



Started in 1946 by Dr. Eva B. Dykes as a female choir, the Aeolians of Oakwood University has weathered the storm, the ups and the downs, and today stands to celebrate 70 years of existence. What a Platinum Jubilee this is. To God be the Glory!!!

Traveling extensively since its inception, the choir has been spiritually led by 14 directors, and today it stands under the baton of Maestro Dr. Jason Max Ferdinand. In his 9<sup>th</sup> Season as Director of Choral Activities at Oakwood University which celebrates 120 years of existence, Dr. Ferdinand, a former Aeolian himself embraces the motto, "Enter to Learn: Depart to Serve."

In everything that the Aeolians do today, service is first. Whether it be sharing in worship during rehearsal, or ministering at church; whether it be competing in a world class competition or embracing little children on the mission field, the Aeolians are there to answer the call and to, "Do the will of my Father who sent me!" Many lives have been touched all over the world by what this choir has done for the last 70 yrs. To God be the Glory!!!

As we celebrate this Platinum Jubilee, the Music Department will have events leading up to the Aeolians' penultimate celebration at 2017 Annual Homecoming Concert. You will not want to miss the Event of Events. Make plans now to be there!

We want to give you the opportunity to be a part of the celebration. Our commemorative booklet will chronicle the years, the directors, and the different eras. We know that you would like to send your congratulatory message to Aeolians, to your director, and to your era. We would love to see your message in this Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Booklet. Won't you be a part of history and let us celebrate together? You can do so by filling out and returning an Ad Form and sending in your message. We look forward to receiving it. Many of you follow us on social media. Thank you for supporting us on social media. You will also be able to access an electronic version of the Ad Form there.

We thank you all for your continued support. Your prayers mean a lot to us. Continue to pray that we remain humble and allow the Lord to use us in His service.

Yours Faithfully

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