

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas Church Music Commission

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The Diocesan Music Commission presents

The 56th Díocesan Adult Choral Festíval Garmon Ashby - Festíval Conductor October 24th and 25th, 2015



Schedule Saturday, October 24 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rehearsal for choristers in the Houston area

Sunday, October 25

10:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
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Eucharist - Festival participants are invited to sing with the Cathedral Choir
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Rehearsal for all Festival participants
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Break *Snacks provided*.
Festival in Cathedral followed by reception in Reynolds Hall



Garmon Ashby was born in South Africa. After a childhood and education in Grahamstown, he was appointed Chapel Organist and Music Teacher at Kingswood College, and Assistant (later Interim) Organist and Choirmaster at the Cathedral of St Michael and St George. In 1987 he became Director of Music at the Diocesan College (Bishops), in Cape Town, a position he held for 13 years. While in Cape Town, Garmon was also Choral Director of the Cape Town Symphony Choir. In 2000 Garmon accepted a scholarship to study at the Institute for Sacred Music at Yale University. While at Yale he was Principal Assistant Conductor of the Yale Camerata Chorus, and Director of the University Chapel Choir, an allauditioned, paid ensemble. In 2003 he was appointed Director of Music at St Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church in Tucson,

Arizona, one of the largest Episcopal parishes in the United States. In August 2011 he moved to Texas where he became the Chair of Performing Arts and Chapel Organist at the Episcopal High School in Houston, and Director of Music at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, Nassau Bay. Garmon has a passion for strengthening community through music. He has served on RSCM committees and boards in various capacities throughout his adult life, and has directed three residential Summer Courses in the United States and one in Cape Town. In Tucson he co-founded an After School Music and Homework Program for underserved school children in 2007, which continues to flourish. In the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, he has led choral training at our summer Diocesan Music Camp for several years, as well as last year's Diocesan Council Choir.

Festival Music The following anthem is being stocked <u>at AMC Music as well as Cliff Hill</u> <u>Music</u>

AMC Music 4819 Feagan St., Houston, TX 77017 (Ask for Patrick) Toll free: 800.833.8432 713.802-2900 713.802-2988 e-mail: <u>orders@amcmusic.net</u> Cliff Hill Music 800-819-8772 www.cliffhillmusic.com Email cliff@cliffhillmusic.com

Music to Purchase:

David Ashley White: O Gladsome Light published by E. C. Schirmer no. 6607

<u>Other pieces free or by download</u>: Registrar will send them to you when you register! Responses - Stephen Carletti (South African) Pdf will be provided to registrants. Canticles – Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Brewer (in D) Anthem - Wood: O Thou the Central Orb Prayer Responses - Mayenziwe African Pdf will be provided to registrants.

If financial constraints limit your ability to register for the festival or purchase the music, please contact Linda Patterson at the letterhead address. We want everyone to attend!