

Eugene Concert Choir & Eugene Vocal Arts Choir Newsletter 2021–2022

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Dear Singers,

I just returned from my 50-year high school reunion in Joliet, Illinois. Striking to me was how affectionately the memories of being in choir together are held by so many dear friends, and how unified we still felt, in spite of the intervening 50 years! Now many of my colleagues are retired, and yet music is what continues to sustain them. On this trip, I had the great good fortune of also attending the first performance of the Chicago Symphony in 18 months – Beethoven 3rd Symphony (Eroica – because it is Heroic) and a work by Florence Price! Conductor Riccardo Muti gave a moving opening speech that what we do together through music goes beyond passing the time in an entertaining way. It is important to the very spirit of our beings.

Diane

Attendance Policy

Through these odd pandemic times, the attendance policy has been adapted to be welcoming to whatever level of participation was right for you in your particular circumstances. We are unfortunately still coping with the pandemic, but what is different right now is that we have more tools to manage safety and we are planning to do a season of public performances. We want our audiences to have beautiful experiences attending our concerts. Consequently, Diane will need to know the attendance of each singer to make sure we are able to present quality performances. If you find that you have challenges with attendance due to COVID issues, you will not be dismissed from choir. You will continue to be in the choir family. Diane just needs to know about the makeup of the choir to ensure we have great performances we are proud of. Please follow the Attendance Policies regarding reporting your attendance to section leaders and Diane, as designated:

Eugene Concert Choir Rehearsals

Please contact your section leader if you are going to be absent from rehearsal. Section leaders in turn will send their attendance list to our Choir Operations Chair, Theresa Wymer, who will compile the attendance for the full choir.

Eugene Vocal Arts Rehearsals

Please contact both your representative Jenny Love and Diane at her office email, diane@eugeneconcertchoir.org, if you are going to be absent for a rehearsal. In a chamber choir, the absence of even a few members may influence the Artistic Director's rehearsal plan. Performances - The Artistic Director, Diane Retallack, must be given advance written notice if a member will be absent from a performance or dress rehearsal. Preferably, notice is given by email to Diane and your section leaders.

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Looking Ahead to October (Next Week's Rehearsals)

Eugene Vocal Arts will return to rehearsals at Grace Lutheran Church, 18th & Hilyard, Mondays, 7:00 – 9:45 pm

Eugene Concert Choir will start off in the following groups at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 18th & Polk: (This is a correction from the notes sent out by email)

Tuesday, October 5:

Sopranos & Basses 7:15 – 8:30 pm

Altos & Tenors 8:30 – 9:45 pm

Tuesday, October 12:

Altos & Tenors 7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sopranos & Basses 8:30 – 9:45 pm

Highlights & Harmony Gala tickets: Now On Sale!

Invitations to our annual gala fundraiser are now in the mail, and online registration is available at:

EugeneConcertChoir.org/gala-2021

The Gala will be held at Venue 252, Lawrence Street in Eugene, on Friday, October 29, 2021, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Tickets are \$100.00 per guest and include the dinner and wine, all evening activities and participation in the online silent auction.

All choir members are expected to perform and can participate in bidding as well.

If you haven't already signed up as a volunteer, sign-up sheets will be available at choir rehearsals moving forward. Please see Troy with any questions or concerns.

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