



Adult Choir *Festival by the Sea*

Friday-Sunday, January 27-29, 2017 - Charleston, South Carolina

The *Festival by the Sea* music festivals originally grew out of a need to provide high quality music festivals for progressive Baptist churches in South Carolina. They have grown into a regional and ecumenical series of festivals encompassing Youth and Adult Choirs. Noted clinicians provide leadership for the festivals helping participating choirs achieve levels of performance that challenge them to work harder and strive for greater achievement in their local music ministries. One of the hallmarks of these festivals is the worship experience that is designed to coincide with the music that has been prepared for the festival. Not only do participants enhance their singing skills, but they learn to integrate their music into a worship framework that has meaning. Additionally, the festivals provide an opportunity for participants to build long-lasting relationships as they meet others with similar church music interests.

Participant Fee: \$25 - Due Sunday, October 23, 2016*

Two Ways to Submit Fee:

- **Online via Church Website with Debit or Credit Card through PayPal:**

Go to www.pullen.org/donate and reference "Adult Choir Festival by the Sea" (remember to indicate "Adult" festival to differentiate from "Youth" festival). There is a 3% charge for using this service.

- **Church Safe with Cash or Check:**

Deposit in the slot located on the wall across the hall from the church library (Room 207). Place your cash or check made out to "Pullen Memorial Baptist Church" in an envelope (available near the safe) with your name and the reference: "Adult Festival by the Sea" (remember to indicate "Adult" festival to differentiate from "Youth" festival).

Transportation: On your own, carpooling (See new parking fee information below.)

Lodging: Participants are responsible to make reservations and to provide lodging costs. Roommates can share costs, and it is helpful for those sharing a room to agree on how the room cost will be resolved if one of the occupants should not be able to make the trip. *Do not allow inability to pay festival costs keep you from participating; persons who may have difficulty should contact the Minister of Music for assistance.*

A group rate of **\$139 plus 13.5% tax (\$157.77) per night** has been secured at Days Inn, Historic Charleston, for the nights of **January 27-28 with checkout on January 29, 2017**. A **\$1.50 safe warranty surcharge** is also applied to each room per night as is a **new parking charge of \$14.00 per car per night** (a good reason to carpool and share cost).

Reservations should be made prior to December 27, 2017, by calling 843-722-8411. When making your reservation, be sure to **indicate that you are calling about a room for 2 nights starting January 27, 2017.** Our group will be in their system as: **Pullen Baptist Church Choir**. Choir members will contact the hotel directly, mentioning "**PULBAP**" when making reservations. Rooms are non-smoking doubles with 2 double beds each. When making reservations also remember to make any specific requests such as first or second floor, non-smoking, or interior courtyard. **In order for us to track our block of rooms, please contact Ed or Lois Gibbon (starfish1901@att.net or 919-834-4513) once you have successfully confirmed your reservation at Days Inn.** Individuals may cancel reservations up to 48 hours prior to arrival without penalty.

Days Inn Historic Charleston is within walking distance (approximately 0.4 mile) from the Festival location, First Baptist Church, Charleston, SC.

Meals: Saturday's lunch is provided at the festival location. All other meals are responsibility of participants. Spouses and friends who have signed up ahead of time may join the choir for Saturday's lunch for a cost of \$8 (to be paid before departure).

Festival Location: First Baptist Church, Charleston
(Sanctuary: 61 Church Street -- Parking: 48 Meeting Street)

Parking in First Baptist Church lot is limited and is reserved for those with handicapped permits and mobility issue. Days Inn is within walking distance (approximately 0.4 mile) from First Baptist Church.

Organized in 1682 in Kittery, Maine, First Baptist Church became the earliest Baptist church in the South when 28 members of the Kittery congregation with their pastor, William Screven, immigrated to Charleston in 1696. The present sanctuary was designed by Charlestonian, Robert Mills, the first American-born architect (and architect of the Washington Monument). The church structure was completed in the 1820's and has received national acclaim for its classic design and beauty.



Guest Clinician: Hugh Floyd

Hugh Ferguson Floyd is Chair of the Music Department at Furman University where he is the first recipient of the Bingham L. Vick, Jr. and Judy S. Vick Professorship of Music. He has been a guest lecturer at the Eastman School of Music and Yale University. Prior to his appointment at Furman, Floyd served as the director of choral studies at the Oberlin Conservatory.



Guest Clinician: John Ferguson

John Ferguson is an acclaimed organist, choral conductor, composer and teacher, and recognized improviser and leader of congregational song. Before his career at St. Olaf College, Ferguson obtained degrees from Oberlin College, Kent State University and the Eastman School of Music; held a faculty position at Kent State; and served as music director and organist at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. While at St. Olaf College, Ferguson was Professor of Organ and Church Music, conducted the St. Olaf Cantorei, and served as Cantor to the Student Congregation.

Sunday Breakfast Together at Eli's Table Restaurant (129 Meeting Street)

Sunday morning breakfast provides a nice opportunity to share a meal to close our festival weekend together. Eli's Table Restaurant (just down the block from the Days Inn) provides us group space with a variety of breakfast options (including their world famous sweet potato pancakes!).

Festival Schedule:

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| Friday, Jan. 27 | 8:30-10:00pm - Rehearsal at First Baptist Church |
| Saturday, Jan. 28 | 9:30-12:30pm - Rehearsal at First Baptist Church (with break) |
| | 12:30-1:30pm Lunch (on site) |
| | 1:30-3:00pm Rehearsal |
| | 3:30pm Festival Worship |
| | Group Picture on the front steps of the church building |
| | Sight-Seeing, Free Time, Dinner |
| Sunday, Jan. 29 | 8:00am Breakfast Together at Eli's Table Restaurant |
| | Worship opportunities at local churches, Sight-Seeing |

Repertoire:

There Shall a Star – Mendelssohn
Nunc Dimittis – Clausen
As the Dark Awaits the Dawn – Aspaas
Send Out Thy Light – Balakiereff/Cherwien
This Little Light of Mine – Robert
Brightest and Best – Kirchner
He Comes to Us – Ferguson
Walk in the Light – Thomas



Festival by the Sea Website:
www.festivalbythesea.org