

The Michael O'Neal Singers 2019-2020 Concert Season

Time Forgotten - Time Remembered

Sunday, October 27, 2019 • 3 p.m. • Roswell UMC

There are currently 5.8 million Americans suffering from Alzheimer's or other dementias. Over 16 million Americans (mainly family members) provide unpaid care to the people suffering from this disease. This concert will include the regional premiere of Robert Cohen's *Alzheimer's Stories*, a critically acclaimed work which addresses the subject of memory loss through stories of pathos, poignancy and humor. In addition to the full MOS Chorus, the concert will feature a chamber orchestra, soloists Beverly Blouin (Mezzo Soprano) and Brent Davis (Baritone), and guest narrator actor Tom Key. Also included in the concert will be performances of *Long, Long Ago*; *Shenandoah*; *Amazing Grace*; and *You'll Never Walk Alone*.

This performance is ultimately one which will offer hope and support to people living with Alzheimer's, whether patients or caregivers, and will remind us how music can touch lives in profound and meaningful ways. Perhaps the final lines of *Alzheimer's Stories* express it best: "Find those you love in the dark and light. Help them through the days and nights. Keep faith. They sense what they cannot show. Love and music are the last things to go. Sing anything. Sing."

Christmas Is Coming! With The Atlanta Young Singers

Sunday, December 8, 2019 • 3 p.m. • Roswell UMC

Begin your holiday season with this exciting and entertaining concert. We will be joined by the excellent Atlanta Young Singers, back for their second appearance with MOS. Since 1975, Atlanta Young Singers (AYS) has been at the forefront of the choral art form in metro Atlanta and beyond and we are proud to welcome this fine ensemble to our stage. You'll hear Christmas favorites, old and new!



14th Annual Messiah Sing-Along

Sunday, December 22, 2019 • 3 p.m. • Roswell UMC

Hundreds of singers from throughout the metro area will be joined by vocal soloists and chamber orchestra in a joyous performance of the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah*, concluding with the famous "Hallelujah" Chorus.

A Musical Smorgasbord Songs about Food and Drink (Kaleidoscope)

Sunday, February 23, 2020 • 3 p.m. • Alpharetta Presbyterian Church

Eating and drinking are activities that are universal to all humankind, so it's not surprising that they have been popular subjects with poets and composers through the years. Kaleidoscope, known for the variety of its programming, takes a look (largely humorous) at the subject of food and drink in a concert entitled *A Musical Smorgasbord*. You can expect to hear everything from "In taberna quando sumus" from Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* to "Food, Glorious Food" from the musical *Oliver!*



Franz Joseph Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass

Sunday, March 22 • 3 p.m. • Roswell UMC

F.J. Haydn's *Missa in Angustiis* in D minor, or as it is more commonly known, the *Lord Nelson Mass*, is recognized by many musical historians to be Haydn's greatest composition. *Missa in Angustiis* translates as "Mass for Troubled Times," and that certainly fits what was happening in the world when Haydn wrote this masterpiece in 1798 and Napoleon was attempting to conquer the world. Following a temporary defeat of Napoleon by British Lord Horatio Nelson in the Battle of the Nile, Haydn was so impressed with the victory that he renamed his work the *Lord Nelson Mass*. With superb choral writing, virtuosic vocal solos, and an orchestra of three trumpets, timpani, strings and organ, this work is one of the most impressive musical creations of its time.

Soft Rockin' with MOS

Friday, May 8, 2020 • 8 p.m. • Lassiter Concert Hall

In previous seasons MOS has performed music of the early Rock and Roll years (50s & 60s) and the Beatles (60s & 70s). In this concert MOS will perform songs made famous primarily in the 70s & 80s and which generally had easily remembered melodies, lush harmonies, and understandable lyrics. It's often called "soft rock" and included such artists as Billy Joel, Phil Collins, Elton John, and groups like The Carpenters, ABBA, and Crosby, Stills & Nash. **Soft Rockin' with MOS** will bring back memories of the great songs by these singers and groups, and you'll even have the opportunity to join in on some of the singing!

