

In Memory of our Bass Brother Marcus Smith

Dear Basses,

I just had a call from Brian. Marcus Smith, a second bass who has been with us for 4-5 years, died in a car accident while travelling in California. Brian will be sending out an email with some more information.

Newer basses may not have gotten a chance yet to really get to know Marcus. I sang next to him the first 3-4 years he was with us and was privileged to get to know him somewhat. He was quintessentially English, obviously very smart, and also very personable, warm and caring with a hearty laugh and a very down to earth self-perception. He knew his singing skills were not at their peak, but he felt honored to sing in the Chorale and I believe it was one of the most enjoyable things he did and he really looked forward to our rehearsals and concerts. I will miss him greatly, and for those who got to know him, he will be sorely missed!!

In Grief,

John Wollan

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This makes me incredibly sad, and thankful all the more for my friendships at the CCC.

Jay Regan

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Thank you, John, Brian, and Pete, for passing on this sad news. And thank you, Jay, for adding your grace note. Marcus was one of those unfailingly warm and charming people I looked forward to seeing at every rehearsal, one of many who make me, too, thankful for our family of dear friends. I'll miss him, as I know we all will.

John Chamberlin

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John, thanks. Wow. Unbelievable. Marcus was awesome- with an understated wit that I'll really miss.

Chris Stille

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Marcus was a terrific guy. Always a pleasure to see and to engage with. It was a shock to get the news and I still can't quite believe it. Marcus will be missed.

Kent Hugill

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Marcus came into my world in a very unobtrusive way. One evening he just appeared next to me in the bass section. His proper British accent caught my ear. He was humble, had a dry wit and was always looking for the humor in life. He always told me he was listening to me to "catch the right note" as he said, but I suspect he got the right notes without any help from me. He had a twinkle in his eye and a ready smile.

I will miss him-he was good guy and a true English gentleman

Robert E Larson

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I met Marcus just over a year and a half ago. What a pleasure to be around. Always made me feel comfortable with a good chuckle. I agree with you all. He will be missed.

Perhaps we could dedicate our singing of Danny Boy to him. Somehow it seems fitting.

Brian Frevert

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Say it ain't so, John 😊

It was a privilege singing next to Marcus, and jibber jabbering with him on life, work and travel. He was hoary with wisdom, nonjudgmental in spirit, even suffering through my bitching re. Brian. I recall that his favourite memories included gatecrashing England's games during the 1966 World Cup, performing in the Royal Albert Hall and yes, he truly loved singing with our humble CCC.

God's healing be with his beloved Patty; Rest In Peace, dear Marcus.

Chin Tan

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Marcus was a gentle man, a gentle soul. Easy to know and talk to about most subjects. We even talked a lot about golf - don't know if he actually played but we could talk about it. I know he enjoyed singing and especially the chorale friends he made over the years. It was too little of a time he was with us and he leaves an emptiness in our hearts. But he would have us remember him as we all knew him in our own special way. I will not forget you Marcus.

Rich Krening

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Marcus loved the Chorale, was ever supportive of everyone in the choir, especially the basses. He had a kind spirit and always nice words for everyone that sat close. A real gentleman and a friend. We love you and will miss you. I will miss you so much Marcus.

Ron Lester

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On a spur of the moment, I tuned into God In Disguise by the Swedish Radio Choir and choked up as Marcus came to mind— and oh, but for a moment, you were there and such a blessing to all you touched with that smile.

Dave Stover

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Marcus will be missed. His Presence. His Voice. His wit. His sense of wonderment and entertainment at how we Americans vocalized our language and our thoughts about life. What a wonderful guy! Thank you for the gift you have been to us.

Dan Kullas

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