

**MILWAUKEE CHORISTERS  
75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT  
TO INCLUDE PERFORMANCE BY  
SHOREWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR**

The Milwaukee Choristers will recall their founding by a group of former high school choral singers when they kick off their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year with a concert on Friday, Apr. 11 and Saturday, Apr. 12. Special guests that evening will be the Shorewood High School Concert Choir.

The 8 p.m. concert will be presented at Shorewood High School, 1701 E. Capitol Dr. For many years, that venue was used for concerts by the community chorus.

The Milwaukee Choristers ([www.milwaukeechoristers.org](http://www.milwaukeechoristers.org)) trace their beginnings to a Sunday afternoon in November of 1933, when a group of recent graduates of Riverside High School, all of whom had sung in the school choir, gathered to explore the possibility of forming a new chorus. Their efforts were successful, and the current group numbers 75. They are under the direction of Dr. James B. Kinchen, Jr., who is the seventh music director in the three-quarters of a century that the group has been in existence.

The Shorewood High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Jason A. Clark, will have their own spot on the program. Later, the 45 high school singers will join the Choristers to perform John Rutter's arrangement of "The Lord Bless You And Keep You."

The Concert Choir is one of five groups from intermediate through high school age that make up the Shorewood Choirs. All are under the direction of Clark. The high school has two choral groups – the Concert Choir and a 16-voice Women's Chamber Choir. The High School Choirs have performed across the United States and Europe.

Clark has taught at Shorewood schools for 11 years. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in 1990 and has subsequently performed there three other times – most recently in 2000 with his high school chorus. An Iowa native, he holds a bachelor of music degree from Coe College and a master of music degree in conducting from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

He is artistic director and conductor of the Shorewood Choral Arts Society, which he founded in 1998. Clark is also a tenor soloist and a freelance chorus member.

The Choristers call their outreach program to high schools “Back To Our Roots.” Since the program was formalized, more than a dozen high school groups have performed on Milwaukee Choristers programs.

Tickets for the concert are \$18, with special rates of \$12 for seniors and \$6 for students. They can be purchased online at [www.milwaukeechoristers.org](http://www.milwaukeechoristers.org) or by calling 414/354-1933.

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