

ORPHEI

SINGING CLUB



OFFICIAL DIRECTORY AND YEAR BOOK

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THE PURPOSE of this Directory and Year Book is to better acquaint you with your fellow members, officers and the Club and its operations. We feel it will be of genuine benefit to you as a member and to stimulate your interest in the Club affairs.

This book is confidential and should be kept in your possession as a member and not be used for unethical purposes.

Your membership card must be presented upon request.

Board of Directors

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THE BEGINNING OF ORPHEI SINGING CLUB

One Saturday evening in August of 1896, a group of young singers and a young musician by the name of Gustaf A. Carlson, met on the north side of Chicago to discuss organizing a chorus. After a long discussion, they still had not come to any decision, and so they decided to meet the following Sunday. At this meeting an additional group of singers attended. A temporary chairman and secretary were selected and the subject of the chorus was again brought up. Axel Widmark made a motion to organize this chorus—and call it the Orphei Sångarklubb, which, in later years, was changed to the Orphei Singing Club.

Here their first officers were elected: Hermann Hagg, Chairman, Axel Widmark, Secretary, and Gustaf Carlson, Director.

After the club was organized, rehearsals were begun. Their first rehearsals were held in Mr. Lundberg's tavern, located on Clark Street near Roscoe Street.

The club began to grow in membership, and in a short while they had enough members to start planning for a concert. Their first concert was given on February 20th, 1897, in Spelz Hall, located on Clark and Fletcher Streets, together with the Viking Band—all under the direction of Gus Carlson. This concert was a tremendous success and attracted more young singers to join the club.

At this time, the Orphei Singing Club had a large chorus, and because of the club's growth, a larger hall for rehearsals was needed. Therefore, a decision was made to rent Spelz Hall, and it was in this hall that the Orphei Singing Club decided to join the American Union of Swedish Singers. It was also here that the idea of having a clubhouse of their own was born. More members were needed and a motion was made and seconded that associate members be admitted. A committee, previously appointed, reported that they

had found a house on School Street near Clark, which could be used for a clubhouse. This house was not in the best of condition — and needed quite a few repairs and would have to be redecorated. However, after a lot of work by the club members, it was put into fairly good condition.

Finally the big day arrived — The Grand Opening of the clubhouse. The celebration lasted several days.

Election of officers then took place, and all were re-elected — with the exception of the Chairman, Hermann Hagg and John B. Olson was elected in his place. By-laws were drawn up and a charter was obtained. This charter was signed by Axel Widmark, Hermann Hagg, Helmer Lagerquist, Hugo Swanson, Rudolph Hallgren, P. A. Berg and A. F. Bernhardt. The Orphei Singing Club was legally incorporated on February 20th, 1899.

The club's first participation in a Singers' convention took place in Rockford, Illinois in the year 1900.

On October 1st, 1902, Gus Carlson, the Director, resigned, and Joel Mossberg was elected in his place. On April 11th, 1903, a concert was held in Lincoln Turner Hall located on Clark Street, under the direction of Joel Mossberg. This was another big success for the club, and as a result, the Orphei singers were requested to perform at many outings, which were given by the Viking and Svithiod Orders. In 1905, the club took a very active part in a convention which was held in Chicago.

The Orphei Singing Club sponsored many activities which were attended by such prominent and famous people as State's Attorney Harry Olson and Mayor Dunne of Chicago.

On November 29th, 1906, the Orphei Singing Club was destroyed by fire. Clifton Hall, on the corner of Clifton and Belmont, was rented for rehearsals, and a Building Committee was appointed to restore the old clubhouse. An agreement was made with the owner

that a contract be signed, stipulating the payment of \$60 per month for a 5-year period. Work was begun immediately, and on March 19th, 1907 another Grand Opening was held. Concerts and parties were continuously held until 1914. After that the singers began to drop out until only ten or twelve remained.

Very little was heard about the Orphei Singing Club until 1926 when they purchased a new clubhouse at 3541 North Clark Street. It was not until 1932, however, that the Orphei Club took new life. The Nordstjernans Singing Club rented the Orphei hall for their rehearsals. It was also at this time that their beloved leader, Gus Carlson, passed away.

The year 1943 was one of the most outstanding years in the Orphei's history as the Nordstjernans singers joined with the Orphei singers — under the direction of Harold Werme. In 1947, the club elected Sigurd Fredrickson as their director, but he was only able to serve a short time. Arnold Alenius was then elected to serve in his place.

