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Renee Willis directs the Metro Choir in a Fourth of July tribute. Photos by Jennie Harris.



### Metro Choir 'Star Spangles' the Gateway Building

By JENNIE HARRIS

(July 5, 2007) Members of Metro Choir sang their hearts out in honor of America's birthday on Tuesday.

"America the Beautiful," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "The Star Spangled Banner" filled the plaza at Gateway.

The Choir consists of 31 employees from all over the agency. When an event is scheduled, they get together during their lunch hour once a week for four weeks in a row.

"It's a labor of love," said Choir Director Renee Willis.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to get together with a great group of people who are passionate about



Metro Choir begins patriotic concert with a musical descent to the Gateway lobby, where the group performed in celebration of the Fourth of July.

their jobs, and also have the passion of singing, too," she said.

"We like to give back to the community in song, and it makes for a better spirit here at MTA," said Willis. "Everyone is uplifted when they hear us sing, and we're being uplifted as we sing, so it's a double blessing."

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