

New York City choruses collaborating in mutual support to enhance awareness of the substantial value of choral singing

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# History, Phase I Early 1970s — early 2000s Informal, practical beginnings

- Early 1970s through 1980s (no official name)
- Informal, primarily surrounding repertoire plans
- Unwritten agreement of collegial programming respect
- Early 1990s: less active
- Repertoire comparing, primarily just major symphonic choruses



History, Phase II
2003-2009
Emergence of

**Professional Pertinence and Credibility** 

- 2003 wake-up call: aborted Carnegie merger
- 2009: crisis of credibility firmly established!



# History, Phase III 2009 – 2012 Formalization and Growth

- Incorporation process and name: 2009-2010
- Who can be a member defined
- Sing New York! and THE BIG SING: June 2011
  - Explosion of visibility
  - Membership triples!
  - Board of a 'New York-size' Whole! 2011-2012



# This Season: 2012-2013

- Founding co-chair moves from the country and is succeeded
- First-ever non-plenary board
  - Board meetings of elected officers
  - Four plenary gatherings
- Full-season marketing efforts: monthly concert e-blasts
- Social media element established
- Performance of Ives' Symphony #4 with the NY
   Philharmonic: collective choir of member choruses



# **Our Public Face**

The Big Sing

Social Media Gathering Spot

Monthly Concert E-blasts

Occasional high-visibility events



# Member Benefits

# **Collegial Networking Events**

- For singers
- For directors & administrators

**Informational Seminars** 



# Member Benefits, cont'd

Closed Facebook group for member exchange, discussion, discount offers

Internal programming calendar

Collegial negotiations, as needed



### **Current considerations...**

- Keeping full membership engaged with the new board structure
- Equitable fulfillment of increasing role of 'choral clearinghouse'
- Engagement with our five-borough municipality in furtherance of choral impact financially, demographically, etc.





New York Choral Consortium - where diversity strengthens and shared vision unites!