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### Music and ministry of Paul Magill recognized



Left to right: Doug Magill, Peggy Magill, Paul Magill, David Magill Lois and Robert Fenwick

Former longtime Oakwood resident Paul Magill was honored for his significant impact on music throughout our community. Paul became the first music faculty member of Wright State University, opening the department in 1964. During his 24-year tenure at WSU, he was Chair of Choral Music and founded the WSU Chorus, the University Chamber Singers, and the Men's Chorus. He also conducted musicals presented by the WSU Theatre Department. During his career, he directed several community choruses, including the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra Chorus, the Dayton Opera Chorus, the Dayton Rotary Boys Choir and the Miami Valley Nurses Chorus.

A former tenor soloist at Grace United Methodist Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church,

Paul was Director of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oakwood for 22 years. During those years, in addition to the regular Sunday services, he directed the Chancel Choir in performances of many major works with soloists and orchestra. Highlights of his career include conducting the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra in the premiere of Dave Brubeck's "Light in the Wilderness" with Brubeck at the piano, and a performance of Brahms' A German Requiem with soprano Kathleen Battle, baritone Andrew White, the Area Episcopal Festival Chorus and members of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra at St. Paul's Church.

Anyone who sang under Paul Magill can attest to his high standards and expectations. "Paul set the bar high and got the most he

could from his musicians. It was a pleasure to sing for Paul Magill," said Charis Gridley, a 46-year member of St. Paul's choir.

Friends and musicians from the area gathered at a reception at the home of Richard and Diane DeWall to raise money for the Paul Magill Choral Scholarship through the Dayton Foundation. A music student at Wright State University will audition for a position as section leader in the St. Paul's choir and \$2,000 will be put toward their tuition.

Anyone interested in contributing to this fund, should make their tax deductible checks out to the Dayton Foundation and write Paul Magill Fund in the 'memo' line. Mail your check to Diane Timmons at the Dayton Foundation, 500 Kettering Tower, Dayton, Ohio 45423.

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