

Instructors



Peter & Mary Alice Amidon

have been an inspiring musical team for the past thirty three years. Among their many accomplishments,

they are leaders in the areas of traditional dance and song for children, harmony singing, Sacred Harp and Gospel singing.

The Amidons' workshops are great for choral directors, choir members and folk who simply like to sing. Their energy and warmth encourages people to feel relaxed while empowering groups to create rich and soulful harmonies. To learn all about Peter and Mary Alice turn to their website: <http://amidonmusic.com>

Rip Jackson

is a conductor, singer and keyboard player specializing in baroque repertoire and performance practice.

After studies in both piano and organ, he became a doctoral candidate in Historical Performance Practice at Case Western Reserve University where he conducted the CWRU Baroque Orchestra as well as several choirs. Since 2000 he has been Minister of Music at Grace Congregational Church, Rutland, and Director of the Rutland Area Chorus and Orchestra, in addition to teaching voice, organ, harpsichord and piano. As a musical theatre and choral director, Mr. Jackson has directed numerous productions of both contemporary and baroque works.



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
15 SUMMER STREET
RANDOLPH, VT 05060

Feast of Singing 2009

A Choral Workshop

sponsored by

St. John's, Randolph, Vermont

Peter Amidon
Mary Alice Amidon
Rip Jackson

Saturday, June 6th

9 AM - 5 PM

Chandler Music Hall

71 Main Street

Randolph, Vermont

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Sessions

Harmony Gospel Sing

Peter & Mary Alice Amidon and Rip Jackson

This will be an exuberant session of songs sung together by ear. Some of the songs will be vessels for spontaneous harmonizing. The singing will include old hymns, spirituals, gospel, and songs written by folks steeped in the oral tradition. Also included will be some contemporary arrangements of gospel hymns by John Harrison of the Vermont Gospel Choir.

Anthems springing from folk traditions

Peter & Mary Alice Amidon

Taking sacred songs from various folk traditions and discovering their deeper layers and spirituality. The repertoire is:

Handouts will be provided throughout the day as needed.

Schedule for the day

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Sign-in at Chandler
9:00 – 10:45 a.m.	Combined Morning Session
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Morning Break-out Session
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch at St. John's
1:45 – 3:15 p.m.	Afternoon Break-out Session
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Combined afternoon Session

gospel, Appalachian, spirituals, shape note, old and new hymns, but the harmonies are written down. Even with the written harmonies, some of these anthems are sung with an element of improvisation.

South Africa Freedom Songs to Broadway Choral Treasures

Rip Jackson

A wide variety of choral traditions will be shared ranging from inspiring South African Freedom songs with exciting syncopated rhythms, beautiful harmonies, and simple dance steps to some of the most memorable Broadway choral selections of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Stephen Schwartz and Leonard Bernstein.



For more information visit: <http://feastofsingng.stjohnsrandolphvt.org/>
or contact Jane Eubanks, singing@stjohnsrandolphvt.org, or call 802-234-9671

Registration

Cost for the Day: \$45 which includes the combined morning and afternoon sessions, two break-out sessions, and lunch served at St. John's Episcopal Church, a short walk from the Chandler Music Hall.

One of the afternoon spaces is up a flight of stairs with no handicapped access. If this is a difficulty, please let us know by writing NO STAIRS on your registration form.

Registration deadline: June 4, 2009.
Space is limited, so be sure to sign-up as soon as possible.

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Voice: S A T B

Preferred Session Order

(M-morning, A-afternoon)

- Anthems springing from folk traditions
 South Africa Freedom Songs to Broadway Choral Treasures

Lunch Preference

- Vegetarian
 Non-Vegetarian

Please send this registration to:

Jane Eubanks, Choir Director
St. John's Episcopal Church
2299 Stony Brook Rd.
Stockbridge, VT 05772

Make checks payable to:

St. John's Episcopal Church