

## FORD MOTOR

### COMPANY CHORUS

CD: Liberty, a collection of patriotic songs and Somewhere in Time, music from the movie that starred Christopher Reeve and was filmed on Mackinac Island. Cost: \$15 for Liberty. Proceeds will benefit a fund for families of men and women in the armed forces and reserves. The group's Somewhere in Time CD includes Puttin' on the Ritz, Route 66, Star Spangled Banner in addition to the little song, costs \$10. A CD with the single song Somewhere in Time is available for \$5. Get both Liberty and the Somewhere in Time single for \$18.

Ordering: Call (734) 261-6579 or (248) 661-4257. By mail, send a check made out to Tempo, Org. Inc., along with your name, address, city, state and ZIP code, to Tom Morgan, 11428 Melrose, Livonia, MI 48150. Or go to [www.mtmhcl@aol.com](http://www.mtmhcl@aol.com) on the Internet. Shipping rates are: 1-2 items for \$2, 3-4 items for \$4 and 5 or more items for \$6.

Concert: Hear the Ford Motor Co. Chorus sing holiday music at its annual Christmas concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, corner of Michigan Avenue and Greenfield, Dearborn. Admission is \$10, general seating. Senior citizens and students pay \$8. Children under 6 are admitted free. (313) 943-2350.

## Chorus gives voice to patriotic songs on CD

Ready for a break from Muzak holiday tunes?

The Ford Motor Company Chorus may have just what you need.

"It's called Liberty - a collection of patriotic songs and American standards that guarantee to move you to march, sing or get a little misty-eyed."

"We had it in our files and we sang it last summer for the Canton Liberty Fest. I almost broke down. It just grabs you. Liberty," said chorus member Tom Morgan of Livonia. "This is a perfect (patriotic tribute) to put on the CD player. It's very heart-touching if you are an American and you love your country."

Narration weaves together patriotic songs such as *The Star-Spangled Banner*, *Yankee Doodle*, *You're a Grand Old Flag*, *America*, *The Beautiful and My Country*, *Tis of Thee*. Several military tunes, including *Caissons Go Rolling Along* and *When Johnny Comes Marching Home*, salute the armed forces. The group also sings familiar American folk songs, including *I've Been Working 'On the Railroad* and *O Susanna*.

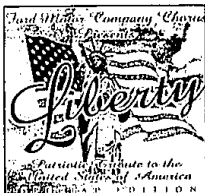
"It's a live concert and you can tell when you listen to it," Morgan described the CD, which was recorded at St. Michael Church, Livonia. "You might even hear a sneeze or cough in the background."

He said the live performance adds excitement to the CD recording and that listeners may feel moved to sing along with the familiar music.

"There's probably no song there that hasn't been heard before," he said.

The Liberty CD also gave students from several high school choirs a chance to record.

"We sent letters out to choral directors across the state, asking for their five best students," Morgan said. "We took kids from



13 high schools and they recorded a song called *50 States in Rhyme*. Students came from as far away as Houghton Lake High and as near as Garden City and Plymouth Salem high schools.

The chorus has toured throughout Michigan, singing songs from the CD, which was released in July. "We recently went to Crosswell, north of Port Huron, where we were asked to do a patriotic concert. We do travel."

The 70-member chorus, made up of Ford employees or their close relatives, also has toured abroad. The group sang a Mass at St. Peter Basilica in Rome five years ago. Other trips took the singers to Germany, France and Austria.

"The chorus actually started out as a recreational group for employees at Ford in the 1940s," Morgan said. "We are like family."

The group releases Monday nights at Ford's world headquarters in Dearborn. Ford employees and their families may join without an audition.

"We also have The Tempos which is an audition group. It's about 20 people and we do a lot harder music than the chorus. We sing at smaller parties."

Listen to the full chorus will sing holiday music at its annual Christmas concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, Dearborn.



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

## 'Wander' on your vacation to find great photography subjects

Every so often when planning your travels, try to include a "wandering" trip. I do them often and they sure pay off with rewarding photographs.

What do I mean by a "wandering" trip? It's one where there is no set itinerary, no set

plans, just getting there and wandering or hanging loose during the journey. Sometimes it's not even knowing where you might be from day to day or where you might be spending the evening. Sound exciting? You bet! And your photo-

graphs will be all the better. Whether it's a local photography trip for a few days or an extended vacation overseas, wandering is an exciting way to go. Often, it's the way of seeing and photographing real people and real places.

On a trip to Hawaii, I decided to wander for a few days. I was on the island of Oahu and wanted to see what out-of-the-way places awaited me and my camera. I had no itinerary, just a few days to roam. I drove all around the island finding many photographic opportunities from sensational coastal shots to lush gardens and interesting tropical vegetation.

One of my favorite stops is shown in the picture here. It's called the Byodoin Temple and is a magical place to photograph. I literally stumbled onto this wealth of picture possibilities. I felt I had suddenly been "beamed" to the Orient. Careful composition and exposure produced one of my most memorable pictures of the trip. You'll be amazed at what you'll encounter on a wandering trip. You'll have a great time and will be proud of your photographs.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch tone phone. His fax number is (248) 644-1313.



Wandering the Island of Oahu rewarded Monte Nagler with this dramatic picture of the Byodoin Temple.

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<p><b>National City presents</b> <b>ANNE MURRAY CHRISTMAS WITH THE DSO</b> Thurs., Dec. 5 at 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Best of the KING'S BAROQUE</b> Thurs., Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. Fri., Dec. 13 at 1:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 14 at 8:30 p.m. Sun., Dec. 15 at 3 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Wendell Lynch presents</b> <b>THE COLORS OF CHRISTMAS</b> Fri., Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. Sat., Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. Sun., Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. Peabo Bryson, Jody Watley, Oleta Adams, Jon Secada</p>	<p><b>POPS</b> <b>JOY! A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION</b> Thurs., Dec. 19 at 1:30 &amp; 8 p.m. Fri., Dec. 20 at 8:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 21 at 8:30 p.m. Sun., Dec. 22 at 3 &amp; 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Q... presents</b> <b>CHRISTMAS WITH THE CANADIAN BRASS</b> Mon., Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. (the DSO does not appear on this concert)</p>	<p><b>The Detroit News</b> <b>YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTS: A HOLIDAY STORY</b> Sat., Dec. 21 at 10 &amp; 11:30 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Q... presents</b> <b>HANDEL'S MESSIAH</b> Fri., Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. Sat., Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>National City presents</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA</b> Tues., Dec. 31 at 9 p.m.</p>

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