



## John Scott Moir

April 28, 1955 - December 15, 2024

John-Scott Moir [basso] was the Director of Choirs and Voice at Bluefield College (M.Mus. Eastman, DMA, Shenandoah). Dr. Moir had always been both a vocal Soloist and Choral Director. He had long worked in Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, and Episcopal settings as Cantor and Choir Director over the course of his career.

Before coming to Virginia, Dr. Moir formed and was Founding Artistic Director for a decade with the Twin Cities semi-professional chorus, CORO! – a ‘stand-alone opera chorus’ whose varied and innovative programs (all in original languages) spanned the gamut. CORO! joined forces on a number of occasions performing with the Minnesota Sinfonia and Dakota Valley Symphony. CO, and joined with the MacPhail Center for the Arts’

Prior to moving to Virginia, Dr. Moir began his career as a solo singer in Southern California. For fifteen seasons, he sang with the San Diego Opera as chorister and comprimario in over 60 productions; and was a member of the San Diego Opera Center under Tito Capobianco. John sang with such stars as Beverly Sills, Joan Sutherland, Sherrill Milnes, and Aprile Millo.

John was also a soloist for seven years with San Diego’s Temple Beth Israel synagogue, and became a founding member of the San Diego Gilbert and Sullivan Society (SDG&S - later ‘San Diego Comic Opera’) doing lead roles

and acting as occasional Chorus Master.

While living in Minneapolis, John appeared as a soloist with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Dakota Valley Symphony, Minnesota Center Chorale, Lyra Consort, Opera Pacific, Pacific Chamber Opera, Santa Barbara Civic Opera, Akron Opera, and as a Guest Artist with Opera Lucca (Italy).

John also sang with: Roger Wagner Chorale, Eastman Chorale, San Diego Master Chorale, Minnesota Orchestra, St. Kate's Oratorio Society, Opera 101, Anoka Opera, and numerous community theaters, (as King Arthur/Camelot; R.F. Simpson/Singing in the Rain; and Henry Higgins/My Fair Lady).

Dr. Moir began to focus his energies as a Choral Director soon after obtaining his Master's degree. His pedagogical background, love of music, and gift for encouraging chorus members to 'sing as an ensemble of soloists' has enabled him to obtain a 'full, free sound' from choruses, across the country.

Dr. Moir is survived by his wife Sandy, son Brendan and daughter Diana, all of whom are musicians.

His memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 200 Duhring Street, Bluefield, WV 24701.

# Cemetery Details

## Christ Episcopal Church Columbarium

Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church  
200 Duhring St  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Dr. Moir was my choir teacher my 7th grade year. He was an amazing teacher and always made sure we were having fun. He was a good-hearted person. My prayers and condolences go out to his family.

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**Jada Rolan** - April 29, 2025 at 10:44 AM

CC

“ I remember having him in my choir class; he was a good person, and I will miss him very much. I am very sorry to the family of such a kind-hearted man.

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**Caden Christian** - April 28, 2025 at 02:18 PM

CS

“ I am so saddened to hear and read of John's passing! I have fun memories of him playing Captain Von Trapp with me as Elsa in Sound of Music with Eden Prairie Players in 2001 and then meeting the rest of you and his family and staying in touch all these years. Sending many blessings, virtual hugs and prayers to all of you!  
Cindy Soeldner

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**Cindy Soeldner** - March 15, 2025 at 09:43 PM

RF

“ I had the good fortune to be John's friend back in the '80s. We did SDO and G&S together (as well as other friends). And fun times post-performances at the Corvette Diner. He was witty about life and serious about Music. I'm so glad to see his lifetime of achievement. I know he will be remembered by many people. God Bless and Keep you John.

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**Rankin Fisher** - March 02, 2025 at 06:30 AM

JC

“ Goodbye, Dr. Moir. You were the best choir teacher I ever had. I'll miss you  
-JCT

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**Jesse CT** - February 27, 2025 at 02:55 PM

JH

“ Jim H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Scott Moir.

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**Jim H.** - February 23, 2025 at 08:12 PM

JH

“ We may not have agreed on a lot, but Dr. Moir taught me a lot about my voice and had shown me what it's like to stand by what you believe and sing. Prayers to the Moir family during this time.

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**James Harris** - February 14, 2025 at 02:23 PM

CA

“ John studied voice with me at Shenandoah Conservatory of Music. He had a beautiful voice which he used really well. His musicality was natural and his spirit shown through his performances and his life. I send my heartfelt sympathy to his family knowing that they will hold John dearly in their hearts forever.  
Sincerely,  
Charlotte Nelson Aiosa

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**Charlotte Aiosa** - February 11, 2025 at 07:08 PM

AS

“ Dear Sandy, Brendan and Diana,  
Jim and I send our love to you three. We pray that your broken hearts will be eased with time....and the love which always remains, will strengthen you in the days to come.  
Blessings,  
Alexa

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**Alexa Schlimmer** - December 30, 2024 at 09:30 PM

VL

“ John was a terrific colleague and friend. Prayers to Sandy and the family.

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**Vince Lewis** - December 30, 2024 at 08:59 PM