

Linda Gartner, Founder & Director of SCSS

Sycamore Junior High School (SJH) in Cincinnati, Ohio has been home to Linda Gartner for the last twenty seven years. She directs the 7th Grade Treble Tones, 8th Grade Treble Tones, Chorale and assists in the teaching of the SJH Concert Choir. In addition, Mrs. Gartner codirects the Sycamore Junior High Boy Choir. Teaching responsibilities also include the biannual variety show and several Broadway musicals. Musicals that have been part of the Sycamore Junior High stage have included *Oklahoma*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Cinderella*, *Disney's High School Musical* and *Beauty and the Beast*. In addition, Mrs. Gartner was the former Director of Choristers, a children's choir of 50 3rd-6th graders at Sycamore Presbyterian Church where she held this position for 18 years.

Mrs. Gartner attended Cottey College and Bowling Green State University, graduating in 1979 with a Bachelor of Music Education and in 1980 with a Master's of Music in Choral Conducting. Mrs. Gartner has served as an adjudicator for Solo and Ensemble Events and co-hosted the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event for 14 years where her choirs continually received superior ratings. Sycamore JH choirs have performed at the Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) Queen City Convention - Cincinnati, OMEA Professional Convention - Columbus, Ohio, National Middle School Association Convention - Cincinnati and at Music in the Parks festivals in Nashville, St. Louis, Chicago, Toronto, Sandusky and Atlanta, receiving Superior Ratings. Professional recognition includes an Ohio Arts Council Grant to study the Alexander Technique using Baroque Repertoire with Mr. Karl Resnik and the Hixson Teacher of the Year Award.

Mrs. Gartner has also been a five time nominee for the Disney Teaching Award. She is a member of the American Choral Directors Association as well as the Music Educators National Conference. During the summer of 2003, Mrs. Gartner completed her first SCSS European tour of Prague, Salzburg and Vienna. The SCSS tour was repeated again in 2005 and 2007 with performances including Munich, Venice, Florence, Siena, Rome, Heidelberg, Rothenburg, Innsbruck and Lucerne. In her spare time every fall, she is the Assistant Junior High Boys Soccer coach!

She resides in Symmes Township, a suburban area of Cincinnati, with her husband Neil, a marketing researcher/tenor, and is the proud mother of two sons, Mark, a private equity broker who lives in Newport Beach, California and Matthew, a financial representative living in Jacksonville, Florida.

Alex Thio, Choral Accompanist for the SCSS

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance at Grace College in Indiana, Alex Thio pursued his graduate degrees at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Mr. Thio, a native of Singapore, holds the Master of Music degree in Piano Performance and is a doctoral candidate in Piano Performance and Piano Pedagogy at the Conservatory. He has been the choral accompanist for Sycamore Junior High choirs for the last ten years and toured with the Sycamore Community Summer Singers in 2005. This is his second time touring with this choir as choral accompanist.

Mr. Thio is an instructor of piano and music theory in the Cincinnati area. He is a Founding Teacher for the National Music Certificate Program, a division of the Royal Conservatory of Music (Toronto, Canada), dedicated to providing American students with nationwide opportunities for achievement and evaluation in the performing arts.



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About The Sycamore Community Summer Singers

The Sycamore Community Summer Singers (SCSS) is a group of 57 auditioned singers living in the Sycamore community of Cincinnati, Ohio. The choral group was founded by Linda Gartner, the director. Our performers represent five different high schools throughout our area.

A Dream Come True

Mrs. Gartner wanted to provide an European concert tour for students as a result of a very similar tour she experienced as a college senior with the Collegiate Chorale of Bowling Green State University. During that tour she performed in Salzburg, Vienna and Venice and vowed to someday bring a group of students to do the very same thing! The dream came true in the summers of 2003, 2005, 2007 and once again in 2009.

The Europe Experience

The Sycamore Community Summer Singers have performed in Salzburg, Vienna, Melk, Heidelberg, Rothenburg, Prague, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Venice, Florence, Siena, and Rome.

About the City of Cincinnati, Ohio

Located along the winding banks of the Ohio River and tucked amid rolling hills that are home to its many historic and eclectic neighborhoods, Cincinnati is a major midwestern hub of commerce, art, family attractions, and entertainment. When it became an important rail and river hub, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow pronounced it the "Queen City of the West." The Arts Central of the Midwest, Cincinnati offers thousands of stage performances ranging from Ballet, Broadway to new and experimental works as well as a world-class symphony. For more information about Cincinnati, please visit the following website: www.cincinnatiusa.com

Sycamore Community Summer Singers
 Spain 2009
 Concert Repertoire

Sacred Selections

Cantate Domino		Hassler (1564-1612)
Magnificat		Pergolesi (1710-1736)
I. Magnificat		
II. Et Misericordia	<i>Alex DiMasso, Soprano and Erica Wittkugel, Alto</i>	
III. Deposuit Potentes		
IV. Suscepit Israel	<i>Kevin Davies, Baritone and Neil Gartner, Tenor</i>	
V. Sicut Locutus Est		
VI. Sicut Erat In Principio		
The Last Words of David		Thompson (1899-1884)
Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit	<i>Riley Able, Baritone</i>	Traditional Spiritual arr. Dawson (1899-1990)
The Prayer of the Children		Bestor
The Lord Bless You and Keep You		Lutkin (1858-1931)

