



### notes from sherri

I don't think that Groundhog knew what he was shadowing about... hope you all were able to get out and breathe in a taste of Spring!

Alas, back to winter and back to work. Please - and I can't stress this enough - listen to the YouTube listening list. It is the best way to become familiar with our concert pieces until we can get all of the part files up. We can't rest on our December laurels... every concert is our chance to touch lives!

And JULY: the SSN Festival! We'll have a time for Q&A during break this Sunday. If you haven't already registered, please consider joining us. Of course we need your voice in our chorus, but even more, these are the times that will bond us... in song, and in friendship. Guaranteed to include laughter, love, beautiful music and voices, learning, and inspiration that will carry us higher! Festivals like these make memories for a lifetime! Newbie or veteran - you belong!

Speaking of Festivals, I'll be attending ACDA (American Choral Directors Assn) Midwest next week in Milwaukee. I'll be connecting with some amazing people I know, making new connections, and getting to listen to some of the best choirs in the Midwest. And of course, hearing lots of new music!

**THIS SUNDAY!**  
**Performance**  
**with Harambee**  
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If you aren't singing with us,  
 please plan to attend and  
 support both Harambee  
 and B&R!

Sunday, Feb 22  
 12:15 rehearsal at Federated  
 Church in Sycamore  
 3pm Performance at DeKalb  
 High School  
 (details/directions on the  
 Event page of our Members  
 website page)

There will be time to grab a bite  
 before our B&R rehearsal.

**REMINDERS for SUNDAY, Feb 22:**

- 5pm Rehearsal for our Small Ensemble
- Consult the Rehearsal Plan to see what music we'll be rehearsing
- You should have all your measures numbered and songs in alpha order :)

**We Sing Each Other Strong**

As you may have been hearing, there are several places across the country where people are gathering to learn songs of solidarity and resistance. One of the groups organizing music and gatherings is "Justice Choirs". Another is "Singing Resistance." Both groups are offering strategies and songbooks to help people organize singing at protests. I think it would be awesome for B&R to lead such an event in DeKalb before the next arranged protest (March 28). Please let me know if you are interested in helping to make this happen. Meanwhile, above the newsletter are links to songs I've transcribed for us... please print and bring to rehearsal! We'll use in warmups. *PS: We'll have some very exciting news to share with everyone at the next rehearsal!*