

September 23, 2009

Dear Berea Choir Alumnus:

For the past 23 years, alumni members of the Berea College Chapel and Concert Choirs have joined together with undergraduate members of the Concert Choir to rehearse, perform, and socialize during Homecoming Weekend. We plan our 24th annual Alumni Choir get-together during this year's Homecoming celebration, November 14-15, 2009.

Events will begin with a rehearsal in Union Church on Saturday, November 14 from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. The rehearsal will be for the purpose of preparing special music for the Alumni Worship Service at Union Church on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. This year's repertoire will feature the anthem "How Excellent Thy Name" by George Frederick Handel in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the composer's death. Music will be provided at no cost to you. John Courter, long-time friend of the choir and College Organist, will accompany the choir. Following the Saturday rehearsal, undergraduate choir members will serve light refreshments at a short reception in your honor in the Sunday School Wing, concluding about 6:00 p.m. in time for the evenings' activities. On Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. an additional rehearsal will be followed by a short fellowship time with refreshments before the service. Please make every effort to attend both days; it is discouraging to many of us to have a large, vibrant choir for Saturday's rehearsal, and then a much smaller group for the actual "performance" at the Sunday service.

If you plan to sing with us this year, please fill out the attached form, and **return it to the college as soon as possible, but in no case later than November 6**. If you receive this letter by e:mail, please reply electronically to Alumni Relations. Otherwise, please reply by US mail to: Berea College Alumni Choir, c/o Alumni Relations, CPO 2203, Berea College, Berea, KY 40404. Even if you are unable to attend, please return the form anyway with a message for us to share with your classmates who are there.

For those who have small children, **day care** is available for both Saturday rehearsal and Sunday performance. Union Church has both nursery and Sunday School rooms for this purpose. If you need day care for any of your children up to age 12, please so indicate on the attached form.

Please join our celebration in song! Your presence is important to us.

Sincerely yours,

Treshani Perera
Concert Choir President

Stephen C. Bolster
Director, Concert Choir

**CHAPEL/CONCERT ALUMNI CHOIR
HOMECOMING, 2009**

- _____ I will be able to attend both Saturday and Sunday
_____ I will be able to attend Saturday's rehearsal, but not Sunday's
service
_____ Sorry, I will not be able to attend either day

DAY CARE

I will need day care for the following children:

Name _____ Age: _____ on Sat ____ Sun ____

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Name _____ Age: _____ on Sat ____ Sun ____

Message:

Name _____ Year of Grad. _____

Voice part _____

Address _____

Telephone (cell if possible) () _____

E-mail address _____

**PLEASE RETURN TO BEREA COLLEGE ALUMNI CHOIR, c/o Alumni Relations,
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DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 6, 2009

