

The Turtle Creek Chorale

The Turtle Creek Chorale's 2002-2003 Season marks the Chorale's 23rd Anniversary. Founded in 1980 by two gentlemen after church choir rehearsal, the first Turtle Creek Chorale concert took place on June 24, 1980, in Caruth Auditorium at Southern Methodist University when fifty-five men took the stage to present, "The Last Words of David."

The repertoire of the TCC can be described as eclectic in the finest sense of the word - creative, diverse, and original. The Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center serves as the primary venue for Chorale performances.

The Chorale has traveled to Europe, performing benefit concerts to sold out audiences in Barcelona, Berlin, and Prague. With a portfolio of twenty-nine CD's, the Chorale is the most recorded male chorus in history. In an effort to collaborate with other arts organizations, the TCC has performed with: The Dallas Black Dance Theater, The Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Dallas Opera, The Dallas Wind Symphony, and The Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico, to name a few.

Milestones in the life of the Turtle Creek Chorale include:

Performances include two appearances at Carnegie Hall and a European Tour.

In collaboration with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, created "Sing For The Cure: A Proclamation of Hope," narrated by Dr. Maya Angelou.

Created and presented the world premiere of "Song of Wisdom from Old Turtle," based on the award-winning book Old Turtle. Narrated by Marlo Thomas, a portion of all recording proceeds benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The PBS documentary, "After Goodbye: An AIDS Story," featuring the Turtle Creek Chorale, received nine national awards, including an EMMY.

Performed for both President George H. W. Bush and Queen Elizabeth of England

Ranked in the top ten of Billboard Classical Charts based on the "Requiem" CD

In a single evening's benefit performance on September 15, 2001, the TCC raised over \$15,000 for the World Trade Center relief efforts in New York.

With a mission to enhance the musical and cultural lives of its audience while promoting harmony and goodwill throughout the world, the men of the Turtle Creek Chorale recognize and embrace the privilege they have been given to build bridges to a greater awareness, understanding and respect for our shared humanity.

Throughout the ages, the human race has been enamored with the stars, moon and planets. This fascination has permeated all forms of art, especially poetry and music. A year ago, we began gathering selections based on the heavenly bodies and our concept of heaven itself.

The result of our search was a host of premiers and commissions as well as selections already in the male chorus repertoire. We had no idea that during our rehearsal/performance period, we would lose seven astronauts directly over our heads on a crystal clear morning nor that the U.S. would be at war.

These events certainly gave new meaning and depth of understanding to the music and the texts. The Turtle Creek Chorale attempts to perform repertoire that is both moving and timely. Seldom have circumstances fallen together in such a manner.

Our hope is that through this recording of our performances and specifically through our delivery of these texts through music, you will find peace and solace in this unsettled world.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim", located in the bottom right corner of the page.

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† denotes premier

1. THE STARS ARE WITH THE VOYAGER 3:47

Words by Thomas Hood

Music by Eleanor Daley

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Dedication: For Ali Christine, the brightest star in my universe.

Love, Uncle Reeder

2. I CANNOT COUNT THE STARS 5:01 †

Words by Gwen Frostic

Music by Eugene Butler

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Dedication: In memory of my Mom, Faye Washington, and to my soul mate and love of my life, John Lochner. With love and gratitude for sharing your lives with me. For the laughter and for the harmony that you both continue to play within my heart. Thank you for your calm and glory.

All my love, Gene Dolphus

3. THE CLOTHS OF HEAVEN 4:11 †

Words and Music by Z. Randall Stroope

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Dedicated to my mother, my friend . . . Jeanne Marie Chandler

T. Michael Chandler

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4. MAKE ME A KITE 3:27 †

Words by Amanda McBroom

Music by Michelle Brouman

Arranged by Terry Dobson

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Soloist: Reed Hoke

Dedicated in Honor of Billy Dochartaigh by Fred Owen

5. THE WIND 3:30 †

Words by Robert Louis Stevenson

Music by Susan Brumfield

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Turtle Soup

Dedicated in honor of Lamar Sims for his unqualified dedication to the presentation of outstanding choral music. Thank you for your vision, leadership and friendship shared with Turtle Soup.

