Shelton Singers Perform In Choral Festival

Tuscaloosa - On Thursday, November 4, the Alabama chapter of the American Choral Directors Association held its 8th Annual Collegiate Choral Festival at Trinity United Methodist Church, in Huntsville, Alabama.

The Shelton Singers, under the direction of Glinda Blackshear, presented three works. Dr. Mark Brown conducted an a cappella setting of "Shenandoah" by James Erb. Then, with Ms. Blackshear at the podium, the choir sang a new composition by Andrea Ramsey entitled "Through the Dark," with a text from the writings of Helen Keller. The Shelton Singers concluded their presentation with "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?", a spiritual arranged by the late Moses Hogan, featuring a trio of Jessica O'Bryant, Amber Abrams, and Allison Burroughs.

The non-competitive event featured 15 choirs from two and four-year colleges and universities from around Alabama. They received comments from clinician Dr. Daniel J. Bara, newly appointed Director of Choral Activities at the University of Georgia.

Choirs from Snead State Community College, Oakwood University, Northeast Alabama Community College, University of Alabama-Birmingham, Wallace State Community College, University of Alabama – Huntsville, University of North Alabama, Samford University, Calhoun Community College, Talladega College, Shelton State Community College, Jacksonville State University, Jefferson State Community College, Alabama A & M University, and Auburn University, participated.

“This was an opportunity for many of us who teach in isolation to interact in a musical environment with our fellow choir directors. Most importantly, it is a great opportunity for our students to see a wide range of choirs from all over the state, hear a variety of wonderful repertoire, and meet other student singers who are enthusiastic about singing in a choir,” said festival organizer, Dr. Patricia Corbin, Director of Choral Activities at Jacksonville State University.

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