

April 2010



From the Director


In the year 2012, The Sound of the Northwest will celebrate its 25th anniversary. The board of directors for Cultural Pursuits is so excited; it has developed a two-year journey full of spirit-filled events to prepare for this joyous occasion. Read on to become informed about some wonderful experiences planned for you, beginning this year.



Coming up immediately!

You may recall that our founder/director was among five persons honored at Gospelfest '09. This was a special event produced and sponsored by the Seattle Pacific University, Seattle Public Library, and the McDonald's Corporation of Western Washington. This year, Gospelfest '10 (April 29-May 1) will include an opportunity for choral competition, the awards night concert featuring individual groups (including The Sound) and a mass choir, and an educational symposium in which our director, Juan Huey-Ray, will be one of the clinicians. His workshop on the music of Jester Hairston is not to be missed. For more information, go to <http://www.spu.edu/depts/um/resources/retreatsworkshops/index.asp> and scroll down. Be sure to make room on your calendar for the concert on Saturday night, even if you are unable to attend the symposium.

Then...

The Sound is expanding its offerings at its home base, St. Clement of Rome Episcopal Church, 1501 32nd Avenue South in the Mount Baker community of Seattle. Mark your calendar for 6p.m. on Saturday, May 22, 2010. The Sound will be in full concert. Your presence is needed because this one is entitled "Oldies but Goodies"  and you will have the opportunity to sing along with us on several hymns and other selections that have sustained believers over the years. No tickets are required; instead, only a freewill offering will be collected.

And then...

In June, The Sound will cross Lake Washington and join Master Chorus Eastside (MCS) in a joint concert to be performed in two venues; the Pickering Barn in Issaquah (1730 10th Avenue NW) and the Kirkland Performance Center in Kirkland (350 Kirkland Avenue). This is MCS' annual All-America Independence celebration enriched with the African American's

quest for Freedom. It is a combination that is guaranteed to warm the cockles and tug at the heartstrings. You simply must be at one or the other location; Kirkland - 3p.m., Saturday, June 26, 2010 or Issaquah - 3p.m., Sunday June 27, 2010.

Call 425.687.3190 for tickets.



In the Fall...

Cultural Pursuits will present The Sound and Friends in its annual fun and fund-raiser at Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Avenue, Seattle on Sunday, October 17, 2010 at 3:33p.m. (not a typo). This one-of-a-kind event always offers an awesome menu of inspiration including poetry, dance and of course, the spiritual. This one you want to invite



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your out-of-town relatives and friends to come see! Since it is our annual fundraiser, it will be a ticketed event. There will also be other opportunities (e.g., sponsorships, advertisements, deductible contributions) to support the ongoing activities of Cultural Pursuits, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. More about these opportunities will be forthcoming.



On November 13, 2010, The Sound will present its second concert of the year at St. Clement of Rome Episcopal Church. This concert will be in keeping with the spirit of gratitude that is celebrated later in the month at Thanksgiving. A freewill offering will be collected. For music lovers, St. Clement is becoming the place to watch! The Sound is only one of several Artists-in-Residence there.

Yuletide



As we enter into the Advent season, we are also mindful that December is HIV/AIDS Awareness Month. Cultural Pursuits will produce its acclaimed original production "Cain't No One Know" during the weekend of December 3-5, 2010. This edu-tainment event uses dramatic skits, dance, spoken word and song to raise the consciousness of all about the ravages of this disease and its effects on the community as a whole and peoples of color in particular.

SHARE THE SPIRIT!

As Christmas Day approaches, The Sound will travel around the Puget Sound delivering its message of love through concerts derived from its recording, "The Gift: Love-Part I." The tour begins up-North on Dec. 11th (location TBD); then on the Eastside on Dec. 12th; Tacoma/Lakewood on Dec. 18th and Bremerton/Olympic Peninsula on Dec. 19th. Be sure to catch one of these concerts. You may also purchase one or more of the CDs in advance to share with others. Call 425.687.3190 to order or go to the store on our Website at www.culturalpursuits.org. The entire collection or single selections may also be purchased at many online stores; e.g., CDbaby, Amazon.com, to name a couple.



And so...

There's much more to come in 2011 so stay tuned!

