

MOUNT HOLYOKE ALUMNAE CHORAL REUNION HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING? THE SEQUEL!

September 2008

Dear Choral Alumna,

It is with great joy and excitement that we invite you to add to Mount Holyoke's rich choral legacy by sharing in another great event – Mount Holyoke's second Alumnae Choral Reunion: How Can I Keep From Singing? The Sequel! Whether you left choral music in Pratt Hall when you graduated or you have kept the choral experience at the forefront of your life, we encourage you to attend this gathering of Mount Holyoke choral singers past and present!

The Mount Holyoke Alumnae Choral Reunion will begin with rehearsal on Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 PM in Pratt Auditorium and will conclude with a gala performance in Abbey Chapel at 7:30 PM on Saturday, January 24. The program, designed for a 200-voice choir including 20 current Mount Holyoke undergraduates, promises to be classical, contemporary, accessible and challenging. And it will include some favorites from the first choral reunion and the tours to Wales and China! Choral Director Kimberly Dunn Adams, Ruth Douglass Professor Emeritus Catharine Melhorn, St. Olaf College Assistant Professor Christopher Aspaas (previously MHC Associate Choral Director) and Yale Institute of Sacred Music Associate Professor Marguerite Brooks '69 will share the conducting duties.

Due to space limitations, we are only able to invite Mount Holyoke Choral Alumnae to sing at this event. Adult guests are welcome to join you on campus during the Choral Reunion and at a celebratory reception and dinner on Friday, January 23 (please indicate on the registration form if you are bringing guests to the Friday dinner). The rehearsal schedule will be intensive (all rehearsals are required) and participants are expected to prepare the music before the Reunion (a practice CD will be sent to all participants). Despite the busy choral schedule at the Reunion, there will be plenty of free time to share Mount Holyoke with guests or to simply relax and visit with friends old and new. We regret that we are unable to provide child care.

Upon acceptance to the Reunion, participants will be responsible for arranging their own transportation and accommodations. We have reserved blocks of rooms at the Hampton Inn (\$89/night) and Comfort Inn (\$62/night), both located nearby in Hadley, MA. There will also be a limited number of rooms available at the Willits-Hallowell Center on campus. We regret that we are unable to provide other on-campus accommodations. Details about accommodations and a list of participants (to help with finding roommates) will be provided with notification of acceptance to the Reunion. You are, of course, free to make whatever arrangements you wish. Attire for the Saturday night concert will consist of a long-sleeved white blouse, floor length black skirt or flowing pants and black shoes (no sneakers!)

Choral Reunion participation will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis by voice part so we encourage you to respond immediately. No audition required! The \$215 Registration Fee includes five meals, conductors' expenses, music, orchestra fees, a very special commemorative hoodie and administrative costs. Should you need to cancel before December 31, 2008, \$165 of the Registration Fee will be refundable (provided that you return your music). Cancellations after December 31, 2008 are non-refundable. Checks (made payable to MHC Choral Reunion) and Registration Forms must be received by Deborah J. Hall '74 (195 Douglas Rd., Norwich, VT 05055) by Friday, October 24, 2008. You will receive email confirmation of registration and additional information no later than November 3, 2008.

Please review the Preliminary Reunion Schedule and Registration Form which have been attached to this email and which are also available at the MHC Choral Website: www.mtholyoke.edu/go/sing. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact Debby Hall at woodshall@gmail.com or 802-649-1263. See you at the Choral Reunion!

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Chair, Alumnae Choral Reunion