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CHORAL MUSICIANSHIP WORKSHOP JUNE 19th IN MADISON

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Harmonium Choral Society and Grace Community Music will hold their annual Choral Musicianship Workshop on Saturday, June 19, 2004 from 11AM to 7PM at Grace Episcopal Church, Madison Avenue at Kings Road in Madison. The one-day workshop is open to singers of all voice parts and all abilities. The workshop is limited to 50 participants, and **registration is required by Monday, June 14th**. Cost for the full day is \$75, \$65 for students and seniors, which includes substantial refreshments. Babysitting may be available for an extra fee: call ahead if you are interested. Access the Harmonium website www.harmonium.org or call 973-538-6969 to request a registration form and obtain other information.

Equal Voices, six of New York's most experienced ensemble singers, will lead the workshop. The workshop includes a faculty concert at the beginning, and an attendee concert at the end. Workshop attendees will be able to choose among sessions on vocal technique, sight-singing or vocal improvisation as well as prepare *a cappella* music with the whole group and in small groups of 6-12 for an informal concert to be presented at 6:15PM. The public is invited to attend both concerts: the Equal Voices concert at Noon is \$20 or \$10 for students and seniors; the workshop attendee concert at 6:15PM is free. A special feature of the concluding concert will be the first public reading of the third and fourth place compositions from the seventh annual New Jersey High School Student Choral Composition Contest, sponsored by Harmonium Choral Society and made possible by funding from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. The first and second place compositions were performed at Harmonium Choral Society's concerts May 22nd and 23rd, another Grace Community Music production. In addition to a public performance and recording of their compositions, winners receive cash awards and an invitation to attend the special composer's workshop session, led by Neill Farrell of Equal Voices.

Madison resident Anne Matlack is Artistic Director of both Harmonium Choral Society and Grace Community Music. She is also organist and choirmaster at Grace Church, where she directs a full program of children and adult choirs. Dr. Matlack serves on the New Jersey board of the American Choral Directors Association as Repertoire and Standards Chair for Community Choirs, and also serves on the board of the Yale Glee Club Associates. She is active as an adjudicator and clinician. Dr. Matlack has conducted choirs at Yale, Lafayette College and Rutgers University, and concertizes as an organist and flutist. She is the 2003 recipient of the Arts Council of the Morris Area's *Outstanding Professional in the Arts Award*. During her tenure as Artistic Director, Harmonium Choral Society has been recognized for its musical excellence and innovative programming.

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