

Eugene Concert Choir / Eugene Vocal Arts 2018-2019

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The Practice Corner

EVA: An die Sterne, *Schubert Mass in A-flat* “Kyrie,” “Sanctus,” and “Agnus Dei.”

ECC: Concentrate on your Gala music.

Highlights & Harmony Gala this Friday! Valley River Inn, Willamette Ballroom

When do you need to be there? (Volunteers will be filled in for each job.)

Choir participation is summarized as follows:

ECC and EVA rehearsal 3:45 – 4:45 pm.

ECC performs three times:

- 1) 7:00 pm start of program – “Seventy-six Trombones.”
- 2) Following the live auction there is a Highlights Video during which you will be lined up in the hall ready to walk up onto the risers. Be ready and assembled as we watch the video, approx. 7:30. The video is around 4 minutes long. Then we sing “One Day More.”
- 3) Closing of the event thank you at approximately 8:00 pm we sing “Celebration.”

EVA performs once, just following the “Gifts for the Soul” appeal, approximately 7:50 pm. We sing “Thus Spake Zarathustra” along with the announcement of the Raffle winners, and then “The Peace of Wild Things.”

Posters for EVA Fall Concert

Soon after our Gala fundraiser, Eugene Vocal Arts has their season-opening concert. We have to look ahead and begin promotion of the concert. Those posters are available for everyone to put up in places of good visibility. And if you are willing to put up 20 posters, you earn a comp ticket to the performance. Designated poster districts are already identified.

Please help us out by signing up for a designated region.

Bach’s Peasant Cantata

The Emerald Chamber Orchestra, led by harpsichordist Richard Guy, will perform Bach’s *Peasant Cantata*, featuring Phoebe Gildea, Soprano and Trevor Cook, Bass. The work will be performed in Bach’s original instrumentation, with harpsichord, strings and flute. Also on the program will be Bach’s *Second Orchestral Suite*. Location is the Christian Science Auditorium, 14th & Pearl, on Sunday, October 21, 3 p.m. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information, call 541-510-1372.

A Note From Your Choir Member Liaison

It is my honor to represent you all on the board of the Eugene Concert Choir organization. As most of you know, the board meets monthly where we review our financial position, artistic and executive goals and plan ahead for our future, artistically and financially. To this end, the board met at vice president Sally McCoy’s lovely home for a day-long retreat in September. We will be working on a new 5-year strategic plan as the year progresses. Look for updates as they are finalized.

Artistic Director, Diane Retallack, is very pleased with the generosity of time and talent represented by all the singers and instrumentalists in the Eugene Concert Choir, Eugene Vocal Arts and Eugene Concert Orchestra. The most important item for action this week is the major fundraising event of our year, *Highlights & Harmony*, on October 12. It is essential that enough tickets are sold so that a good sized audience attends to have fun bidding and donating to our season.

Ticket sales could be better and it is the board’s hope that every choir member reaches out to friends, workmates and family this week to promote this fun event. The board has purchased one of the premium raffle prizes - Bose Noise-canceling Headphones. There are lots of other fun silent and live auction items too.

Spread the word, get lots of folks there. Let’s really celebrate, eat well, enjoy making music together and raise money to do it with!

—Jennifer McConochie, Choir Member Liaison

Choir E-mail Communication Problems

Several choir members have indicated that they are not receiving group e-mails from the choir office. In some, but not all, cases this was because the list(s) had not yet been updated to add new names. However, some of those names were already on the list, in which case the problem does not seem to stem from the choir’s end.

It has been suggested that Gmail is very aggressive about marking emails as spam, and users need to opt in to receiving such emails by toggling the email as Not Spam, or it will quietly rest in the spam folder and remain unread.

If you suspect future problems, please contact the choir office to see if we can figure this out together.

—Angela (541-687-6865)

Black Folders are Here

We ordered extras, so if you would like to purchase a black folder, they are \$28 due to Eugene Concert Choir, available at rehearsal and at the Choir Office.

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