

Eugene Concert Choir & Eugene Vocal Arts

Choir Newsletter 2023–2024

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Dear Singers,

It's concert week! As you know, this is my favorite time of year. I am excited to see all of my ideas come to life on the stage. Thank you all for joining in the spirit and the fun of the show. We are told that our concerts are creative, inventive and entertaining, and for many in our community, it is the Eugene Concert Choir December production that opens the holiday season for them.

Thank you to the many volunteers who have helped with costume organization and distribution, moving furniture and harpsichord, and all the many things that you do to make our programs such a success.

Let's all have *A Merry Olde English Christmas!*

Diane

Concert Information

Make sure you have your *Merry Olde English Christmas* concert information sheet for this upcoming weekend. This sheet gives you directions for where you should be when, and for returning music and costumes. You should all also have the full 6-page script (EVA members may toss the one you got last week).

Holiday Break

After the concert on Sunday, we take a holiday break and have no rehearsals scheduled until we return on Monday and Tuesday, January 8 and 9, 2024!

Auditions

Auditions for new members of Eugene Concert Choir and Eugene Vocal Arts are on Thursday, January 4. Pass the word to anyone hoping to join us for the second half of the season, and anyone interested in traveling with us to Berlin.

Berlin Registration Extended

Our wonderful ChoralSpace organizers for the Gounod/Mendelssohn performance in the Berlin Philharmonie Kammermusiksaal on June 26, 2024 have extended registration to the end of January, in order to take in any new members who audition in January. If you are still considering the trip, sign up and join us!

Mendelssohn, Gounod and Carmina Burana Scores

We will put in a new order for scores this week so they will be available to us at the start of January for anyone who still needs a score. Please sign on the sign-up sheet if you need any of these scores.

Do you have a Gounod *St. Cecilia Mass* score from the fall concert, but don't need it anymore because you are not going to Berlin? We would be happy to have you return your score to the choir office, or place it in the music collection box at the Christmas concert, either as a donation or for a refund. Please put your name in the score, so we know who returned their score, and send Troy an email if you would like to be reimbursed for your returned score.

Barbara Baird Organ Recital

The annual Advent Organ Recital Series at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive Street, Eugene is underway. This Friday, Dec. 8, at 12:00 noon the performer is our former ECC accompanist, Barbara Baird. These weekly organ concerts are free and open to the public, so please invite friends and family to take a moment from their busy schedules to enjoy heartwarming music for the Advent and Christmas Season.

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