

Eugene Vocal Arts Ensemble
American Choral Directors Association - Northwest Conference Performance

The Eugene Vocal Arts Ensemble is scheduled to perform Saturday morning, March 13 at the performance venue named Town Hall, 1119 Eighth Ave., at Seneca Street, in downtown Seattle. Use the entrance on Seneca Street between 7th and 8th Avenue. Our performance is at 12:00 noon to 12:25 p.m. Arrival and warmup time is 7:00 a.m. and onstage rehearsal is from 8:00 a.m. to 8:25. All groups are scheduled from arrival area to warmup room to holding area to stage. Please do not be late, as you may miss us in the process. In between the onstage rehearsal and the performance, we will arrange for continued rehearsal at a location TBA, possibly at the conference hotel. Prior to our performance, we meet at 11:00 a.m. at the arrival area and then again go through the chain of areas, from warmup room to holding area to the stage. It would be good to bring nourishment to keep your energy up between the early morning warmup and the 11:00 a.m. pre-concert warmup.

Family and friends may attend your performance. Tickets for a single concert session are \$5, available either at the conference hotel or at the Town Hall.

The conference hotel is the Seattle Sheraton, 1400 6th Avenue, where the interest sessions and exhibits are located. It is a couple of blocks from the Town Hall. The ACDA-NW conference rate at the Sheraton is \$169 (1-800-325-3535). Other nearby hotels may have lower rates.

Further information about when and where to change to concert dress will follow. There is no place for garment bags or valuables at the performance hall. A few coat racks will be provided for coats only. Restrooms are very limited in the holding area prior to stage access.

Participants are issued a "Performer Badge" which gives you access to concert and interest sessions and the exhibits on the day of your performance. Because your performance is on the last day of the conference and you would be unable to take advantage of this opportunity, the conference organizers have agreed to give you "Performer Badges" on Friday, March 12, giving you access to the full conference for the full day Friday, except for the "Grammy Night" concert.

The featured concert on Friday night, March 12, is called "Grammy Night" and showcases performances by the Phoenix Chorale, conducted by Charles Bruffy, and the Soweto Gospel Choir. These are both outstanding ensembles. The concert takes place at 8:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, which is across the street from the Town Hall. Tickets for this concert are \$25 for conference participants.

The Honor Choir concerts, featuring selected youth from all over the Northwest, are Saturday, following our performance, at the First Presbyterian Church. Children and Youth Honor Choir Concert is 1:30 - 3:00 and Young Men and Young Women Honor Choir Concert is 3:30 - 5:00.

In the week before our performance, Diane will ask for information regarding your travel plans, accommodation plans and contact numbers. Please make your arrangements now.

Information about the Northwest ACDA conference can be found at www.nwacda.org. Looking forward to a rewarding experience! Thank you for your commitment!