

# Eugene Concert Choir / Eugene Vocal Arts 2018-2019

## Newsletter • January 7 & 8, 2019

Dear Singers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday break. We have so much amazing music to perform in this half of the season. I am looking forward to our unified voices in beautiful harmony, and together, our little corner of the world will be a better place for it.

Sincerely,  
Diane

### Welcome New Members

We are happy to welcome three new members as we start the New Year:

**ECC:** Julie DiBiase (S-1), Camila Morales Fenero (A-1)

**EVA:** Aly Counsell (S-1)

### 2019-2020 Season Dates

Looking ahead to next year and talking over possible vacations or other plans? Here are the dates for our 2019-2020 season. Committed choir members are expected to plan around our performance dates.

**EVA Fall Chamber Concert** – Fri., Nov. 8, 2019 at 7:30 pm; Beall Concert Hall

Rehearsals: Wed and Thurs., Nov. 6 & 7; 7–10 pm

**Highlights & Harmony Gala** – Fri., Oct. 25, 2019 Valley River Inn

**Holiday Concert** – Sun., Dec. 15, 2019 at 2:30 pm; Silva Concert Hall, Hult Center

Rehearsals: Fri., Dec. 13, 7–10 pm; and Sat., Dec. 14, 2–5 pm

**Midseason Classical Masterwork** – Sun., Feb. 23, 2020; Silva Hall, Hult Center

Rehearsals: Fri., Feb. 21, 7–10 pm; and Sat., Feb. 22, 2–5 pm

**EVA Spring Concert** – Fri., Apr. 3, 2020 at 7:30 pm; Beall Concert Hall

Rehearsal: Thurs., Apr. 2, 7–10 pm

**ECC Spring Concert** – Sat., May 2, 2020 at 7:30 pm; Silva Concert Hall, Hult Center

**Kids Concert** – Sat., May 2, morning rehearsal 9:30–10:30 am and concert 11 am – noon

Rehearsals: Thurs., Apr. 30. and Fri., May 1, 7–10 pm

### ECC/EVA Ticket Sales Stats

#### Program Tickets Sold to Date:

EVA - Schubert *Mass in A-flat*: 206

ECC/EVA - A Dickens of a Christmas: 1457

ECC - Faure *Requiem*: 330

EVA - The Peace of Wild Things: 46

ECC - American Style for Kids: 7

ECC - American Style: 136

### Re-evaluations

From Diane: It has been several years since I have done re-evaluations. To explain to members who haven't experienced re-evaluations, it is a time for me to hear individual voices and assess how well you are learning your parts and keeping up vocally. I choose a passage of music from the repertoire of the season for members to prepare and for me to hear you sing in a private session.

I am giving you a very advance notice of how I will be reinstating re-evaluations in the coming years. You have some time. I will not do re-evaluations this season or next season. Rather, I will start them up again in the 2020-2021 season.

There is an easy way to avoid ever having to do re-evaluations. Simply – sing in the full concert season.

As I have encouraged at the start of this season, your membership in the Eugene Concert Choir or Eugene Vocal Arts is a full season membership. This is not an organization in which you drop in for a concert that interests you and then step out when the repertoire is not your cup of tea. We support each other, rely on each other, and are responsible to each other as singers and to our audience as professional-quality ensembles they can trust.

I am giving you all this advance notice of the dates of our 2019-2020 season so you can make them a priority. If you perform in each of the concerts of the full season in ECC or EVA, then you get a pass on re-evaluations. I will do re-evaluations in the 2020-2021 season with only the singers who have missed a performance of the previous season.

### Orchestra Notes

The Delgani String Quartet was formed in 2014 with a mission to cultivate an appreciation for chamber music. The quartet performs in Portland, Salem, and Eugene, and also appears as guest artists throughout the state. All four members perform in Eugene Concert Orchestra.

Delgani's second season subscription concert, titled *Musical Icons*, is next Sunday, Jan. 13 at 3 pm and Tuesday, January 15 at 7:30 pm at Temple Beth Israel (1175 E 29th Ave in Eugene). Delgani will be joined by Tom Stone, founding violinist of the internationally-acclaimed Cypress String Quartet and the concert will feature celebrated quartets by iconic composers—Haydn, Shostakovich, and Beethoven.

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