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70TH SPRING CONCERT IS APRIL 23

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Nothing can stop the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus from performing its 70th spring concert, "How Can We Keep From Singing?"

Its 50 members are excited for the show, which takes place 3 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Every time I come to rehearsal, I go back home with the tunes in my head," said Amy Moulton, publicity chair. "It's a very uplifting concert — a celebration. It's going to be amazing."

Led by interim director Grace Fenton and accompanied by pianist Ron Pietrantoni, the chorus will perform a variety of tunes, from Elton John's "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" and "The Impossible Dream" from "Man of La Mancha" to a Sondheim melody and Jackie DeShannon's "Put a Little Love in Your Heart."

The concert is followed by a dessert afterglow, with sweets, tea, coffee and punch.

As the concert nears, the chorus is celebrating its longevity, especially through the last few trying years.

"It's amazing we've lasted this long," Moulton said. "We're very proud we survived the pandemic."

Members, who range in age from late 20s to 80s, proved the old adage that the show must go on throughout the pandemic by performing concerts while masked, as well as performing outdoors.

Some members still mask up for rehearsals, which take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays. The chorus meets at Grosse Pointe North High School during winter months and St. Michael's Episcopal Church in the summer.

"Our fall session starts Sept. 12," Moulton said. "Anyone interested in joining can sign up online starting in August. People don't need to audition to sing with us. They just need a love of singing and a knowledge of music."

Tickets for the spring concert are \$25 for adults, \$8 for ages 12 and younger, and may be purchased at:

- Moehring Woods Flowers, 20923 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 882-9732;
- Posterity Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, (313) 884-8105; or
- · at the door.

For more information, visit grossepointecommunitychorus.org.

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