

Mass ACDA Day of Workshops on January 22, 2011

The Massachusetts ACDA will sponsor another day of workshops for **choral conductors and choral singers** on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at the First Congregational Church in Shrewsbury, MA. (The snow date is Saturday, January 29, 2011).

The eminent conductor and distinguished teacher **Dr. Ann Howard Jones** will be the chief presenter in sessions, which will include a **Refresher Class for Conductors**, with a discussion of conducting problems in specific repertoire. Dr. Jones will also present a session on **Vocal Techniques**, and conduct several works in a combined chorus of conductors and singers. Currently Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Boston University, Dr. Jones worked with Robert Shaw and has taught at several universities and colleges across the country.

The day's events will also feature a **Diction Review for Singers and Conductors** given by concert pianist, vocal coach and conductor **Malcolm Halliday**, and **Singing with Beauty and Clarity**, a class in healthy vocal production, correct placement of vowels and well-articulated consonants given by singer and voice teacher **Stanley Wilson**, as well as a **Combined Session** for singers and conductors working with **Dr. Jones** in the latter part of the day. These sessions are geared both to conductors and to members of community choruses and faith-based choirs. (See the complete workshop schedule on the next page.) Please announce this event to your choral groups and encourage members to attend these interesting and beneficial sessions!

Two partial or complete tuition waivers are available for students, or other persons needing financial assistance in exchange for help with the day's events. Call Malcolm Halliday at 508-845-7286 for more information.

To Register: please fill out the form below and mail to: Malcolm Halliday, First Congregational Church, 19 Church Rd, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Make check for \$50 per person, payable to: Mass ACDA. Deadline for receipt of registrations is Jan. 12, 2010.
For further information, email Barbara Jones at barbjonz@comcast.net

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Workshop Schedule

8:30 AM sign-in, coffee and donuts

9:00 AM-10:15 AM: “Diction for Singers and Conductors” – A brief but comprehensive review of choral diction and phonetics, with particular emphasis on correct placement of vowels, especially as they vary from language to language.

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Choice A for Singers: “Singing with Beauty and Clarity” – building on the previous diction review, this class will help choral singers sing more beautiful vowel sounds and use correct vocal techniques to make consonant more clear and precise.

Choice B for Conductors: “Refresher Class for Conductors” – Dr. Jones will review basic concepts in choral conducting, and address problems commonly encountered by choral conductors, using short examples taken from the choral repertoire.

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM: a healthy and delicious lunch with a short program presented by the Shrewsbury High School Women’s Chorus, directed by Michael Lapomardo.

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM: “Vocal Techniques and Singing Together!” Conductors and singers come together to learn about vocal problems encountered in repertoire, as well as rehearse at least one composition, under the expert guidance of Dr. Jones, bringing together the many technical aspects of choral diction and pronunciation explored in earlier sessions.

Please note: all registrants may participate in whichever class they prefer in the second morning session, though the Choice A class is geared more to choral singers, and Choice B is geared more to choral conductors.

Directions to First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury

The First Congregational Church, 19 Church Rd. is in the center of Shrewsbury, just east of Worcester in central Massachusetts. The church, located at the intersection of Main St. and Rt. 140, is easily accessible by many routes, including the principal ones listed below. Ample parking surrounds the church, and the facility is fully handicapped-accessible via the large, glass entrance at the back of the building.

From Boston: Take Mass Pike West to 495 North to 290 West. Take the Rt. 140 exit toward Shrewsbury; drive about a mile into town and the church is a white building on the right after a large cemetery.

From Worcester (for western Massachusetts, take the Mass Pike East to 290 East): Follow 290 East to the Main Street, Shrewsbury exit. Go right at the end of the ramp, straight through the first light, up the hill, and then turn left at the next light on Main Street. At the following light, which is the intersection of Rt. 140 and Main Street, turn left. The church is a white building immediately on the left after the common.

From Route 9: From Route 9 going either way, turn north onto Rt. 140 (at the corner of Staples). After about a mile, you will reach the intersection of Rt. 140 and Main Street. The church is a white building immediately on the left after the town common.