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Dear Friends and Choristers,

On behalf of the 2023-24 BICS Board, welcome to the 61<sup>st</sup> 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, August 20, at the James M. “Jimmy” 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 13<sup>th</sup>. Further information as follows:

**Conductor** Wynnelle Guidry, Choir Director  
**Accompanist** Renée Kloes  
**Concert Works** *Let All the Nations Praise the Lord*, Volckmar Leisring  
*Ain-a That Good News (men’s chorus)*, William Dawson  
*Ave Maria, (women’s chorus)*, Johannes Brahms  
*Jubilate Deo*, Emily Crocker  
*Magnificat*, Taylor Scott Davis

**Pre-registration & Purchase Music** Saturday, July 22, 2023, 11 am - 12 noon  
First United Methodist Church, Beaumont

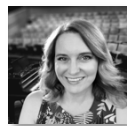
**Rehearsals Begin** Sunday, August 20, 2:30 pm, Lamar Music Building

**Attire:** The BICS concert dress for women has 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 22, registration and payment can be made prior to the August 20 and August 27 rehearsals. New members or those needing payment arrangements should contact me before the first rehearsal ([cwellsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:cwellsmusic@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, Mrs. Guidry, is a renowned music educator and dynamic choral director. You won’t want to miss out!

Sincerely,



Crystal Wells, 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 22, at FUMC, immediately preceding pre-registration. Make plans to attend or give your proxy (email) to another Board member.

## BICS OFFICERS 2023-2024

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### **Wynnelle Guidry**

Wynnelle Guidry's career as a vocal performer and music educator spans more than 60 years. As a choral music teacher/instructor she served public school children at all levels, grades one through twelve, as well as adults at the university level. She has also served two local churches in part time positions for over 20 years. When not conducting herself, she serves as section leader for the Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society and the Symphony of Southeast Texas Chorus. This is Ms. Guidry's third time to conduct The Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society.

Ms. Guidry has performed as a guest soloist for many major choral works, as well as principal and support roles with various performing arts groups and organizations including the Beaumont Civic Opera. She performed at various events in France, Germany, Belgium and Israel as well. Though retired, she continues to serve as choral clinician and adjudicator for the TMEA and UIL music competitions held in the Region X and Houston area.

Ms. Guidry is a native of Beaumont where she graduated from South Park High School. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Lamar State College of Technology with certifications in Performance and Music Education. Ms. Guidry holds a Master of Education degree from Lamar University.

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Rehearsal Schedule on reverse!**

## **2023 SEASON INFORMATION**

**Conductor:** Wynnelle Guidry, Choral Director

**Accompanist:** Renée Kloes

**Music:** *Let All the Nations Praise the Lord*, Volckmar Leisring  
*Ain-a That Good News (men's chorus)*, William Dawson  
*Ave Maria, (women's chorus)*, Johannes Brahms  
*Jubilate Deo*, Emily Crocker  
*Magnificat*, Taylor Scott Davis

**Performance date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church, Beaumont

*Pre-registration/receive music:* Saturday, July 22, 2023, 11:00 a.m. until Noon  
First United Methodist Church  
Beaumont

**Registration:** Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 1:45 p.m.  
Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.  
(both precede our 2:30 p.m. rehearsals)

**Annual Fellowship:** Following rehearsal, Sunday, November 5, 2023, FUMC

**Membership Fees, including music scores, individual:** \$25.00

**Membership Fees, married couple, 2 sets of music:** \$45.00

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

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

**Final Rehearsals:** Sunday, November 5, 2023, 2:30 p.m., FUMC

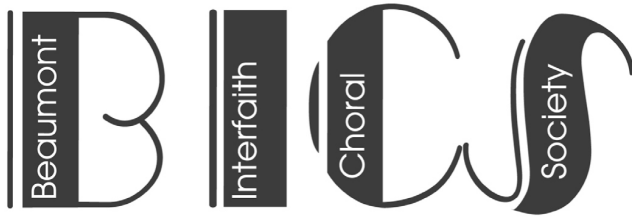
Monday, November 7, 2023, 7:00 p.m., FUMC

Friday, November 10, 2023, 7:00 p.m., FUMC

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m., FUMC

BEAUMONT INTERFAITH CHORAL SOCIETY - FALL 2023 SEASON

Sunday, August 20, 2023	1:45 p.m. Registration	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, August 20, 2023	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, August 27, 2023	2:00 p.m. Registration	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, August 27, 2023	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, September 3, 2023	No rehearsal, Labor Day weekend	
Sunday, September 10, 2023	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, September 17, 2023	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, September 24, 2023	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, October 1, 2023	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, October 8, 2023	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, October 15, 2023	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, October 22, 2023	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, October 29, 2023	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, November 5, 2023	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	First United Methodist
Sunday, November 5, 2023	Annual Fellowship following rehearsal at FUMC	
Monday, November 6, 2023	7:00 p.m. Rehearsal	First United Methodist
Friday, November 10, 2023	7:00 p.m. Rehearsal w/orchestra	First United Methodist
Saturday, November 11, 2023	10:00 a.m. Rehearsal w/orchestra	First United Methodist
Sunday, November 12, 2023	2:00 p.m. Call time for choir to be in place at Rothwell Hall, FUMC	
Sunday, November 12, 2023	3:00 p.m. PERFORMANCE	



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Dear Friend:

The Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society is preparing for its 61<sup>st</sup> 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 2023-2024 concert under the direction of Wynnelle Guidry. Her selections are:

*Let All the Nations Praise the Lord*, Volckmar Leisring  
*Ain-a That Good News* (men's chorus), William Dawson  
*Ave Maria*, (women's chorus), Johannes Brahms  
*Jubilate Deo*, Emily Crocker  
*Magnificat*, Taylor Scott Davis

Our concert will be presented at First United Methodist Church in downtown Beaumont on Sunday, November 12, 2023, 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 71st 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,

Crystal Wells  
President

Wynnelle Guidry  
Sponsorship Chairman

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Please make check payable to *Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society* or simply *BICS*

Contributor (\$10)     Sponsor (\$25)     Benefactor (over \$25)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial     Honor     Anonymous

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: \_\_\_\_\_