Secular Selections

You Raise Me Up	<i>Catherine Aulicino, Soprano Eric Werner, Baritone</i>	Graham/Løvland arr. Emerson
I Bought Me a Cat		Copland (1900-1990)
Homeward Bound	<i>Abby Evans & Lauren Kley, Altos</i>	Keen, arr. Althouse
Vive L'a Compagnie		arr. Artman
Rhapsody In Rhythm	<i>Mary Margaret Platz, Alto Jenlain Coyle, Soprano Caroline Bresnahan, Soprano</i>	Gershwin (1898-1937) arr. Brymer
De Colores	<i>Melissa French, Soprano</i>	Spanish Folk Tune

Music performed will be selected from the repertoire listed above

Members of the SCSS

Director
Linda Gartner

Accompanist
Alex Thio

Staff Chaperones
Paul Alexander
Victor Harris
Kevin Kreiner
Lee Pittman

Sopranos
Catherine Aulicino
Shaina Bahler
Caroline Bresnahan
Pauline Cappel
Ellie Cook
Jenlain Coyle
Alex DiMasso
Kelsey Drapkin
Sally Evans
Melissa French
Jaye Goldschneider
Lyndsay Henry
Marjorie Keith
Alyssa Kelly
Josie Lupariello
Stephanie McFarland
Sheena Patel
Dani Tsevat

Altos
Anna Albain
Christine Amoroso
Laura Birkhead
Caroline Dewey
Megan Doherty
Abby Evans
Lily Henry
Hailey Hess
Emily Hodun
Lauren Kley
Maddie Knauer
Annie Lennon
Josie McKinnon
Christine McLaughlin
Kelsey Pauly
Mary Margaret Platz
Shelly Pohl
Katie Strickland
Jessica Stuart
Maddie Williams
Erica Wittkugel



Tenors

Paul Alexander
Andrew Callaway
Blake Dewey
Neil Gartner
Micah Herrington
Andrew Jensen
Jeffrey Kaplan
Aaron Natarus
Ryan Sess

Baritones

Riley Able
Tony Birkhead
Kevin Davies
Evan Gildenblatt
Nick Henkel
Hugh McKinnon
Adam Tardio
Bob Werner
Eric Werner

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Cantores de Verano de la Comunidad de Sycamore

Linda Gartner

Directora de SCSS

Biografía de Linda Gartner

Linda Gartner es la fundadora y directora de los Cantores de Verano de la Comunidad de Sycamore. Actualmente es profesora en la Sycamore Junior High School en Cincinnati, Ohio y ha enseñado música coral durante 27 años para varios coros de esta escuela.

La señora Gartner asistió al Cottey College de la Universidad Estatal de Bowling Green, graduándose en 1979 con un Bachelor en Educación Musical y en 1980 con una Maestría de Música en Conducción Coral. Es miembro de la Asociación Americana de Directores Corales y de la Conferencia Nacional de Educadores de Música. Durante el verano del 2003, la señora Gartner completó su primer tour europeo con SCSS visitando Praga, Salzburgo y Viena. El tour se repitió nuevamente en el 2005 y el 2007 con presentaciones que incluyeron Munich, Venecia, Florencia, Siena, Roma, Heidelberg, Rotenburgo, Innsbruck y Lucerna. En su tiempo libre durante la sesión de Otoño, es entrenadora asistente del equipo de fútbol masculino de la escuela.

Linda vive con su esposo Neil, un investigador de mercados, en Symmes Township, en el área suburbana de Cincinnati. Es madre de dos hijos: Mark, un agente de bolsa privado que vive en Newport Beach, California, y Matthew, un representante financiero que vive en Jacksonville, Florida.

Cantores de Verano de la Comunidad de Sycamore

Sycamore Community Summer Singers (SCSS) es un grupo de 53 cantantes de 14 a 18 años elegidos por audición que viven en la comunidad de Sycamore en Cincinnati, Ohio. El grupo coral fue fundado por Linda Gartner, su actual directora. Los integrantes representan a cinco escuelas secundarias de la zona.

La señora Gartner quería proveer a los estudiantes un tour de conciertos en Europa muy similar a lo que ella misma experimentó en su último año de carrera universitaria con el Collegiate Chorale de la Universidad Estatal de Bowling Green. Durante ese tour ella cantó en Salzburgo, Viena y Venecia y prometió que algún día traería un grupo de estudiantes a repetir la misma experiencia. El sueño se convirtió en realidad en el verano del 2003, 2005, y ahora nuevamente en 2009.

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SUMMER SINGERS**

SPAIN 2009

**June 9-18 :
Barcelona :
Montserrat :
Valencia :
Madrid :**

**June 23 :
Welcome Home Concert :
Cincinnati, Ohio :**



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