

Chronicle of the Chorgemeinschaft Heldenbergen e.V. from October 2008

2008 19.10.: First concert in the KuS-Halle in Heldenbergen with Susanne Riedl. The men's, women's and mixed choirs offered a varied concert under the motto "A journey by notes". Finland was also visited with soloist Anni Komppa. The choir community also sang in Finnish and, for the first time, in African with "Nkosi Sikelel'i Afrika".

2008 18.12.: Advent singing in the Protestant church in Heldenbergen. A donation was requested. An amount of € 570 was handed over to the Protestant church for renovation.

2009 25.09.: At the concert "170 years of choral singing in Heldenbergen", the audience was treated to a mixture of choral music, old pieces from the male choir's repertoire and a few excerpts from musicals. Pro Musica 1848 from Schwalbach a.Ts. also took part in the anniversary concert.

2009 08.11.: Cafe choir concert "Aber bitte mit Sahne" We are a guest choir at Pro Musica in Schwalbach. Men's, women's and mixed choirs contributed to a successful afternoon. The stage was packed when the choir community and Pro Musica sang the title song Oklahoma from the musical "Oklahoma" together.

2010 24.10.: "A choir introduces itself" - under this motto, a concert with coffee and cake was held in the KuS hall. Lively melodies from the student orchestra of Jo Meerholz-Hailer under the direction of Anni Komppa delighted the numerous guests. Lively pieces from the choir community such as "Mit 66 Jahren", "Mein kleiner grüner Kaktus", "Mamma Mia" and other contemporary works contributed to the good mood.

2010 16.12.: Advent singing in the Protestant church in Heldenbergen. Due to heavy snowfall, Mrs. Riedl was unable to attend. Nevertheless, we met in the parish hall for a cozy get-together to enjoy the prepared lard sandwiches and mulled wine. Hilda Dönges and Heinz Schön sang a few Christmas carols with the choir.

2011 02.04.: "10 years of Kus-Heldenbergen - Heldenbergen sings". For the first time, the school choir from the Albert Schweizer School, "Spirit Power" from the Heldenbergen Protestant Church, the church choir from the Heldenbergen Catholic Church and the Heldenbergen choir community all performed on one stage. "Music fills the world", sung by all choirs and the "National Anthem O Heldenbergen" were the highlights of this afternoon.

2011 03.07.: Songs in the park - Pro Musica Schwalbach a.Ts. took part for the first time as a guest choir under the direction of Stefan Riedl. On this afternoon, visitors were given a foretaste of the upcoming concert "Sing Africa, Sing".

2011 15.12.: Advent singing in the Heldenbergen Catholic Church. The Heldenberger Saitenspiel also took part under the direction of Jutta Claar. The net proceeds of € 720 were donated to the Catholic Church for the renovation of the organ.

2012 31.03.: The breakthrough for "Sing Africa, Sing" came at the choir work weekend in the Rhön. This concert was the absolute highlight of the choir community for many singers. Under the direction of Susanne Riedl, the choir community brought Africa to Heldenbergen. The drumming group "Baga Lasebo" (directed by Beatrice Alt), Eva Roßmann (singing), Anni Kompaa (singing and dancing), Andreas Kaufmann (moderation) offered the 500 listeners an unforgettable evening under the patronage of Mayor Gerhard Schultheiß. All the pieces, some accompanied by drums, were sung by the choir from memory in African. The matching choir clothing, great stage decorations and culinary delicacies prepared by the singers added to this fantastic concert.

2012 01.04.: Repeat of the concert in the Schloßkirche Meerholz-Hailer. In place of "Baga Lasebo", "Drum Rum", led by Peter Jäger, took over the part of the drummers. The spark of the music was also transmitted to the audience in the castle church.

2012 17.06.: Songs in the park - following the extremely successful concert on 31.03.2012, this year's event inevitably took place under the motto "A touch of Africa". The African songs, some accompanied by Anni Komppa (vocals), gave the audience goosebumps. Pro Musica, the drum group "Drum Rum" (conducted by Peter Jäger) and the "BON" wind orchestra Nidderau (conducted by Bernd Schneider) also took part this year.

