



# City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 6, 1999

COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to bring forward an appropriation of \$4,000 for the Cambridge Community Chorus.

In City Council December 6, 1999.  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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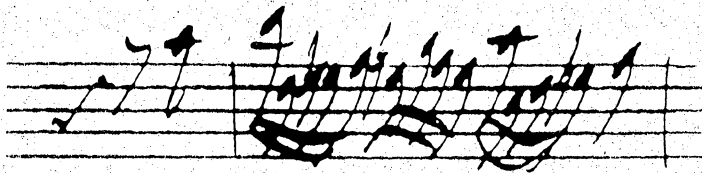
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THE  
CAMBRIDGE  
COMMUNITY  
CHORUS

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Cambridge, MA 02139

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James Maloney, Finance Director  
City of Cambridge  
Cambridge City Hall  
Cambridge, MA 02139



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Dear Mr. Maloney,

On behalf of the Cambridge Community Chorus, I am asking for support from the City of Cambridge again this year — our tenth anniversary. The Chorus began in 1990 with a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, and has continued to be an organization that represents the community aspect of Cambridge through the diversity of ages, races, cultures, and religious and economic backgrounds.

The goal of the Chorus is to insure that all the people in the city have access to high-quality music no matter what their economic status. Therefore, we do not require membership dues nor do we require an admission fee to our concerts. Except for the 1998 Coleridge-Taylor concert, only voluntary donations are requested at performances. To maintain this accessibility, we must cover our costs through donations from individuals and businesses, and through grants. With the exception of the Music Director who is paid, all the work that goes into presenting our concerts is done by volunteers from the Chorus.

In addition to the annual performance of the *Messiah*, the Cambridge Community Chorus presents both a fall and spring concert each year. Past concerts have included not only standard choral works such as Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and Bach's St. John Passion but also less well-known works, many by composers of color, including Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's *Hiawatha's Wedding Feast* and José Nunes Garcia's *Requiem*. These lesser-known composers and their works have been revived by our wonderful Music Director, William Thomas.

The Chorus also sings each year at the Joyful Noise celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, and at the Cambridge Holocaust Remembrance. This year for the second time we will be performing some choruses from the *Messiah* at Youville Hospital for patients and their families.

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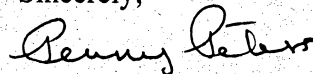
The Cambridge Community Chorus is very active in the larger Cambridge community. We have a continuing collaboration with the Music Department of the Cambridge Public Schools. The CRLS Vocal Ensemble joins us for our fall and spring concerts — a wonderful opportunity for both groups. In 1997 the Chorus also initiated a Choral Scholars program. Four CRLS students (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) are chosen by audition. These students each receive \$100 and special vocal training and master classes in singing. While there are many opportunities for high school athletes and actors to shine, there are not as many for singers, and we wanted to give CRLS vocal students more exposure and encouragement. All of the funding for these collaborations has been provided by the Cambridge Community Chorus.

Our 10th annual performance of the *Messiah* is scheduled for December 12 at Kresge Auditorium, which is generously donated by MIT. We are excited at being able to offer this opportunity and encouragement to the wonderful and talented young musicians in the city while at the same time presenting a high-quality, affordable seasonal favorite to the community.

The Chorus is grateful for the financial support the City of Cambridge has provided in the past, and we ask that this year you consider a contribution of \$4,000. Our annual budget is about \$25,000. We hope that you agree that the City of Cambridge is enriched by the musical offerings of the Cambridge Community Chorus and the diversity of people it brings together!

If you need any further information, please call me at 491-4887. Thank you very much for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Penny Peters, President



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