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The Maine Music Society Announces “A Heritage Christmas” Concert.

The Androscoggin Chorale and Edward Little High School Chamber Choir team up to offer charming and delightful music for the Christmas Season.

Lewiston, Maine – Once again, Maine Music Society presents the Androscoggin Chorale’s Heritage Christmas Concert bringing audience members an evening of delightful musical entertainment with a custom fit for the holiday season on December 11 and 12 at the Franco-American Heritage Center in Lewiston and on December 19th at the First Congregational Church in South Paris.

Under the direction of John Corrie, Artistic Director, the chorale will sing song favorites, old and new, in a variety of languages. Some of those favorites include, *Carol of the Bells, Santa Baby, Ding Dong Merrily on High*, plus classical pieces as *Hodie Christus Natus Est*. They will also include the ever favorite Christmas carol sing-along with the audience at the end of the concert, of which John Corrie comments, “I sincerely feel that the Christmas carol sing a long always adds to everyone’s seasonal joy.”

In addition, the chorale will team up with the Edward Little Chamber Choir as part of the Maine Music Society’s musical education outreach program. The students will participate in various songs throughout the concert under the direction of Beth Labrie, musical director for the high school. ([List of students names go here.](#))

There will be an added delight element when the directors become the performers. John and Beth will join in a duet singing Cesar Franck’s *Panis Angelicus*, something the chorale doesn’t want anyone to miss.

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The Androscoggin Chorale come from all around the various communities for the love of the music and giving enjoyment to others.

SILENT AUCTION INCLUDED

The Maine Music Society will be holding their silent auction in conjunction with the Heritage Christmas Concert downstairs at the Franco-American Heritage Center. The proceeds will be used to help underwrite the cost of concerts performed by the Androscoggin Chorale and the chamber orchestra.

Selected pieces of artwork, crafts, trips, and more may be viewed ahead of time at the Maine Music Society's web site www.mainemusicsociety.org. All items will be shown and bids taken two hours before, during intermission, and a half-hour after each concert on the first weekend of performances only. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy refreshments while bidding.

Raffle items include a stay at a cottage on Isleboro, art, restaurant gift certificates, knitted and embroidered items, "cheesecake of the month", gift baskets and a potting bench. Those bidding Saturday night are welcome to return to the Franco Center on Sunday after the concert to complete their bid. Bidding will close within an hour after the end of the concert. Bidders do not need to be present to win..

The Heritage Christmas Concert and Auction are a great way to celebrate the season. You can enjoy a program of wonderful Christmas music, do your Christmas shopping and support a local art organization all at the same time. Please plan to attend the MMS - A Heritage Christmas, Saturday, December 11 at 7:30pm, Sunday, December 12 at 3:00pm, at the Franco-American Heritage Center, and Sunday, December 19, at 4:00pm at the South Paris Congregational Church, on Main Street. Tickets are available by calling LA Arts at 207-782-7228, or on the MMS website.

About Maine Music Society

The Maine Music Society was organized in 1991 to support the artistic and educational activities of the professional players of the Maine Music Society Orchestra and the Androscoggin Chorale.

It is a professional music-performing organization resident in central Maine, which seeks to serve the area communities through a commitment to bring performances to the public, through imaginative programming and artistic excellence.

The Maine Music Society is governed by a 15-member volunteer Board of Directors. John Corrie has been Music Director since 2006.

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