



Near Columbus!

## Cantor Express • Marengo, Ohio

The weekend has something to offer cantors at all levels: beginner, advanced, and professional. Most cantors are proficient in some areas but need to develop in others. Some participants are discerning whether this ministry is right for them and come simply to explore. This institute offers you an opportunity to assess areas for growth, begin to fill in gaps, and lay the groundwork for a firmer foundation for your ministry. The weekend includes interactive lectures, discussion, reflection, skill building (group voice classes, interpretation, and coaching), and repertoire that best reflects the core identity of the cantor. At some points in the weekend, you will have the opportunity to choose sessions according to your own needs. Meals include Friday dinner to Sunday lunch.

Come with an open mind and reasonable expectations. If you don't already read music, we can teach you the basics. If you've had vocal training and need help with interpretive skills, we can offer some useful tools. If



you have limited knowledge of Scripture, liturgy, and the psalms, we can help your development. We can't offer you complete training in a single weekend, but we can share the riches of our liturgical heritage, provide useful tools for your ministry, and lead you to additional resources. Registration begins Friday at 3:00 PM, and the institute sessions begin at 4:00 PM. The program ends on Sunday at 4:00 PM.

### Faculty



**Joe Simmons**

Cantor, clinician, spiritual formation leader, and solo recording artist based in New York City.



**Mary Clare McAlee**

Cantor, Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, New Jersey; frequent oratorio soloist; apprentice artist, Pittsburgh Opera at Duquesne and the Sarasota Opera; Westminster Choir College graduate; clinician and private instructor.

### Dates and Location

**July 30–August 1 • Cantor Express, Marengo (Columbus), Ohio**

HEARTLAND CONFERENCE RETREAT CENTER

Nestled in the midst of more than 350 scenic acres, the Heartland Conference Retreat Center is located just off I-71, thirty-five minutes north of Columbus, Ohio, within a three-hour drive of most major Ohio metropolitan areas, and easily accessed by interstate highway. Phone: (740) 747-0220. Bedrooms are double occupancy, some with shared bath and some with private bath in air-conditioned residence halls; limited single occupancy available for \$50 supplement. Early arrival on July 29, based on availability, for \$50 supplement. Website: [www.heartlandretreat.com](http://www.heartlandretreat.com).

### Register Online

<http://www.npm.org/EducationEvents/institutes/index.html>

Phone (240) 247-3000 and ask for a complete brochure or for additional information.

Advance registration deadline: May 18.

Commuter: \$300. Resident: \$380 (includes housing). After the deadline, add \$50. Tuition includes group sessions, individual coaching, materials, and all meals (Friday supper through Sunday lunch) during the course of your institute. Cantors who are individual NPM members or who come from parishes and institutions with an NPM parish membership can register at this discounted rate. If you (or your parish) is not yet an NPM member, the additional required \$64 fee will also entitle you to a one-year individual NPM membership.