

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

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Dear Singers

It has been an exciting week with the release of our *Black is Beautiful* album by Navona Records last Friday. Eugene Rogers and I have had radio interviews with American Public Media and a classical station in Savannah, Georgia, and I had an interview with KLCC. Full interview content is available on podcasts. Since the release, there have been more than 30,000 listens on Spotify alone, and our album is up on all streaming platforms. I'm so proud of our wonderful organization of performers!

The *Black is Beautiful* album will air on KWAX 91.1 FM on Friday, February 23 at 10:00 am. Keep in contact with us on our eNews announcements and our website and social media posts.

Next week, Juan Eduardo Wolf and the Americas Ensemble will come to ECC rehearsal to put some of our *Music of the Americas* repertoire together with voices and instruments. Let everyone know of what an interesting and exciting concert this will be!

Diane

Solos for Music of the Americas

Thank you all for auditioning for the solos for the *Music of the Americas* concert. You all did a fine job. Solo passages are very singular, and Diane chooses what strikes her as just the right sound that fits the template in her head regarding what she wants to hear in that particular song.

These are the solos assigned:

Aloha 'Oe – Li Wolf, verse 1, and Jill Switzer, verse 3

Don't You Let Nobody Turn You Around' –
Kajanda Love

Song for the Mira – Chris Dobson, verses 1 and 6,
and Sara Mansfield, verse 2

Te Quiero – Jaron Johnson and Emma Jones

Juan Eduardo Wolf, leader of the Americas
Ensemble, will do the rap in La Hija

Encourage ECC Sectional Rehearsals

The choirs lost one whole rehearsal due to the ice storm, and although we have made a lot of progress on the Music of the Americas program, Diane feels it would benefit each section to schedule a sectional rehearsal before next Tuesday to give attention to the particular voice parts of our repertoire.

It is more fun to sing in the concert if we are well prepared!

Homestay Needed

We need someone to host our Native American guest artist Fish Martinez for the *Music of the Americas* concerts. Fish will need a place to stay

overnight on Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24, and he would be heading back to Portland on February 25 after the concert. If anyone could house Fish Martinez for these two nights, please contact Diane Retallack.

Spread the Word About ECC!

Hello, amazing choir members! Alyssa here, from ECC marketing. *Music of the Americas* and *All Americas for Kids* are going to be phenomenal concerts, and I'm on a mission to make them the talk of the town. I hope you will help me in spreading the word.

Nothing beats the power of word of mouth for ticket sales, and your enthusiasm, your passion, and your voice can do wonders. With our large choir, we've got a formidable network of music lovers who can really amplify the message that these concerts should not be missed.

I hope you will help spread the word by inviting people to our ECC Facebook event pages, sharing our posts, forwarding our emails, handing out some postcards or even just telling one or two friends how great the concerts are going to be! These small efforts make a huge difference.

If you would like some images or content to share on social media or in emails, you can find them in a new, "Tell Your Friends", section on the For Choir Members webpage. Let's flood timelines, inboxes, and feeds with the news of these wonderful, one-time-only concerts!

Warm regards,
Alyssa Morar

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Justus Grose's Eyes of Love Album Release

My dear friends. I'm excited to announce the release of my new album *Eyes of Love*.

You can get a physical CD from me at choir practice or it's available digitally at

<https://justusgrose.com/> or <https://justusgrose.bandcamp.com/album/eyes-of-love/>

This is an album of my original songs of love, hope and unity and is full of beautiful harmonies.

Thank you and blessings, Justus.

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