# Eugene Concert Choir & Eugene Vocal Arts Choir Newsletter 2023–2024

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#### **Choir Solos**

From Diane – Thank you so much to everyone who auditioned for a solo for the *Merry Olde English Christmas* concert. It was wonderful to listen to everyone. The soloists I have chosen are:

Bree Boesiger – Children's Voices Brittanie Sorensen – I Came Upon a Midnight Clear Chris Dobson and Jaron Johnson – Good King Wenceslas

## Joyce Chen, Keyboard Player

Welcome to Joyce Chen, Assistant Professor of Historical Keyboards at the University of Oregon, who joins us for rehearsal tonight. Joyce will be playing harpsichord and piano for our *Merry Olde English Christmas* concert, and will assemble and direct an Early Music Consort to accompany the choir and the Renaissance dances.

### **Furniture and Harpsichord Moving**

Joyce Chen will be providing her own personal harpsichord for our Christmas performance.

If you have a covered vehicle that could move a harpsichord to the Hult Center on Friday, December 8 and return it on Sunday or Monday, December 10 or 11, please talk to Diane and Joyce Chen at the rehearsal break.

Debra Dean is offering some Victorian-style furniture for our staging. Please see her notice about helping her to move the furniture for our rehearsals and performance.

### More Description for Victorian Costuming

For Victorian gentlemen's costumes, we have some tailcoats and vests from Eugene Opera to distribute. You may wear your tuxedo pants and wing-collar or other shirt, plus top hat and scarf. If you check out a tailcoat and/or vest from the Eugene Opera inventory, please sign up on the sheet indicating what items you are checking out.

There are also some festive women's hats and colorful capes and dresses from Eugene Opera for whomever would like to add to their costuming. Please sign up on the inventory sheet.

Robin Philips and Kim Wollter did a terrific job of organizing Victorian costume pieces from the ECC inventory, and assigning labels to every piece. Not everyone who took costume pieces signed on the inventory sheets for the pieces they checked out. Please see the notice of what costume pieces were taken for which we have no record, and please sign for the pieces you have checked out.

### **Need Help with Chair Transport**

Debra Dean has 9 chairs that she plans to lend for the Holiday concert set in December. None ar particularly heavy or hard to get out the door. But they are beyond what will fit into her Accord.

They'll need to be delivered from her apartment in Bethel to the Hult Center Friday, December 8th, sometime in the afternoon before rehearsal. If you have a vehicle that could help to get them there, please contact Debra and figure out the details.

Thank you very much -Debra

(541) 505-2956 or deb2you@hotmail.com.

### Missing Costume Pieces

We have some costume pieces for which we don't have a record of who has borrowed them. Could those of you who borrowed items check your tags for the following? Thanks – Kim and Robin

Shawl (sh) 1: wool white/black/red plaid

Skirt (S) 28: black polyester wraparound

Women's blouse (Wb) 2: long sleeve white with cuffs

Weskit (W) 3: brown Weskit (W) 9: dark green

Weskit (W) 12: dark taupe, green trim

Men's shirts (ms) 2, 3, 4, 5, 10: all short sleeve with

lace trim

Men's shirt (ms) 11: shiny cream tunic with red trim

Vest (mv) 4: dark green, silky Vest (mv) 5: dark grayish green Vest (mv) 7: beige with dark trim

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