

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

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Congratulations to EVA on Asian Fusion Concert!

From Diane:

Eugene Vocal Arts and accompanist Nathalie Fortin performed beautifully at their *Asian Fusion* concert on Sunday. The audience was very appreciative of the program of interesting, complex and varied music by Asian composers who were unknown to them and to the exquisite performance of a cappella choral music with superb intonation, lovely tone, and rhythmic precision throughout the tricky rhythmic passages and changes of time signature. And all of that while negotiating all of these languages: Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Malaysian and Indonesian!

I am very proud to Eugene Vocal Arts! The Korean solo by our EVA member Sun Baik was gorgeous. And the entire concert, with its wonderful visual images made quite an impression.

Location Change for Next Monday Rehearsal

Rehearsal next Monday, April 15, will be at Emmaus Lutheran Church. Grace Lutheran has a conference and the church is not available to us. Emmaus also has an event in the Fellowship Hall until 7:00 pm, so we will begin our rehearsal in the sanctuary and move to the Fellowship Hall after their meeting has cleared. An updated rehearsal schedule calendar has been posted on our website.

Diane changed the times of all rehearsals to 7:15–9:45 to be consistent. Previously we had announced that the Monday evening rehearsals would start at 7:00 pm.

ECC T-shirts for sale!

Wouldn't it be wonderful to walk around the streets of Berlin and/or Eugene with a beautiful ECC T-shirt on?

What a great way to advertise your proud membership in our fantastic choral organization. Shirts are available for \$25 each in two styles (V-neck & Crew-neck) and in multiple sizes.

Please turn in an order form with payment by April 23 so that we can place the order with Custom Ink and therefore receive the shirts in time for our summer travels.

Carmina Burana Community Sing This Saturday!

Come join the fun, and encourage and support community singers looking for an exciting experience singing portions of the powerful masterwork *Carmina Burana*.

The event is Saturday, April 13, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Emmaus Lutheran Church. Diane Retallack will rehearse highlights of *Carmina Burana*, including the famous "O Fortuna." Other selections will be: 2. Fortune Plango Vulnera; 5. Ecce Gratum; 7. Floret Silva; 10. Were, diu werlt alle min; and 24. Ave Formosissima. There is no charge to the community for this event, but we request a suggested \$10 donation. There are fliers to distribute at rehearsal and an online registration form on our website. ***Eugene Concert Choir and Eugene Vocal Arts members are encouraged to come to support the community singers.*** ECC and EVA members don't need to sign up through the registration process, and there is no cost or donation requested for current members to attend.

Bravissimo Cabaret Dinner Auditions!

Now that Eugene Vocal Arts has concluded its chamber concert series, Diane will turn her attention to *Bravissimo* acts. We are looking for fun, funny, comedy and parody acts for entertainment for the Bravissimo Cabaret Dinner, Friday, May 10 at 6:00 pm at the Eugene Country Club. Performers get complimentary dinner at the event. Sign up for an audition if you have a fun act and Diane will be in touch with you about setting up an audition time.

Soloist Position at Christian Science Church

The Christian Science Church in Eugene has need of a soloist to share the position with Jill Gillette. They would like someone local who could sing twice a month for \$75 per service. The soloist would sing one solo, chosen by the Music Committee, and lead 3 hymns. They are hoping to find someone who could start in May.

If you are interested in auditioning for this position, contact the chairman of the Music Committee Joanna Branvold:

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