



Montgomery County Choral Society Gives its Regards to Broadway

Fall concert slated for Tuesday, Oct. 3

CONROE, Texas — Sept. 13, 2017 — Head to Conroe for a taste of Broadway without the expense of airfare to New York, costly lodging and theater seats, as the **Montgomery County Choral Society** opens its 2017-2018 season with “Broadway Tonight!”



Help kick-off the Montgomery County Choral Society’s 2017-2018 season on Tuesday, Oct. 3, with its annual dinner and concert production, which this year presents old and new favorites in “Broadway Tonight!” Attached photo courtesy of Montgomery County Choral Society. Photo by Jerry Baker.

Scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at First Baptist Conroe, 600 North Main St., tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for teens ages 13 to 18 and \$5 for children ages 3 to 12. There is no charge for children 2 and under. For those who enjoy dinner before the concert, the season kickoff also includes a catered barbecue dinner — for an additional charge of \$10 each — which will begin serving at 5:30 p.m.

Joining the Choral Society as a guest artist for the performance is award-winning pianist **Joseph Martin**, Artist in Residence at Concordia University in Austin. Martin, a composer and arranger whose music can be heard in world-renowned venues including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York City; Constitution Hall in Washington, DC; and St. Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City as well as hundreds of worship services in churches across

the U.S. and Canada, will bring a taste of The Great White Way to concert-goers in Conroe. From selections from hit shows to under-the-radar gems, Martin and the Choral Society will present a wide range of Broadway music.

Craig Stephan, the Montgomery County Choral Society's associate conductor and accompanist, said tunes from movies that started out as musicals will definitely be included in the mix. "So many people have a love affair with musicals," he said. "We will be performing a lot of familiar songs — old and new — as well as introducing lesser-known music, such as songs from a show that didn't have a long run but had wonderful music."

Children will especially enjoy "Hola Lola" from the children's musical "Dear Edwina," he said. "It's all about language barriers and how you need to reach out and help people," he added. "It's topical, interesting for all age groups and a lot of fun!"

John Bucchino's "Grateful" also will be in the line-up. "It's an inspirational song about how although our dreams and desires are important, we must not forget to be grateful for all we already have. We just have to do it; it's so beautiful," Stephan said.

Ensembles taking the spotlight during the concert include a men's quartet performing "Cabaret," and a ladies quartet bringing the audience a medley from "Hamilton," "Dreamgirls" and "A... My Name is Alice."

Celebrating Broadway is the perfect way to kick off the Montgomery County Choral Society's 46th season, Stephan said. "The musical is not strictly an American art form — but the American audience really grabbed hold of the idea and ran with it," he said. "There's nowhere else in the world that does as much of it — or as well with it — as America."

The Montgomery County Choral Society's 2017-2018 season also includes "Your Christmas Favorites" on Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Conroe and "Bach to Bop Selections" on April 6, at 7:30 p.m. at First Methodist Church, 4308 West Davis.

To purchase tickets for any or all of the concerts, or for more information about the Montgomery County Choral Society, visit mcchoral.org, or call 936-756-3395.

About the Montgomery County Choral Society

The Montgomery County Choral Society is a nonprofit organization formed in 1972 to bring great choral music of the world to Montgomery County and Montgomery County to great choral music. Membership averages around 70 singers including young

adults to retired persons, representing varied professions and blending many levels of musical training and experience. The organization is a member of the Greater Conroe Arts Alliance.

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