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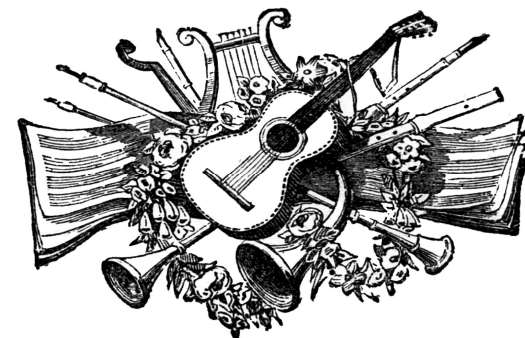
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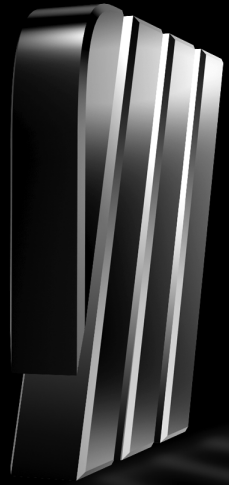
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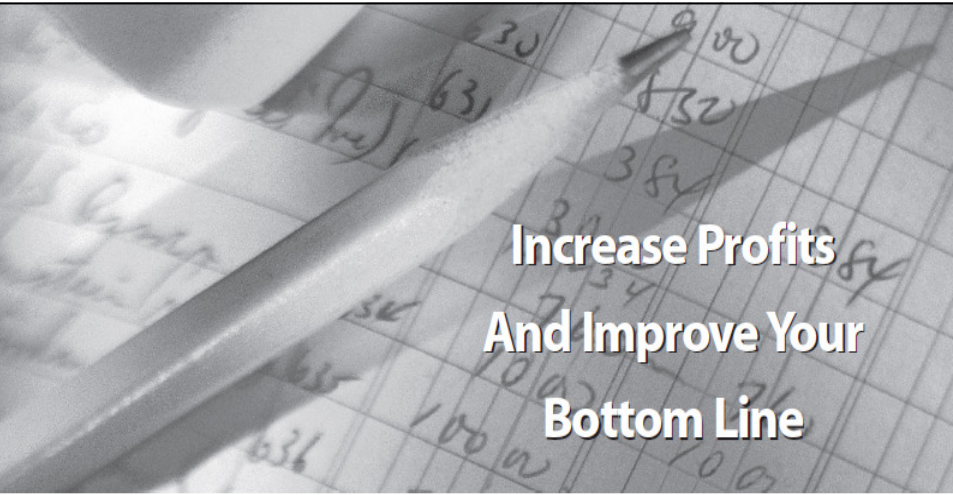
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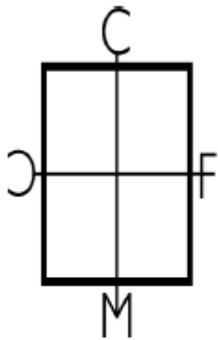
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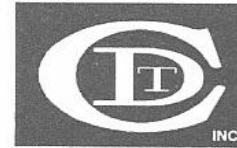
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- Thursday, May 1—*And Then There Were None* at the Mechanicsburg Little Theatre. Ticket orders are due no later than April 8, so see a choir member today for tickets.
- Tuesday, May 13—Fundraiser at Sweet Frog on the Carlisle Pike in Mechanicsburg. It's simple—buy frozen yogurt that evening and don't forget to mention the Cumberland Singers. A portion of your payment will go to the choir.
- Tuesday, July 8—Singing the national anthem at a Senators game. Ticket orders are due June 15.
- December 12, 13, 14 and 16—Holiday concerts!

You can always check our website for information about upcoming events. We hope to see you again soon!

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Director

Alissa Plant has been performing and teaching music in the Central PA area for over 16 years. She has her degree in elementary education from Messiah College, and she teaches private voice and piano lessons at her home studio in Elizabethtown. She has taught and directed singers of all ages, from young children to senior citizens.



Accompanist

Harold (Skip) Plant has played piano, pipe organ and electronic keyboards professionally for more than forty years. He studied choral composition and vocal music at Utah State University, then pursued a career as a television producer/director with many nationally-distributed performance specials, documentaries, and series on PBS. He is a composer, arranger and performer, and his work experience includes many years as a recording studio chief engineer.

Thank you for attending our concert. You, our supportive audience, make it possible for us to keep singing! Please join us after the program for a reception. We look forward to talking with you!

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The Cumberland Singers are a non-auditioned community choir, performing each December and spring in various musical styles, including classical, popular, Broadway, jazz, folk, multi-cultural and holiday. We have been enjoying and celebrating music for over thirty years—our original 25 singers first performed on June 19, 1976.

We welcome all singers of any range and ability. The only requirements for joining us are a love of singing, ability to match pitch/carry a tune, willingness to practice and learn parts, and a time commitment to weekly rehearsals and seasonal concerts. The ability to read music is desirable but not required.

