

2010 Ohio Heritage Showcase
Presented by Cityfolk and the Ohio Arts Council

July 31, 2010: Schedule

- 4:30 pm Antioch Chorale Singers (Gospel)
5:30 pm Harmonia (Gypsy music from Eastern Europe)
6:30 pm Rick Good & Friends (Old-time and Bluegrass music) and
presentation of Ohio Heritage Fellowship to Rick Good
7:30 pm Antioch Chorale Singers (Gospel)
8:15 pm Harmonia (Gypsy music from Eastern Europe)

Musical Groups

The Antioch Chorale Singers

The Antioch Chorale Singers have been in existence for nearly 70 years, performing regularly at the historic Antioch Baptist Church in Cleveland. The choir is a beacon of sacred music with a wide-ranging repertoire that includes traditional spiritual hymns and contemporary gospel music. The Antioch Chorale's ministry encompasses Sunday morning worship, visits to other church services in the Cleveland area, and music for special days and holidays throughout the year.

Last year, the Chorale participated in the *Rock My Soul* induction celebration, sponsored by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and held at the Allen Theater at Playhouse Square. The evening of music recognized rock and roll's gospel roots. The Chorale appeared with Richard Smallwood and the incomparable Shirley Caesar.

The Antioch Chorale Singers appear regularly on television throughout greater Cleveland. Other notable past performances include numerous Duke Ellington 100th anniversary celebrations, a Cleveland Play House guest appearance, a special performance at the Cleveland Western Reserve Historical Society Museum and participation in gospel music festivals in Sweden and Israel.

Harmonia

Harmonia specializes in the traditional folk music of Eastern Europe, from the Danube to the Carpathians. The group's repertoire reflects the cultures found in this region, including: Hungarian, Slovak, Ukrainian, Romanian, Croatian and Gypsy. Performing on authentic folk instruments, and styled after turn-of-the-century Eastern

European Gypsy bands, Harmonia's music is drawn from both the urban and rural traditions of Eastern Europe.

The ensemble's performances evoke the full range of human emotions, interspersing fiery, passionate virtuosity with soulful melancholy and nostalgic yearning. They have been called "obscenely talented" by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington D.C. and "a musical gem" by National Public Radio.

Rick Good & Friends

Rick Good is the 2010 recipient of the Ohio Heritage Fellowship award. He will be making a special guest appearance at the Ohio State Fair, where he will perform with a band made up of friends and longtime collaborators from the world of bluegrass and old-time music.

Since 1987, Rick Good has been composing, arranging and leading the band for Dayton-based Rhythm in Shoes, an internationally recognized dance troupe. He was a founding member of the old-time string band Hotmud Family, and he worked for several years as a full-time actor with Mad River Theater Works of Ohio.

In addition to his work with Rhythm in Shoes, Rick was the musical director for the Dayton Stories Project, celebrating the city's bicentennial in 1996. In 1997, Good released Nova Town, his first recorded collection of original songs. Three years later, he turned Nova Town into a theatrical production for Rhythm in Shoes. In 2003, Rick helped create the wildly successful Doctor Goodfellow's Traveling Vaudeville for Dayton's Centennial of Flight Celebration.

Since the creation of Rambleshoe, a collaboration between the Red Clay Ramblers and Rhythm in Shoes, Rick has been playing his banjo and moonlighting with that popular North Carolina band. He is also the recipient of meet-the-composer grants from both the New York Council on the Arts and Arts Midwest.

Ohio Heritage Award

To honor and preserve Ohio's diverse cultural heritage, the Ohio Arts Council awards Ohio Heritage Fellowships to individuals whose work in the folk and traditional arts has a significant impact on the people and communities of the state. These annual fellowships are intended to recognize the recipient's artistic excellence and support his or her

continuing contributions to Ohio's heritage. In 2010, the Ohio Heritage Fellowship will be awarded to Rick Good of Dayton.

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