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Members of the Oakes African-American Cultural Center Community Choir are busy preparing for its annual Christmas Cantata.

Rehearsals have been underway for the fifth annual cantata, scheduled for Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Triangle Cultural Center.

All proceeds go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Oakes African-American Cultural Center Museum.

The cantata will feature performers from area churches. This year's program is under the direction of Rev. Steve Dennis and Joe Henry Smith.

Last year's audience was again treated to a beautiful medley of Christmas carols provided by choir members from local churches. This year's cantata, Behold Emmanuel: Love is With Us, is shaping up to be even more entertaining that the previous four musical events.

Thanks to the efforts of the Oakes Advisory Committee, this year's Christmas musical event at the Triangle promises to bring in a larger audience than that of the four previous years. Several former Yazooans travel from Jackson and other surrounding areas to participate in the event. They look forward to making the trip to Yazoo City and lending their voices to the chorus in an effort to entertain and raise funds for the Oakes House.

Tickets for the Cantata are $4 and may be purchased at the door or from members of the Yazoo County Fair and Civic League Inc. Warm apple cider along with other light refreshments will be served following the program.

For more information, call Rev. Rachel Pitts, Joe Henry Smith or the Yazoo County Fair and Civic League office at 746-7984.