6. THE GATES OF WONDER 3:56 †

Words and Music by Sean Matthew Diebler

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Dedicated in Memory of Sgt. John Michael "Mike" Teal.
Born December 5, 1973. Died March 23 2003 while on a humanitarian rescue mission in Afghanistan.

Dona Nobis Pacem - Bring Us Peace

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7. THE US OF ME 4:01

Words and Music by David L. Brunner

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TCC Chamber Chorus

Dedicated in Memory of Gene Shock - Fred Owen

8. HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD 2:44 †

Words Traditional Spiritual

Music by Mark Hayes

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Dedicated in Honor of Ellen Galvin Rawson

Jamie Rawson

9. GRATEFUL 4:35 †

Words and Music by John Bucchino

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Arranged by Terry Dobson

Dedicated in loving memory and gratitude for Rene and Jeanette Lapierre
from their children

Richard Lapierre, Janine Deroy and Paul LaPierre

10. HOW SWEET THE MOONLIGHT 3:20

Words by William Shakespeare *The Merchant of Venice*

Music by Eric Helmuth

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Dedicated In Loving Memory of Michael W. Burton by Tab Boyles

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STARGAZING †

J. Granville Eakin III

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11. CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE 6:20

Words by Plato

This work is dedicated to my father, James G. Eakin, Jr., mother, Pam Eakin and brother, Robert Eakin. I hope I've made you proud - J. Granville Eakin III

12. WE ARE THE STARS! 2:58

Words Algonquin - Native American

This work is dedicated to my wife, Heather Eakin, my father-in-law, Lee Gammill, mother-in-law, Susan Gammill, sister-in-law, Bonnie Gammill and brother-in-law, Shaun Gammill. I hope I'll make you proud - J. Granville Eakin III

Underwritten by T.J. Miller

"We are all one, at this very moment, here and now" – Thaddeus

13. TWINKLE 4:50

Words by Ann and Jane Taylor

Dedication: Turtle Creek Chorale

Dedication: The men of the Turtle Creek Chorale wish all the blessings of the stars to light the path of James and Heather as they begin their journey through life together. Our deepest and most heartfelt love and best wishes.

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14. IN REMEMBRANCE 3:08 †

Words by Anonymous
Music by Hal H. Hopson
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Dedicated in loving memory of my father, Billy Frank Davis, who left a great legacy in his passing: his wife, Dorothy Anne, and his children Sherry Lynn, Mark Susell and John Michael Davis. The spirit of my father fills each of us with pride and gratitude for having known him in our lives.
Mike Davis

15. FOR THE FALLEN 2:51

Words by Laurence Binyon
Music by Mike Sammes
©1992 Banks Music Publications
Trumpet: Scott Talbert
Underwritten by Bruce Carter

16. THE MAJESTY AND GLORY 5:01

Words based on Psalm 8 by Linda Lee Johnson
Music by Tom Fettke
©1979 Norman Clayton Publishing
Soloist: Don Kennedy

Dedicated in Honor of Lynn Tull

For showing us all a rare combination of faith in God's miraculous powers, grace under pressure, courage that knows no bounds, the strength of ten thousand armies and the tenacity that few will ever possess. We love you!
-The Music Ministry of Oak Lawn United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas

TURTLE CREEK CHORALE

Tenor I

Keith Arcement
Marc Atkinson
Daryl E. Baker
Sam Bass
A.G. Black
Lance Boltz
Tab Boyles
Greg Britt
Carlas Brown
James Brown
Elijah Cardona
Scott Davidson
Cole Dodson
Gene Dolphus
F. Earl Fitzsimmons
Stephen Frels
Alan Scott Goeringer
Ed Gonzales
Samuel N. Guin, Jr.
Michael R. Herrington
Daniel Holguin
J.B. Holman
Allen Howard
Blaine Ichimura
Thomas Jaekels
David Jenkins
Ronald Kercenneck
Doug Mitchell
David Moldenhauer
Allen Parks
Lonnie Parks
Mike Paulus
Matthew P. Seckman

J. Christopher Stinnett

Scott Stout
Thomas Timbol
Reggie Walker
Daniel Weber
Paul Wignall

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Robert Cole
Philip Collins
Rodney Edwards
Lyle Ellerbach
Robert Garza
Jack Gramlich
Peter Grimmett
Mark E. Hawkins
Troy Heine
John M. Henrikson
Ivan Herrera
Kevin Hodges
Greg Hoeft
Robert Huneke
Don Kennedy
Terry Knapp
Mark S. Knapp
Mecia Knott
Bill Kotch
John L. Lambert

