

Summer 2024

Hello Choir Members,

I am looking forward to hearing you sing again! We have an exciting 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season coming up.

**Welcome Back Party!**

When – Sunday, September 8, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Where – Roaring Rapids Pizza Company, 4006 Franklin Boulevard, Eugene, On their outside patio. Everyone is responsible for their own dining expenses. If you are not up for pizza, they also have a wonderful salad bar.

Roaring Rapids Pizza has been a generous concert sponsor for the Eugene Concert Choir for several years, thanks to owner Paul Roth. Tell them we appreciate it!

**We have a few changes and announcements:**

**Staff structure** – Our Operations Director Troy DeShazer has moved on to new ventures, as his email related in June, and we are grateful for his dedication over the past four years with the choirs. We have changed our staff structure somewhat and will not have an Operations Director position going forward.

Jill Switzer has taken on the role of Office Administrator, and she will be your main contact. Her direct email address is [jill@eugeneconcertchoir.org](mailto:jill@eugeneconcertchoir.org). Her office hours will be 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Thursday this summer, and will be expanded to include Fridays starting in September.

We have decided to change the general office email address from [choir@eugeneconcertchoir.org](mailto:choir@eugeneconcertchoir.org) to [office@eugeneconcertchoir.org](mailto:office@eugeneconcertchoir.org). The phone number remains 541-687-6865.

We have an excellent new Eugene Concert Choir accompanist to welcome this fall. His name is Alex Amick (pronounced AY-mick), and he is a graduate student at the U of O.

The rest of our terrific staff has remained intact – Alyssa Morar, Marketing Director; Nathalie Fortin, EVA Accompanist; and Matt Yuknas, Orchestra Personnel Manager; and Jill Switzer will also continue on with her role as Music Education Director.

**Auditions** – Pass the word to potential choir members that auditions for new members of ECC and EVA are Tuesday, September 3. The auditions announced for August 27 are filled. Contact us at [office@eugeneconcertchoir.org](mailto:office@eugeneconcertchoir.org) or 541-687-6865.

**Rehearsal and Performance Calendar** – link [here](#)

This is posted on our website “For Choir Members” page.

Everything may look familiar except a Eugene Concert Choir performance on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. What is that? It is a special invitation to perform for the Midtown Arts Center residents and introduce them to our organization and our season. Save that date. Program TBA.

## First Rehearsals

Eugene Vocal Arts – Monday, September 9

Eugene Concert Choir - Tuesday, September 10

Your **ECC section leaders** are reaching out to you to confirm your continuation in the choir. **If you have not already responded to them, please let them know your plans for the season. Also, tell your section leader if you need a *Messiah* score.** Most singers already have *Messiah* scores, so I will only be ordering the number of scores needed. If you would like to purchase your own score in advance, we are using the Novello publication edited by Watkins Shaw. The music is public domain, and you can probably find scores online as well. For those using an iPad, that might be an easy download. Here are your section leader email addresses:

Eugene Concert Choir:

S1 – Kim Wollter	kwoollter@comcast.net
S2 – Bonnie Forrester	nealforr@aol.com
A1 – Jackie Kennedy	jlk1119@comcast.net
A2 – Amy Newland	amy.jo.newland@gmail.com
T1&2 – Wayne Amondson	wayne171sslv@gmail.com
B1 – Gary Millhollen	gmillhol@fhsu.edu
B2 – Jon Hofmeister	jbhof@comcast.net

## Eugene Vocal Arts:

Jennifer Love is continuing as our Eugene Vocal Arts representative. She also needs to gather your EVA participation plans. Please contact her.

Jennifer Love                      lovejm@lanecc.edu

I am so proud of the Eugene Concert Choir and Eugene Vocal Arts performances in the Berlin Philharmonie and the Berlin Cathedral. If you want to look ahead to future potential tours, I am looking at Puerto Rico for spring break in March of 2026.

See you soon!

Diane

Diane Retallack  
Artistic & Executive Director