The choir rehearses for the holiday concerts from September to December and for the spring concerts from January to April. Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 9:15 PM at the Mechanicsburg Middle School.

To help cover our music, staffing and other expenses, singers pay dues at the beginning of each season and are also asked to participate in fundraising activities throughout the season.

We welcome your participation in the Cumberland Singers as a singer or volunteer. Speak with one of us today for more information, or contact us any time at cumberlandsingers@gmail.com.

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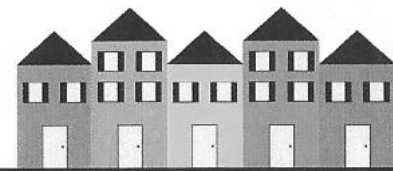
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Program

Music in My Mother's House.....Stuart Stotts
Arr. J. David Moore

This wonderful reminiscence was commissioned by the equally wonderful Cincinnati Women's Choir, MUSE.

I Got Rhythm.....George and Ira Gershwin
Arr. Ward Swingle

Quartet: Janée Robinson, Amber Shearer, Kim Hollich, Alissa Plant
Ward Swingle founded the Swingle Singers in 1962 in Paris. Their music has evolved over the years, but they still sing the Swingle classics, and he still advises the group. This is one of his creative arrangements.



Singin' in the Rain.....Brown/Freed
Arr. Mark Hayes

Listen for the parts layering in at the beginning and for the change of style at the middle. Fun!

Music of the Night.....Andrew Lloyd Webber
Solo: Bob Fake

This one is sung in *Phantom of the Opera* after the Phantom lures Christine into the depths of the opera house. Bob Fake is one of the longest-singing members of the Cumberland Singers and has performed many enjoyable solos over the years.

It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got that Sing, Sing, Sing
Ellington/Mills, Louis Prima, Arr. Kirby Shaw

Solo: Kim Hollich

Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Benny Goodman... Mash-up!

The Awakening.....Joseph Martin
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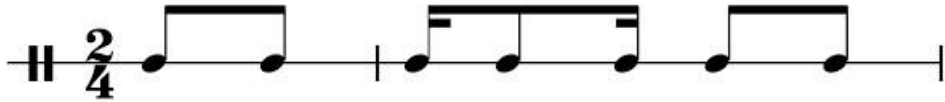
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Program

It's a Grand Night for Singing.....Rodgers and Hammerstein
Arr. Kirby Shaw

1954's *State Fair* was the only Rodgers and Hammerstein musical written directly for film. In 1966 it was remade into a Broadway musical, which included this popular song as well as *It Might as Well be Spring* and several songs taken from other R & H musicals. Today's version is sung Samba-style, definitely a bit different from the original.



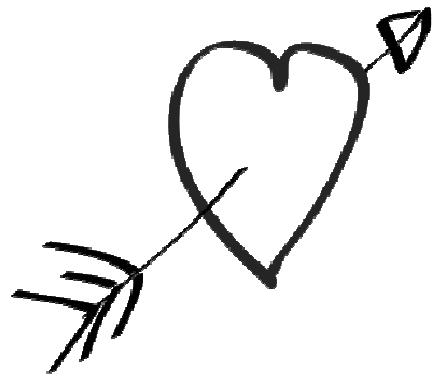
We Are the Music Makers.....Victor C. Johnson
Arthur William Edgar O'Shaughnessy

Ensemble: Amy Braun, Steph Hoot, Don Coldren, Terry Shope

O'Shaughnessy's famous poem has been set to music, used in movies and writing, and referred to in other artistic endeavors numerous times since it was written in 1874. My favorite is in the film *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*: Veruca Salt says indignantly, "Snozzberries? Who ever heard of a snozzberry?" to which Willy Wonka replies, "We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams."

The Arrow and the Song.....Joseph Martin
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.
I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong,
That it can follow the flight of song?
Long, long afterward, in an oak
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.



Program

If Music Be the Food of Love.....David C. Dickau
Henry Heveningham

If music be the food of love,
Sing on till I am fill'd with joy;
For then my list'ning soul you move
To pleasures that can never cloy.
Your eyes, your mien, your tongue declare
That you are music ev'rywhere.



Pleasures invade both eye and ear,
So fierce the transports are, they wound,
And all my senses feasted are,
Tho' yet the treat is only sound,
Sure I must perish by your charms,
Unless you save me in your arms.

How Can I Keep from Singing?.....Quaker Hymn
Arr. Gwyneth Walker

This song is based on a Quaker hymn from the 1800's in the United States. Notice the references to the persecution of Friends (which is how Quakers refer to themselves) alongside the celebration of faith and courage.

Up Above My Head.....Trad. Spiritual
Arr. Kirby Shaw

Solos: Tammy Life, Laura Huggins

This song was originally recorded in the 1940's by Sister Rosetta Tharpe and Marie Knight. Listen for the gospel-style call and response.

~*Intermission*~

I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing....Backer/Davis/Cook/Greenaway
Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

That Coca-Cola jingle? Apparently it came first, and the full-length song came afterwards. Who knew?