be donated to the Wright State collection -- "Photos Page"

December 26, 2010: Two newspapers mark the beginning of the 1949 Christmas season: "Sure, Christmas Near: Inland Chorus Singing" -- "Articles Page"

December 22, 2010: Link to Miriam Rosenthal biography and invitation to a reception she hosted for Hugh Ross and Richard Westbrook -- "Articles Page"

December 9, 2010: Newspaper report (January 1952) of a TV appearance on Steve Allen's "Stars for Polio" with autographs -- "Articles Page"

December 7, 2010: Spring 1945 article describing a series of upcoming concerts and states that the Chorus is "the first of its type to be established by an industrial concern." -- "Articles Page"

November 10, 2010: Dayton Art Institute program in bright red: February 14, 1960 -- "Program Page"