



*Enriching lives through song*

### **Susquehanna Chorale to Perform at Mt. Gretna on Aug. 18**

Mechanicsburg, PA (July 15, 2024) - The critically acclaimed Susquehanna Chorale will perform a concert, "Music for a Summer's Evening", at Mt. Gretna's open-air Tabernacle on Sunday, Aug. 18, at 7:00 p.m. The Chorale's founder and artistic director, Linda L. Tedford, will conduct the Chorale in its appearance as part of Mt. Gretna's Summer at the Tabernacle concert series.

The Susquehanna Chorale, founded in 1981, is a nationally recognized, auditioned adult chamber ensemble of 40 singers known for its commitment to artistic and expressive performance of a wide-ranging repertoire. An audience member recently wrote after this year's spring concert, "We always comes to hear the exquisite singing, with beautiful voices and the best repertoire, conducted and rehearsed to perfection."

"We always look forward to singing in the Tabernacle," Tedford said. "An open-air concert on a warm summer night makes for a very special experience. We have been part of this series for many years, and we love performing for the wonderful Gretna audience."

The inspiration for the Chorale's 2024 spring concerts comes from Craig Hella Johnson's setting of the Annie Lennox piece, *1000 Beautiful Things*. It describes the beauty of life and encourages us to savor those exquisite moments that cause us to pause and appreciate what we have.

The program includes Handel's *Sing Unto God*, Thomas Tallis's *If Ye Love Me*, Mendelsohn's *Richte Mich Gott*, as well as Ola Gjeilo's *Iam Sol Recedit* and *Lux Beata Trinitas*. The Chorale will perform gospel spirituals such as *Walk Together Children* by Anthony Leach and a men's barbershop-style version of *It is Well with my Soul*.

The plaintive sound of the oboe and cello will be interwoven throughout the concert and featured in the moving *David's Lamentation* and the well-known *Gabriel's Oboe*. The concert will conclude with the beloved favorites, *When I Fall in Love* and "The Impossible Dream" from *Man of La Mancha*.

There is no charge for admission, but a free-will offering to support the Tabernacle's summer series will be collected. The Tabernacle is located at Third Street and Glossbrenner Avenue, Mt. Gretna (the Campmeeting side of Mt. Gretna).

For more information call 717-533-7859 or visit [susquehannachorale.org](http://susquehannachorale.org). For parking information, see “Directions” at [www.mtgretnatabernacle.org](http://www.mtgretnatabernacle.org).

The Susquehanna Chorale was awarded Chorus America’s most prestigious award, the Margaret Hillis Achievement Award for Choral Excellence. In 2011, Conductor Tedford was honored by the American Choral Directors Association of Pennsylvania with the Elaine Brown Award for lifelong commitment to excellence and leadership in the choral art. In 2013, she received Theatre Harrisburg’s Award for Distinguished Service to the Arts in the Capital Region, and in 2022, she was awarded Central Penn Journal’s Women of Excellence Award. The Chorale is funded, in part, by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

**### Editor’s Note: Photo attached**

