

Eugene Concert Choir & Eugene Vocal Arts

Choir Newsletter 2021–2022

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Welcome from Diane

Welcome to our first full in-person choir rehearsals in a very long time. I am surprised and gladdened that we have such filled out, full-voiced choirs for our exciting 47th season. I think we have all experienced how much we missed the arts and each other in our community. We have beautiful concerts planned, and we start our season with our Highlights & Harmony Gala that will be a fantastic performance and fundraising event. Get involved, help us do this together, make friends and have fun!

Auction Gala Volunteering

Our Highlights & Harmony Gala on Friday, October 29 at Venue 252 (252 Lawrence St. in Eugene) will be filled with joyous activity and music. Both choirs will perform. Here is the repertoire that is planned:

Eugene Vocal Arts – Gamelan, Haere Mai, What a Wonderful World, O Magnum Mysterium

Eugene Concert Choir – Music! Music!, Singing in the Rain, You'll Never Walk Alone/Climb Every Mountain

We will have a rehearsal at the Venue in the late afternoon on the day of the event, and the performances will be scheduled throughout the evening for the best flow and variety of entertainment. Choir members are required to perform for this event. If you want to also attend as a guest for the full experience, with food and wine, you would want to buy a ticket at \$100 per person. We will start ticket purchases next week.

We have a very short time to gather items for the auction. Can you help us? Think of what you would like to get at an auction. Do you have a special talent or service you could offer? Connections with a restaurant or other business to procure a donation? Please sign up on the "Item, Talent or Service" sign-up sheet and let us know what you are pursuing. Take donor letters and forms to request donations or to fill out yourselves. We also have sign-up sheets to help us acquire wine for our "Wall of Wine" and also to either get donated desserts for our "Dessert Dash" or to

contribute for us to purchase a dessert, or sign up for a restaurant you are willing to approach.

We have lots of volunteer jobs to help us have a smooth and successful event. Look over the Volunteer Job Descriptions and sign up where you can help. Joining in the Gala fundraiser is a great way to help out the choir while making closer friendships.

Carnegie Hall

We are collecting first deposits for new additions to our Carnegie Hall Brahms Requiem trip. You can give your \$300 deposit, made payable to the Eugene Concert Choir, to Troy DeShazer, our Office Administrator, at rehearsal or at the choir office. We are also collecting the \$300 deposit for non-performer accompanying members who want the full package. We already have 60 singers going on the trip. Come join us! Read about the trip on the For Choir Members page on our website.

Community Performance Opportunity: Wildish Theater is Looking for Singers for Anastasia

A young group of local musical theatre actors (Non-stop players) will be performing the musical Anastasia January 7,8,& 9, 2022 at Wildish Theatre. Karen Olsen, the director, is looking for a few "mature" voices to join the chorus as Russians and Parisians in various scenes throughout the show. Working with these talented kids age 12-22 has been a joy this summer. Rehearsals will be Saturday's or Sundays. We are looking for a couple more women and up to 5 men. No previous stage work is required. The music is delightful, the story is touching, and the kids are great. Everyone is required to be vaccinated and we wear masks at rehearsal. Please contact me if you have any interest in joining this production.

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