In 1954, the Orphei Singing Club moved into their new, modern and beautiful clubhouse — the clubhouse of today which is located at 1332 Irving Park.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE ORPHEI SINGING CLUB

HILMER LAGERQUIST	Charter Member
*JOHN OLSON	1896
HERMAN HAGG	1897
*AXEL SWANBORG	1903
ERNST W. CARLSON (Sweden)	1924
*ESKIL STEN	1926
*CHAS. RYDELL	1934
MARK MATTSON	1935
PHILIP BRUNELL	1936-1937-1939-1941
FRED BOLLING	1938
AXEL GEWERT	1940
ERIK JOHNSON	1942
ERIC CARLSON	1943
ALGOT LAND	1944
SEXTON BRUCE	1945
CARL JOHNSON	1946
ERIC NELSON	1947
HARRY LUNDIN	1948
HELMER REHNBERG	1949
HUGO ERICKSON	1950
GEORGE JOHNSON	1951
EINAR WICKSTROM	1952
ARVID BENSON	1953
HENRY HOGSTROM	1954
EINAR JOHNSON } ALFRED LINDAHL }	1955
RICHARD KALLSTROM	1956

*Deceased

OFFICERS

President	Olof Bollman
First Vice President.....	Albert Johnson
Second Vice President.....	George Marshall, Jr.
Recording Secretary.....	Gust Linee
Financial Secretary.....	Burton Carlson
Treasurer	Elmer Thybony
Sergeant-at-Arms	Philip Brunell

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EINAR WICKSTROM
JOHN RAGNER
MARK MATTSON
RICHARD KALLSTROM

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CLUB HOURS

CLUB OPEN DAILY (Except Tuesday)
11:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M.
Friday and Saturday until 2:00 A.M.

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Luncheon—12:00 — 3:00 P.M.
Dinner—6:00 — 9:00 P.M.

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SUNDAYS

Herring Breakfast—10:00 A.M. — 1:00 P. M.
Dinner—2:00 — 8:00 P.M.

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Membership Meeting Second Friday of the Month

COMMITTEES

Investigating Committee

John Klingstedt Harold Werme
 Olof Lofgren

House Committee

Albert Johnson, Chairman
Felix Anderson, Secretary
Oscar Roos Sigfrid Bornell
 John Sandquist

Entertainment Committee

George Marshall, Jr., Chairman
Eric A. Anderson John Johnson
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Carl H. Johnson Algot Peterson
George P. Johnson Axel Pihl

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August T. Nelson Walter Oquist
John Klingstedt George Johnson
 Arne Wideen

Legal Committee

David Larson John Nelson
 Phil Gothberg

Insurance Committee

August T. Nelson Russell W. Holmquist
 Axel Pihl

Finance & Budget Committee

Theodore Lindquist Carl Johnson
 Everett Moody

Music Committee

Evert Nordseth, Chairman
Eric Bolinder, Secretary
Walter Oquist Kjell Svedberg
Raymond Helgeson Arnold Alenius
Harold Henning Arne Wideen
 Stig Larson
Clarence Carlson, Sgt.-at-Arms
Allan Pearson, Librarian

CHORUS

Arnold Alenius, Director

First Tenors

Felix Anderson	Charles Johnson
Rolf Bjorling	Arthur Olson
Burton Carlson	Henry Olson
Carl Ernquist	Walter Oquist
Robert Fredrickson	Sven Eric Owen
H. Raymond Helgeson	Helmer Rehnberg
Carl Johnson	Herman Simonsen

Second Tenors

Roy Anderson	Gustav Olson
Harold T. Bergstrom	Alfred Strom
Allan Carlson	Gosta Strom
Eric Ernquist	Gunner Wessman
Carl Gustavson	Einer Wickstrom
Stig Larson	Arne Wideen

First Basses

George Anderson	Gust Linee
Oke Bergeson	Harold Johnson
Eric Clockers	Emil Mellquist
George Hallberg	Otto Nelson
Leonard Helgeson	Hilmer Sandberg
Harold Henning	Arthur Sundquist
Ralph Hogstrom	Kjell Svedberg
Ronald Hogstrom	Harry Thorstenson
Richard Kallstrom	

Second Basses

Eric Bolinder	F. E. Lundeen
Clarence Carlson	Evert Nordseth
Nels Engstrom	Nils Okmark
Gustav Hagg	Alan Pearson
Arthur Hanson	Donald Sley
Henry Hogstrom	C. Gustav Wingquist
Richard Johnston	

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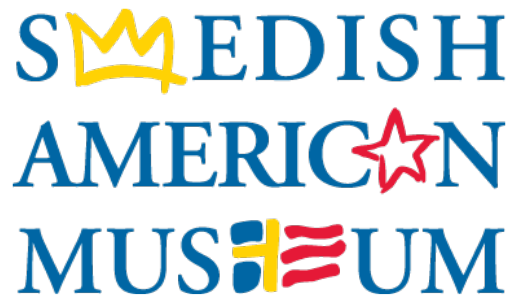
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