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Hello SMFC Family and friends,

Another season means another letter from me for the program. To be honest, I have rewritten this several times- I was having a hard time finding an appropriate topic. I just needed some inspiration. Inspiration is defined as the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative. Or the verb is the drawing in of breath; inhalation.

Both of these descriptions are very suited to SMFC. Breathing is very important to good choral singing. We work hard to breathe together, and how to use our air to make the best music we can as a group.

I am mentally stimulated every week by choral singing. I often say singing is my therapy, my "me time". I am most definitely a happier person because I belong to such a creative group of people that share a goal- to perform as best we are able a new group of songs onstage twice a year.

I sincerely hope this concert sparks some creativity, and of course, enjoyment. We will see you again in December!

Yours in song,



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YOU RAISE ME UP

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Music by John Stafford Smith, lyrics by Francis Scott Key, arranged by Camp Kirkland

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Music by Samuel A. Ward, lyrics by Katherine L. Bates, arranged by Mary McDonald

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Music and lyrics by Lowell Alexander, Phil Naish, and Orrin Hatch,
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SMFC Bronze

IMAGINE

Music and lyrics by John Lennon, arranged by Mac Huff
Soloist: Jude Kodama

BLOWIN' IN THE WIND

Music and lyrics by Bob Dylan, arranged by Mac Huff

COME SO FAR

Music by Marc Shaiman, lyrics by Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman,
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Music and lyrics by Lee Greenwood, arranged by David Schmidt
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AMERICA MEDLEY

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Orchestra

INTERMISSION

THE NEVER ENDING STORY

Music by Georgio Moroder and Keith Forsey, arranged by Patrick Roszell
Orchestra

HE AIN'T HEAVY, HE'S MY BROTHER

Music by Bobby Scott, lyrics by Bob Russell, arranged by Mark Hayes

OVER THE RAINBOW

Music by Harold Arlen, lyrics by E. Y. Harburg, arranged by Mark Hayes

AIN'T NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH

Music and lyrics by Nickolas Ashford and Valerie Simpson, arranged by Roger Emerson

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Music by Julie Gold, arranged by Douglas E. Wagner
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HAKUNA MATATA

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Music by Elton John, lyrics by Tim Rice, arranged by Keith Christopher

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Music and lyrics by Kimberly Rew, arranged by Mac Huff

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Music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, arranged by Audrey Snyder
Soloists: Toni Graca, Michael Mezhberg, and Emily Greenberg

THE WIND BENEATH MY WINGS

Music and lyrics by Larry Henley and Jeff Silbar, arranged by Tom Fettke
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YOU RAISE ME UP

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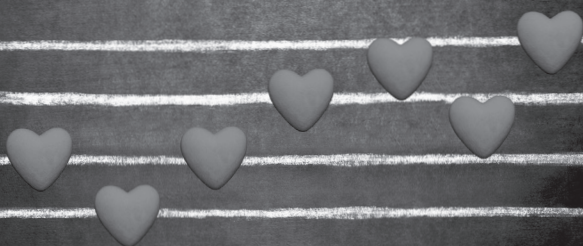
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Concerts will be accompanied by a 30-piece orchestra comprised of some of the area’s finest musicians. Performances are scheduled for December 14 and 15, 2024.

New singers are invited to attend our next open rehearsals on **Monday, August 19th and 26th, 2024** to sing with us and learn more about becoming a member. A brief, informal audition will take place following each of these rehearsals. We have openings in all voice parts. **Weekly rehearsals are held each Monday, 7 PM to 9 PM, at First Congregational (Stone) Church, 785 South Main Street, Raynham.** For more information, please email admin@smfconline.org.



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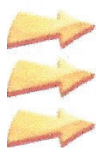
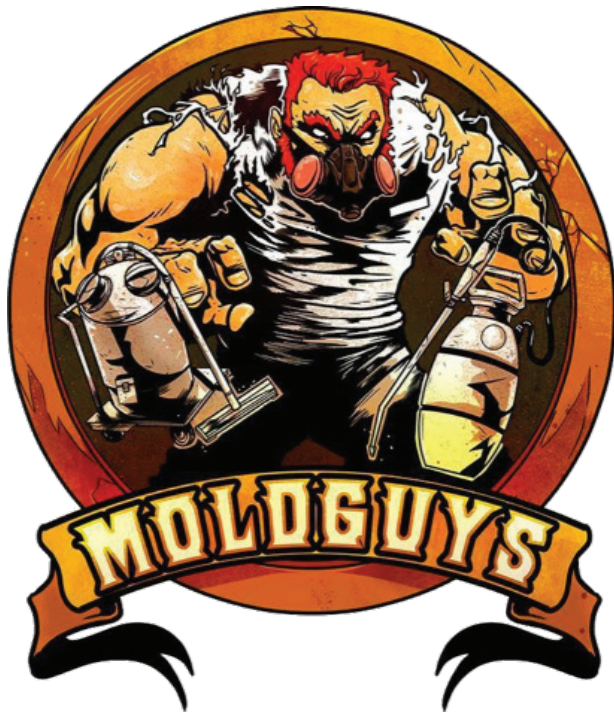
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