Tom Land

Kevin D. Martin
Jerry N. Massie
Kenneth E. McBryde
Peter Mena
Daniel H. Miot
Mark H. Nagel
Clay Newlin
Rob Nichols
Dan Oakes
Daniel Oberlender
'Rusty' Vernon D. Ouder
David Ploof
Rusty Prentice
Russ Rieger
Gary Rifkin
Benny Ruiz, II
John Share
Michael Sharrett
Robert Steele
Stacey N. Sturdivant
Richard Thomas
Steven Thomas
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Timothy J. Dowler
Robert Dulaney
Jonathan Fears
Chris Forman
Richard Galvan
Bernardo Garza
Chuck Gibson
Owen Gibson
David Giersch
Mark C. Goodheart
Seth Gowans
Craig Gregory
Maurice Griffin
Dwain Handley
Rick Hetherly
Reed R. Hoke
Scott H. Hunter
Joel Ihms
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Fred Owen
Jack Pettit
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Mack Richard
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Christopher G. Robertson
Ami Sadeh
Raun Savage
Cecil Sinclair
Evan Randall Smith
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Andy Steingasser
Chuck Sweatt
Scott Talbert
Fred Theobald
Bryan D. Tomes
Mark Trimble
Victor Villegas
Michael Preston Waite
Jody Walden
Gary R. Williams
Richard M. York Jr.
Edwin Young

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Darren Armstrong
Michael Becerra
Ralph Blackburn
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Don Dureau
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Ron Fuller
Gene Hempy
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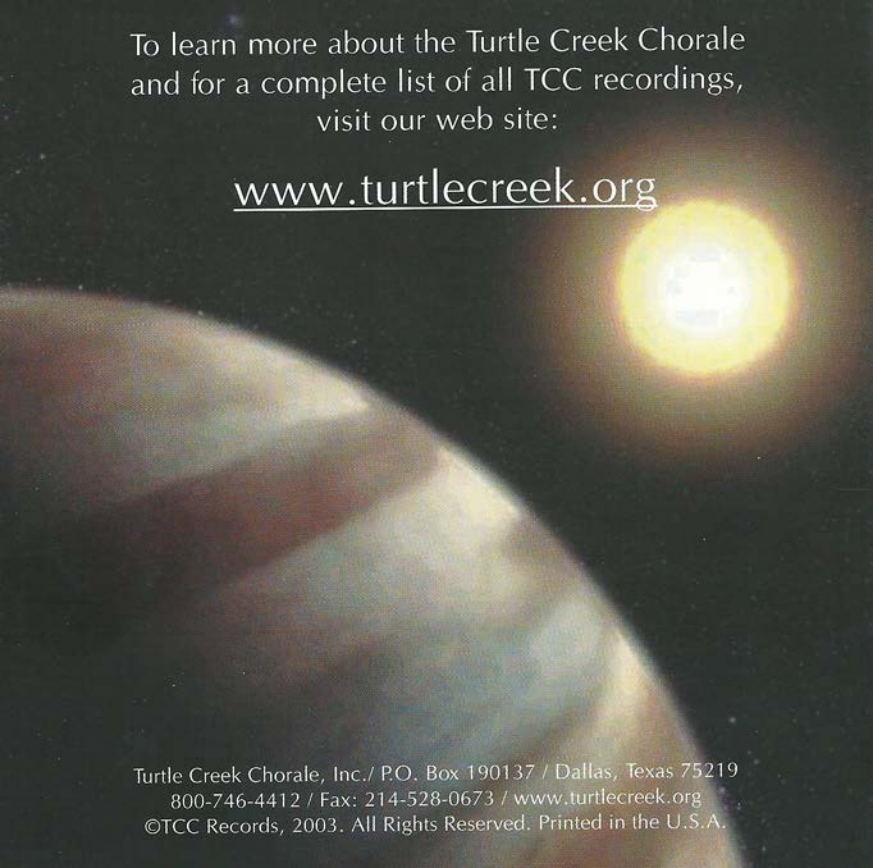
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(or anywhere else in the universe)

Let us take you
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