

# NOTES OF INTEREST

## The Mississinewa Valley Band Newsletter

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### In the Spotlight - The Next Big Thing

There's a certain buzz of excitement surrounding the Mississinewa Valley Band these days. Something new is in the works, and the word is out. It has been announced on the local radio, and the Chronicle Tribune devoted an entire page – with pictures. Invitations have been sent, and phone calls have been made. It has been posted on Facebook and announced at all the summer concerts. Most of you have already heard the news . . . the Mississinewa Valley Band is establishing a community choir. This group of musicians will perform for the first time with the band at the sacred concert on September 22.

Several years ago, a choir was put together for two concerts, and the feedback at that time was very positive. Ever since then, director John Brane wanted to try it again, when the time was right. Evidently that time is now. Recently John approached band member Chuck Kenworthy with the idea. "I want to put together a community choir," he told Chuck, "and I want you to direct it." Chuck wasn't on board at first, but John wouldn't stop bugging him about it, so he finally gave in. He started doing his research, asking questions and getting support. He and John chose the music, decided on dates and times and

put together a plan for spreading the word.

Chuck is no stranger to directing choirs, having served as choir director in the local schools for several years. In addition to school choirs, he has directed a local barbershop group, a men's quartet, a church choir and a group of singers made up of alumni



from Fairmount and Madison-Grant High Schools. Chuck is a graduate of Whitewater High School (near Richmond) and of Marion College (now Indiana Wesleyan University). In college, he traveled extensively with the men's quartet. He has taught at Fairmount High School, Wabash City Schools, Jones Jr. High and McCulloch Jr. High. He has also worked in sales and marketing and served as

Alumni Director at Indiana Wesleyan University. Since his retirement in 2012, he has tried to keep up with his music by spending more time practicing his favorite instruments – the saxophone and the piano. He is married to Elayne, a teacher at Eastview Elementary School, and has five grown children.

Chuck feels that the community is ready for a singing group such as this. Many churches no longer have choirs, but there are a lot of people out there who still like to sing choir music. To be able to share the stage with a well-known group like the Mississinewa Valley Band is a plus. Chuck would love to see 100 singers on the platform on September 22. So far, the response has been very positive. He's already given out 50 books and CDs to interested singers, so it looks like that goal is very attainable. It's not hard to imagine what a wonderful night of music this is going to be. If you happen to be one of those people who enjoy singing in a church choir, maybe this event is for you. Just contact Chuck and let him know you're interested. No auditioning is required! Rehearsal times are listed below along with Chuck's contact information.

### Rehearsal Schedule

Held at Marion High School—door 17 on west side of building



Chuck Kenworthy  
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Tuesday, Sept. 1	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 8	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 15	7:00 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 21	7:00 p.m. with Band
Tuesday, Sept. 22	7:00 p.m. Sacred Concert



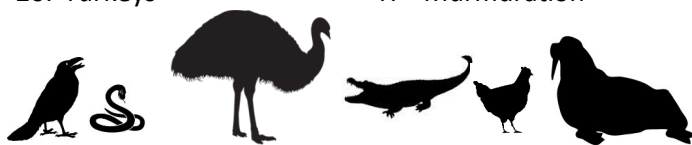
### Sacred Concert

Tuesday, September 22  
Phillippe Performing Arts Center  
on the campus of  
Indiana Wesleyan University  
7:30 p.m.  
Free Admission

# What do you call a group of .

You all know that a group of birds is called a flock, a bunch of cattle is called a herd, and several kittens are called a litter. See if you can match these animal groups with their group names. Answers are below.

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| 1. Ponies        | A. Army        |
| 2. Woodpeckers   | B. Troop       |
| 3. Baboons       | C. Charm       |
| 4. Walruses      | D. Parliament  |
| 5. Crocodiles    | E. Mob         |
| 6. Finches       | F. String      |
| 7. Toads         | G. Rhumba      |
| 8. Rattlesnakes  | H. Company     |
| 9. Crows         | I. Smack       |
| 10. Greyhounds   | J. Float       |
| 11. Hens         | K. Descent     |
| 12. Owls         | L. Rafter      |
| 13. Parrots      | M. Murder      |
| 14. Caterpillars | N. Leash       |
| 15. Jellyfish    | O. Plague      |
| 16. Emus         | P. Brood       |
| 17. Ravens       | Q. Pod         |
| 18. Locusts      | R. Unkindness  |
| 19. Starlings    | S. Knot        |
| 20. Turkeys      | T. Murmuration |



Quiz answers: 1-F; 2-K; 3-B; 4-Q; 5-J; 6-C; 7-S; 8-G; 9-M; 10-N; 11-P; 12-D; 13-H; 14-A; 15-I; 16-E; 17-R; 18-O; 19-T; 20-L

## Premiere Problems

During the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's world premiere of Elliott Carter's Partita the lights suddenly went out. After electricity was restored, conductor Daniel Barenboim continued with the piece, but soon the orchestra was again surrounded by darkness. When the distracted maestra resumed, he began conducting in 4/4 instead of the prescribed 3/4 time. The work lacked a recognizable melody but the orchestra struggled to match the notes to the innovative beat. Near the end of the work, a bar of nervous silence was followed by a climactic brass players negotiated correctly, and the music mercifully ended. Local music critics, never having heard the music before, gave the performance rave reviews.

## You're no Mozart

Mozart was once approached by a young man who was interested in Mozart's advice on how to compose a symphony. Since he was still very young, Mozart recommended that he start by composing ballads. Surprised, the young man responded, "But you wrote symphonies when you were only ten years old." "But I didn't have to ask how," countered Mozart.

## Did You Know . . .

Beethoven wrote the majority of his music when he was deaf . . . The trombone was once known as a "sackbut" . . . "Happy Birthday" was the first song to be performed in outer space . . . The Glen Miller Orchestra was the first band to sell one million records . . . Monaco's national orchestra is bigger than its army . . .

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