

Mass ACDA Day of Workshops on January 16

The Massachusetts ACDA will sponsor another day of workshops for **choral conductors and singers** on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the First Congregational Church in Shrewsbury, MA. (Snow date: Saturday, January 23).

The eminent conductor and scholar **Dr. Dennis Shrock** will present several classes for **choral conductors**. Currently visiting Professor of Music at Boston University and Choirmaster at Christ Church in New Haven, CT., Dr. Shrock has authored a comprehensive study of the Western choral canon entitled *Choral Repertoire* (Oxford University Press 2009), which we hope to have on sale at the workshop.

The day's events will also feature classes in vocal technique and sight-singing for **choral singers** given by well known area presenters **Jay Lane** and **Mike Driscoll**, as well as a **combined session** for singers and conductors with Dennis Shrock at the end 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 \$40 per person, payable to: Mass ACDA. Deadline for receipt of registrations is Jan. 9, 2010. For further information, email Barbara Jones at barbjonz@comcast.net

Name _____

e-mail _____

Street Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City/Town _____ MA, Zip _____

Phone #1 (_____) _____

Please circle which classes you will most likely attend:

Choice A (for singers)

Choice B (for conductors)

Workshop Schedule

8:30 AM sign-in, coffee and donuts

9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Session 1, Choice A: “Achieving Unity in Sound” – A workshop exploring vocal techniques, pronunciation issues, voice care, warm-ups for the choral singer, taught by the president of the McClosky Institute of Voice, Jay Lane.

Session 1, Choice B: “Warm-ups that Work” – A class for conductors focusing on rehearsal techniques, starting with basic warm-ups that develop a secure foundation on which to build healthy, choral sound. Acclaimed conductor, clinician, author and scholar Dr. Dennis Shrock will lead this session.

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Session 2, Choice A: “Sight-singing for the Choral Singer” – Led by Mike Driscoll, chorus director at Brookline High School, and Director of Saengerfest Men’s Chorus, this class will introduce a wide range of sight-singing techniques for choral singers, expanding upon last year’s presentation and offering more “hands on” practice of these techniques.

Session 2, Choice B: “Repertoire and Programming” – Dr. Shrock will present ideas on this most important topic confronting directors at all levels. He will draw upon his newly completed book, *Choral Repertoire*, an invaluable resource.

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM: a healthy and delicious lunch with a short program presented by singers from the **Worcester Children’s Chorus**.

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM: “Singing Together!” Conductors and singers come together to learn, rehearse and polish to performance level at least one composition, under the expert guidance of Dr. Dennis Shrock, bringing together the many technical aspects of choral singing explored in earlier sessions. Every participant will with an aesthetic experience, as well as a wealth of new ideas for the new year!

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

Directions to First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury

The First Congregational Church, 19 Church Rd. 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.