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A Musical Night On Broadway

by Cosette Moore

Lovers of musicals had an opportunity to indulge this love at the Stafford Regional Choral Society's (SRCS) benefit gala, *On Broadway*, at 5:00 pm on May 7, 2017 at the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts. Lead by directors Barbara and Kevin Perry, the highlights of the night included a traditional collection of favorites from *Les Misérables*, *My Fair Lady* and *Mary Poppins*, with some newer selections from *Frozen*, *Anastasia*, and *Hamilton*: Leonard Bailey's solo "You'll Be Back" from *Hamilton* was uproariously received. The Producing Artistic Director at Riverside Dinner Theatre, Patrick A'Hearn, bestowed a beautiful rendition of "The Impossible Dream" from *Man of La Mancha*. He was then joined by SRCS's own Kevin Perry for a passionate duet of "Anthem" from *Chess*. There was a collection of full chorus pieces, including "Make Them Hear You" from *Ragtime* with a solo from J.P. Gorski as a rousing standout. Dinner and exceptional entertainment were complimented by a silent auction, with proceeds supporting free concerts throughout the year and scholarships to young musicians. The night was full of music and enjoyed by all who attended.



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All-American Songfest
 SRCS Chorus
 Guest Conductor, Lara Brittain

Saturday, July 1	7:30 P.M.	St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Sunday, July 2	2:00 P.M.	Marine Corps Museum



Meet the Summer Director

Lara Brittain

SRCS is pleased to welcome Lara Brittain as Guest Conductor for the summer concerts! Artistic Director Barbara Perry is thrilled to offer this opportunity to our singers and audience, and is excited for the new perspective Lara can bring to our repertoire and performance.

Lara Briattain began her career as a choral director at C.D. Hylton High School in Woodbridge, VA in 1993. In September of 2000, she became the founding choral director and Music Department Chair for Forest Park High School, also in Woodbridge. A resident of Stafford, VA, Ms. Brittain is also the Music Director at Hartwood Presbyterian Church.

Ms. Brittain holds a Bachelor of Music Education from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and a Master of Music Education from Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York.

Since its inception, the six choirs at Forest Park have consistently earned superior ratings at local, state, and national festivals. With an education focused on musicianship, many individual singers represent Forest Park at county, district, and state honors choirs each year. These active singers uphold high academic standards, participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, and gladly share their musical gifts through numerous community performances.

Leadership positions in Virginia ACDA, VMEA, and Sigma Alpha Iota have been both an honor and a welcome challenge. Ms. Brittain has served as a music mentor, training new music teachers in Prince William County, Virginia and as chairperson of the several Curriculum Revision Committees for PWCS. She served the Virginia chapter of ACDA for many years as Treasurer and then Repertoire and Standards Chairperson for Jazz Choirs. A frequent guest conductor, adjudicator and clinician throughout Virginia, she delights in the dynamics of creating music and has conducted many All-County and All-District Choirs.

Ms. Brittain is a Goodwill Ambassador for Helping Children Worldwide, a non-profit organization that supports Mercy Hospital and The Child Rescue Centre in Sierra Leone, West Africa. HCW works in partnership with Sierra Leoneans to serve vulnerable families.

Come on out and sing this summer—it will be short and sweet! The first rehearsal is Sunday, May 21 but then the next week is off. A quick four weeks then two concerts—and the rest of the summer off before we welcome Barbara back in the fall. The full summer rehearsal schedule is shown on page 6. New singers are welcome through June 5 so invite your friends!

SoundCHECK Director

Kevin Perry

SoundCheck will be taking the summer off for a well-deserved break. Stay tuned here and in emails for news of the coming season! Those who are interested in joining SoundCheck may direct inquiries to staffordregionalchoralsociety@yahoo.com.

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On Broadway

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Sunday, May 7, 2017

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 Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday
 of each month at 7:30 P.M.
 All members are welcome to attend or to voice
 suggestions/concerns to any Board member.

*Next meeting June 13, 2017
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SUMMER 2017 SCHEDULE

All rehearsals held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church
 unless otherwise noted.

May 21	Sunday	6:15-8:15
June 4	Sunday	6:15-8:15
June 5	Monday	7:00-9:00
June 11	Sunday	6:15-8:15
June 12	Monday	7:00-9:00
June 19	Monday	7:00-9:00
June 25	Sunday	6:15-8:15
June 30	Friday	7:00-9:00

(Dress Rehearsal)

July 1 Saturday 7:30 p.m.
CONCERT at St. Peter's Lutheran Church

July 2 Sunday 2:00 p.m.
CONCERT at Marine Corps Museum



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