

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

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Dear Singers,

Concert week! I have expressed in the past how much I look forward to concert week. Join me in the excitement! We get to put everything together, and what a variety of different songs and styles we have to celebrate The Americas! (I know, and you are cursing me for all the different languages. Just do the best you can.) But most of all, I want you to have fun, expressing all of the different moods of this concert.

Enjoy!

Diane

Concert Information Sheet

Make sure to pick up the Concert Information Sheet for these two concerts – *Music of the Americas* and *All Americas for Kids*. Want to know what to wear, when to meet, etc.? Check the sheet.

Las Americas Ensemble

Joining us at for these Americas concerts are Juan Eduardo Wolf, Reilly Gault, Rafael Arias and Ricardo Llamas, playing a dizzying plethora of authentic instruments to enhance the Americas concerts this weekend at the Hult Center.

Native American Presentation with Fish Martinez

The choir will welcome Fish Martinez of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz when we rehearse on Friday at the Hult Center. Troy sent in an email and posted on our website a rap song that Fish will perform called *Water is Life*. Fish would like the choir to join in, humming, singing oh or ah. Give it a listen before Friday when you have a chance. Fish also has extraordinarily beautiful bead necklaces that he makes that he will sell in the lobby. These are quite expensive. Look them over if you are interested, and at least admire.

Black is Beautiful Album Airs on KWAX

Classical Oregon, KWAX 91.1 will air our *Black is Beautiful* album this Friday, Feb. 23, at 10:00 am. Pass the word!

Americas Concert Ticket Sales

While you are passing the word about the *Black is Beautiful* album airing on KWAX this Friday, pass the word about our Americas concerts this weekend. Unfortunately, our ticket sales are pretty dismal at this point. We need voices to talk it up.

Ticket Sales Scalpers!

Big warning about ticket sales –

There are ticket scalper sites trying to sell our tickets, other arts organization tickets, Broadway tickets and Hult Center Presents tickets on the internet. Do not fall for their traps!

You have to actually look at the internet address the links are sending you to – called the URL (Did you know that means Uniform Resource Locator?). If it does not say eugeneconcertchoir.org or hultcenter.org, it is a scalper site. Even if the heading says something like:

EUGENE CONCERT CHOIR TICKETS or
HULT CENTER TICKETS

Some of these ticket scalper URLs are:

tickets-center.com,
ticketsales.com, or even
tticketscenter.com

And they come up BEFORE the legitimate vendors because they pay for a sponsored position. Not illegal, but despicable. Those tickets can be 10 times as expensive as our tickets, and sometimes they are not even tickets.

Berlin!

While we are singing songs about places all over the world, don't forget Berlin!

The final payment for the Mendelssohn/Gounod Berlin project is due tomorrow, February 21! If you still want to go and haven't signed up, or have any issues with the Berlin trip, talk to Diane.

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Returning Music – Message from Teresa Lin

After the Americas performance, we ask everyone to return all that music, except for singers going to Berlin. Berlin singers must keep the following:

- Simple Gifts
- Hope, faith, life, love
- My Heart Be Brave
- Lift Every Voice and Sing

(I suggest penciling "Berlin" on the cover of them so they won't be accidentally returned.)

We will be re-assigning the returned Berlin music to non ECC singers joining the trip. So getting the needed music back ASAP is very important.

Thank you very much. Teresa Lin

Lenten Organ Recitals

Message from Barbara Baird:

Once again the Eugen Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and Resurrection Episcopal Church are offering a

LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

This series of six organ recitals will be presented Saturdays, 4:00–4:45 pm at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 3923 Hilyard St., Eugene.

These 45-minute organ recitals are free and open to the public, and feature the beautiful pipe organ by Eugene builder, John Brombaugh.

I hope you can attend!

Here is the roster of performers:
(John Jantzi played February 17)

Feb. 24 – Barbara Baird (UO Organ Faculty)

March 2 – Joyce Chen
(UO Historic Keyboards Faculty)

March 9 – Mike Reiter and
Steve Dunn, trumpet (UO Staff)

March 16 – Berend Gildea and Evan Hargrave
(UO organ students)

March 23 – Tao Li and Chris Misa
(UO organ students)

For those of you wishing to attend the Lenten Organ Recitals, this is a heads up about the road construction near the church on Hilyard St., south of 34th Ave. If you're coming from north of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, either:

1) Travel south on Willamette St. or Donald St. to E. 40th Ave., turn left on E. 40th. Go to Hilyard, turning left onto Hilyard. Go just over one block and turn into the church parking lot on the right.

OR

2) Traveling south on Hilyard, go left onto W. Amazon when it splits off of Hilyard and travel south on W. Amazon, turning right on E. 39th Ave. Take E. 39th Ave. to Dillard Rd. turn right, go to Hilyard and turn left. The entrance to the church parking lot will be on your left.

GPS doesn't seem to have this road construction in their system, so won't show these detours.

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