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Dear Friends and Choristers,

On behalf of the 2024 BICS Board, welcome to the 62nd concert season! I am very excited to serve as your BICS President and look forward to performing great music with all of you. Weekly rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 8, at the James and Susan Simmons Music Building on the Lamar University campus in Beaumont, from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm. The concert performance will be on Sunday, November 17th. Further information as follows:

Conductor	Renée Kloes, Choir Director
Accompanist	Patty Williamson
Concert Works	<i>Let There Be Light</i> , Gilbert Martin <i>Where the Light Begins</i> , Susan LaBarr (Women only) <i>Illuminare</i> , Elaine Hagenberg <i>This Little Light of Mine</i> , arr. Mark Hayes

Pre-registration & Purchase Music	Saturday, July 20, 2024, 11 am - 12 noon First United Methodist Church, Beaumont
Rehearsals Begin	Sunday, September 8, 2:30 pm, Lamar Music Building

Attire: The BICS concert dress for women changed. Soprano and Alto women wear a solid black floor length dress with a modest neckline, sleeves that cover upper arm, and no glitter or sequins. Tenor and Bass men wear a black suit/tux, white tux shirt, black bowtie, and black shoes.

Payment of dues and music fees can be made at pre-registration, where scores will be available. If you are unable to attend on July 20, registration and payment can be made prior to the September 8 and September 15 rehearsals. New members or those needing payment arrangements should contact me before the first rehearsal (dadavis0714@gmail.com).

We are excited about the wonderful music planned for this season. Your presence and participation are most welcome in the BICS family. Feel free to bring a friend (especially a tenor or bass.) Our conductor, Ms. Kloes, is a renowned music educator and dynamic choral director. You won't want to miss out!

Sincerely,

Darlene Davis, President
Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society



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BICS BOARD MEMBERS – ATTENTION

Our Executive Board meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on July 20, at FUMC, immediately preceding pre-registration. Make plans to attend or give your proxy (email) to another Board member.

BICS OFFICERS 2024

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Renée Kloes

Renée Kloes directs the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir at First United Methodist Church in Beaumont. She has been honored to conduct many TMEA All-Region Choirs and enjoys directing and accompanying at several university choir camps around the state. She has served TMEA Region 10 in many capacities and was honored to accompany the Texas All-State Treble Choir for two years.

Renée received a B.S. degree in Music Education from Lamar University and a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from Arizona State University. She also completed studies at the University of Houston.

Renée is the proud mother of two very musical daughters, Gretchen and Heidi, and conducted the Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society in 2007, 2014 and 2019.

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Rehearsal Schedule on reverse!**

2024 SEASON INFORMATION

Conductor: Renée Kloes, Choral Director

Accompanist: Patty Williamson

Music: *Let There Be Light*, Gilbert Martin
Where the Light Begins, Susan LaBarr (Women only)
Illuminare, Elaine Hagenberg
This Little Light of Mine, arr. Mark Hayes

Performance date: Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church, Beaumont

Pre-registration/receive music: Saturday, July 20, 2024, 11:00 a.m. until Noon
First United Methodist Church
Beaumont

Registration: Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 1:45 p.m.
Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
(both precede our 2:30 p.m. rehearsals)

Annual Fellowship: Following rehearsal, Sunday, November 10, 2024, FUMC

Membership Fees, including music scores, individual: \$30.00

Membership Fees, married couple, 2 sets of music: \$55.00

*Weekly rehearsals will be at Rothwell Recital Hall in the
James and Susan Simmons Music Building
on the Lamar University campus.*

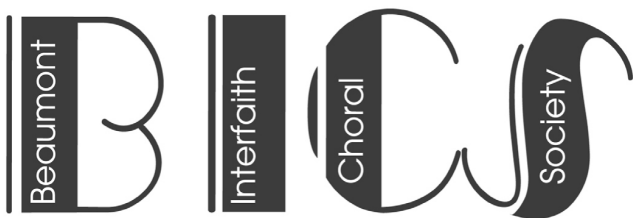
Rehearsals: Sunday afternoons, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Final Week Rehearsals:

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 2:30 p.m., FUMC
Monday, November 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m., FUMC
Friday, November 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m., FUMC
Saturday, November 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m., FUMC

BEAUMONT INTERFAITH CHORAL SOCIETY - FALL 2024 SEASON

Sunday, September 8, 2024	1:45 p.m. Registration	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, September 8, 2024	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, September 15, 2024	2:00 p.m. Registration	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, September 15, 2024	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, September 22, 2024	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, September 29, 2024	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, October 6, 2024	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, October 13, 2024	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, October 20, 2024	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, October 27, 2024	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, November 3, 2024	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	First United Methodist
Sunday, November 10, 2024	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	First United Methodist
Sunday, November 10, 2024	Annual Fellowship following rehearsal at FUMC	
Monday, November 11, 2024	7:00 p.m. Rehearsal	First United Methodist
Friday, November 15, 2024	7:00 p.m. Rehearsal w/orchestra	First United Methodist
Saturday, November 16, 2024	10:00 a.m. Rehearsal w/orchestra	First United Methodist
Sunday, November 17, 2024	2:00 p.m. Call time at Rothwell Hall, FUMC	
Sunday, November 17, 2024	3:00 p.m. PERFORMANCE	



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Dear Friend:

The Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society is preparing for its 62nd season. Concerts throughout the years would not have been possible without the generous contributions of loyal friends upon whose support we heavily depend. We are proud to announce the 2024 concert under the direction of Renée Kloes. Her selections are:

Let There Be Light, Gilbert Martin
Where the Light Begins, Susan LaBarr (Women only)
Illuminare, Elaine Hagenberg
This Little Light of Mine, arr. Mark Hayes

Our concert will be presented at First United Methodist Church in downtown Beaumont on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. We invite you to become a Contributor, Sponsor or Benefactor. Such a gift would enable us to make this, our 73rd presentation of great works of the masters, a reality. Donations are tax deductible. (Our tax number is 74-1928292.) *Donations may also be made online at our website.*

The Society is deeply grateful to those who choose to become a vital part in supporting and encouraging the presentation of fine sacred choral music.

Gratefully,

Darlene Davis
President

Wynnelle Guidry
Sponsorship Chairman

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Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Name of Contributor/Sponsor/Benefactor to be printed in program: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

If Memorial or Honor, for whom? _____

Name/Address to be notified: _____

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*If you are unable to attend the concert and would like a program, please indicate: _____