2012 17.11.: The Langenselbold Women's Advisory Council once again organized "Sing Africa, Sing" as a benefit concert for the Hanau Women's Shelter. 700 listeners attended the concert in the Klosterberghalle in Langenselbold. The net proceeds of € 5,710.58 were handed over to the women's shelter on 20.02.2013 by representatives of the Langenselbold Women's Advisory Council and the Heldenbergen Choir Community in Hanau.

2012 20.12.: Advent singing in the Protestant church in Heldenbergen From 2012, Advent singing will be held alternately in the Protestant and Catholic churches in Heldenbergen. The net proceeds will be divided between the two churches. A total of € 200 was handed over to each church.

2013 16.06.: 20 years of Lieder im Park. This popular event in Heldenbergen has been attended by 7,074 listeners since it began in 1994. Participants in this small anniversary were: Heike von Blanckenburg (soprano), "BON" Wind Orchestra Nidderau and Pro Musica Schwalbach a. Ts. Out of gratitude that "Lieder im Park" has been able to take place for 20 years without interruption, the choir community decided to donate 10% of the entrance fee to the flood victims. The guest choir Pro Musica was so enthusiastic about this idea that it joined in. A donation basket was also set up so that a total of € 532.97 could be handed over to the DRK Hanau.

2013 19.12.: Advent singing in the Heldenbergen Catholic Church - the Catholic and Protestant churches in Heldenbergen each received € 250.

2014 29.03.: "175 years of choral singing in Heldenbergen" song contest in the KuS hall. The audience was allowed to choose the winner. The choir community had once again prepared thoroughly for this concert during a choir weekend. Melodies from 14 countries were sung, some in the respective national language. The equal winners of the evening, announced by presenter Andreas Kaufmann, were "Ein bisschen Frieden" (Germany) and "Rakaus on lumivalkoinen" (Finland). This title was sung by the choir and a solo part by Anni Komppa in the national language. Solo parts by Susanne Riedl, Anni Komppa and Eva Riedl, who kept changing their clothes to represent the respective country, were an additional splash of color in the colorful program. The choir for "Les Miserables" (France) also adapted their clothing to the piece. The pieces were musically supported by Stefan Riedl (piano), Harry Wenz (bass) and Peter Jäger (drums).

2014 01.01.-31.12.: This year was also marked by "1175 years of Heldenbergen". The choir took part in the opening ceremony, the play "Storming the Customs House" and the ecumenical church service in the marquee on Kerbsontag.

2014 25.10.: Birthday celebration "175 years of choral singing in Heldenbergen". "I have never seen an association that has been 175 years old", said Hugo Klein, member of the state parliament and honorary district councillor. Mayor Gerhard Schultheiß also praised the jubilarian, who thrilled people with the unique concert "Sing Africa, Sing" in 2012. Further words of greeting were spoken by Erich Lauer (head of the village), Pastor Markus Heider, Reiner Uhl (Chairman of the Association Ring) and Michael Neigert (President of the Hessian Choir Association). The keynote speech by Bernd Reuter (choir member and former Nidderau town councillor) was accompanied by appropriate choral pieces from the choir community.

2014 18.12.: Advent singing in the Ev. Brückengemeinde Heldenbergen. 150 each were donated to the Protestant and Catholic churches.

2015 30.05.: Benefit concert "Sing Hallelujah" in the multi-purpose hall in Erbstadt for the preservation of the community centers in Eichen and Erbstadt. The choral community contributed to the success of the evening with 4 choral pieces (Nkosi Sikelel'i Africa (African), Un poquito Cantas, Cantaré, cantarás (Spanish) and Loch Lomond.

2015 17.12.: Advent singing at the Heldenbergen Catholic Church. Due to the illness of Susanne Riedl, the choir was under the direction of Dorothea Grebe. The choir was accompanied by guitar and drums for various pieces. Solo singing by Dr. Christiane Reuter and a small choir group came into their own in the great acoustics. The final rendition of "O du Fröhliche" with trumpet accompaniment and support from the audience created a Christmas atmosphere and filled donation baskets. The Heldenbergen Catholic Church and the Heldenbergen Protestant parish each received € 225. Both decided to donate the amount to the food bank of the Ev. Brückengemeinde.