

**CHORUS MEMBERS  
NEWS AND NOTES  
ARCHIVE 2003**

**November/December, 2003**

**Rena Strappazon and Emily Crawford**

Sopranos Rena Strappazon and Emily Crawford will be appearing in A Cabaret on Saturday, November 8, 2003 at 7:30 pm at the Park Avenue Methodist Church. (106 East 86 Street, New York, NY. 3rd Floor.)

The show is being presented by The Young Adults of Park Avenue United Methodist. Admission is free, however, free-will donations will benefit Habitat for Humanity NYC. Coffee and dessert will be served. For more information or reservations, write [pastorsara@parkavemethodist.org](mailto:pastorsara@parkavemethodist.org), call 212-427-5421, or see Rena and Emily at rehearsal.

**Cate Green and Gisela White**

Tenor Cate Green and Alto Gisela White are members of the choir at The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola (Park Ave & 84 St.)

The choir will be performing it's annual celebration of music and dance for the Christmas Season, Journey To Bethlehem, on Saturday, December 13, 3:00 pm, Sunday December 14, 4:00 pm, and Sunday, December 21, 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$35, \$20, and \$15. For more information, call 212-288-2520, visit [www.saintignatiusloyola.org](http://www.saintignatiusloyola.org), or see Cate and Gisela at rehearsal.

**September, 2003**

**Mary Ellen Rooney**

Mary Ellen Rooney, tenor, has an article in the latest issue of UN Society of Writers magazine, Reflections 2003. Entitled, "The River Trout," the article is based on her teaching at a Fishing School in South Bohemia, Czech Republic. The publication is available at the UN Bookstore. A percentage of the proceeds from the sale of Reflections will go to the 1% Development Fund towards a literacy project.

**August, 2003**

**Mary-Jo Iacovino**

VCR Alert! (Or get up early!)

On Friday morning, August 22, 2003, between 7:15 and 7:45 am, soprano Mary-Jo

Iacovino will be appearing on Good Day New York. (Fox Channel 5.) She will be discussing general financial strategies in an interview with Dr. Steve and Ernael Demillo.

Mary-Jo is a financial advisor with AXA Advisors. You can learn more at her website: [www.maryjo.biz](http://www.maryjo.biz).

### Cap Field



The Society is sad to announce the passing of Albert "Cap" Field. Cap sang in the bass section for 53 years, and was a former member of the Society's board of directors. He died on Monday, August 4, 2003, at the age of 86. You can read his obituary at the [New York Times website](#). (You may need to register to access the article. Registration is free.)

### Joan Matz

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of alto Joan Matz on August 1, 2003. A musical celebration of her life is planned for early fall. Information will be posted here as soon as it is available. Memorial donations may be sent to The Joan Matz Music Scholarship, PO Box 306, Chester, CT 06412.

[Click here to read the announcement from \*The Hartford Courant\*.](#)

### May, 2003

#### Beth Gilroy's a mom!

Alto Beth Gilroy and her husband Bob Dawson welcomed a daughter into the world on Sunday, May 11, 2003 (Mother's Day!) Kimberly Virginia Dawson weighed 7 lbs., 10.4 oz. Mom, Dad and Baby are all happy and healthy.

### March, 2003

#### Katie Luekens - Performing in Studs Terkel's "Working"

Alto Katie Luekens will be appearing in Studs Terkel's "Working" at the Center Stage Community Playhouse. The performance dates are March 28, 29, 30, April 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 2003. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday show time is 8pm, Sunday show time is 2pm. General admission is \$15, Seniors and Students, \$12. The Center Stage Community Playhouse is located at 2474 Westchester Avenue (next to St. Peter's Church), Bronx, NY 10461-3510. For reservations, call 718-823-6434.

### February, 2003

## Carol Burke



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our fellow alto, Carol Burke. Carol has been a member of Oratorio Society since her arrival in NY in 1994. In 1999, she contributed to the launch of this website.

A service in celebration and honor of the life of Carol Burke will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, Feb. 28, 2003 at Park Avenue United Methodist Church, 106 East 86 St., New York, NY 10028.

There is a special request from her husband, bass Chuck Hamilton, to have a group from the chorus sing at this service, under Lyndon's direction. There is no special rehearsal and Lyndon will announce the selections at Thursday's rehearsal.

All are invited to attend a reception, following the service, at The Harvard Club, 27 W 44 Street (between 5th and 6th Ave). The service should last approximately 1 hour.

Please join us in honoring Carol by singing in celebration of her life with our music.

If you wish to make a charitable contribution in Carol's memory, please send donations to The National Chorale Educational Outreach, 1650 Broadway, New York, NY 10119.

## January, 2003

### **Yvette Vasquez & Nancy Caudill - Performance with the Mineola Choral Society**

Soprano Yvette Vasquez and Alto Nancy Caudill will be soloists with the Mineola Choral Society. The performance will be on January 12, 2003, 3:00 pm, at Mineola High School. The program will feature works of Vivaldi and Spirituals.

### Members,

If you have anything that you'd like to announce here, like performances outside of OSNY in which you're involved, life events (weddings, babies), business announcements, etc., please send a note to Liz Simpson at [webmaster@oratoriosocietyofny.org](mailto:webmaster@oratoriosocietyofny.org), or see her at rehearsal.