

Northlake Performing Arts Society opens 31st season



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Music Director Kenya Lawrence Jackson leads the Northlake Performing Arts Society singers in concert.

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Get ready for the first touch of ghoul and goblin season in St. Tammany when the Northlake Performing Arts Society singers present a pair of annual fall concerts, “Double, Double, Toil & Trouble,” in Covington.

The NPAS, opening its 31st season as the northshore’s 70-member strong community choir, will sing a collection of music that sets the stage for dark nights, full moons, and witches flying about on their broomsticks.

Some of the music may be new to the audience; other pieces, such as Michael Jackson’s “Thriller,” will be so instantly recognizable that listeners are moved to sing along.

The pair of shows will be presented twice — double double, remember? — one on the evening of Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and its companion concert, a Sunday matinee performance on Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. Both will take place at Covington High School, 73030 Lion Drive, which shares its stage with the community choir.

NPAS members are singers who volunteer their time to rehearse and perform. They come from all walks of life and are a mix of amateurs and professionals brought together by their communal joy of singing. Most are residents of St. Tammany Parish.

The choir is directed by Kenya Lawrence Jackson, the director of music and worship at St. Timothy United Methodist Church in Mandeville. Among her many other musical activities, Jackson is principal soprano with Opera Creole,

a New Orleans-based opera company. She was also the 2021 recipient of the St. Tammany President’s Performing Arts Award.

The group’s accompanist is Elizabeth Messina Floyd, music teacher at Fontainebleau High School. She is the pianist for St. Timothy’s and a participant in multiple other music ventures.

Tickets for the concert is \$15 for ages 13 and above.

Get tickets online at NPASSingers.org, or purchase them at either Downtown Drugs in Covington or C&C Drugs in Mandeville.