

Eugene Concert Choir / Eugene Vocal Arts 2018-2019

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The Practice Corner

EVA: Look at our new piece, “Abide” by Dan Forrest. Also, work on your own personal problem spots.

ECC: Go on YouTube and listen to “If You Fall I Will Carry You” by Efsio Cross and learn the new sheet music for that. This is the opening of the Fauré concert. Work on your own problem spots in the rest of the concert, which will follow in program order: Vaughan Williams *Serenade to Music*, Paul McCartney “Celebration” from *Standing Stone*, intermission, then the Fauré *Requiem*.

Eugene Vocal Arts Date Changes for Next Season

As I have been planning programs and repertoire for next season, I would like to change which Silva Concert Hall concert EVA performs in, from holiday to spring.

For several years, EVA has joined ECC in the holiday concert production. For 2019-2020, the repertoire I am planning will work better if EVA instead performs in the ECC Hult Center spring concert on May 2nd. This will be a shift in our usual preparations, so please make note of this change. We are printing the season dates for 2019-2020 once more (below) so you may plan your year. —Diane

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

ECC/EVA Highlights & Harmony Gala – Fri., Oct. 25, 2019, Valley River Inn

ECC 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

ECC 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/EVA 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

Name Tags

You will need your name tags for entry at the Hult Center for all future rehearsals and concerts. If it's been a while since you saw/used yours, please try and locate it or let me know it's gone AWOL and I'll make you a new one. —Angela, Choir Office

Fauré *Requiem* Community Sing

We have begun a healthy sign-up of over 20 community members to join us for the Fauré *Requiem* Community Sing on Saturday, February 16, from 11 am to 3 pm at Emmaus Lutheran Church. Concert Choir members are encouraged to come in order to give these community participants a supportive environment.

A quick run-down of the schedule is: 11:00 – 12:30 rehearsal workshop; 12:30 – 1:30 BYO lunchbreak; 1:30 – 2:00 touch-up rehearsal; 2:00 – 3:00 private “performance” of the full work in the Sanctuary.

Volunteer Survey

For the past many years, we have periodically asked for volunteers for various tasks associated with events, mailings and an assortment of other needs.

We want to streamline the process by having choir members indicate on a survey (available at rehearsal) what skills you have and what you would be willing to do, so we can call on those we need rather than the same few people constantly volunteering for almost everything.

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 - Fauré *Requiem*: 364

EVA - The Peace of Wild Things: 47

ECC - American Style for Kids: 7

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Pompoms Wanted

I'm a member of The Raging Grannies, a group of old ladies who sing about political and environmental topics at public events. We have been invited to perform at the Pacific International Environmental Law Conference (PIELC) on the UO campus on March 1. We've written a skit about climate change, and since the topic is depressing, we have added CHEERLEADERS to the skit (well, not real cheerleaders. Grannies pretending to be cheerleaders). So, of course we need POMPOMS: green, blue, or white. If you have any we could borrow, please let me know. It would be for one day only, March 1st. We'd take good care of them!

—Jean Murphy (ECC A-2), murphyj@uoregon.edu, 541-513-0176

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