

ECC/EVAE Newsletter

November 12 & 13, 2007

“Some Enchanted Evening Auction Raises Record Amount of Money!!!

The auction brought in \$45,628.00!!!!!! Wow! How about that! That is the gross amount, and of course, there are expenses to subtract for the net profit, but this is without a doubt the most successful fundraiser we have ever had. And it was a lot of fun as well. We will report later the net profit, when all of the expenses are settled. It is enormously gratifying to receive such a warm and generous response of support from the community and from within the choir as well.

MANY THANKS ARE DUE:

- To our auction co-chairs, Terra Sieberman and Charlotte Riersgard, for the myriad of tasks they handled with quiet and gracious efficiency and effectiveness. And to our staff, Deborah Rogers and Darrel Kau, for their excellent organization and dedication, and for following up on countless details. Auction co-chairs and staff did an amazing job, bringing in great auction items, gathering up desserts, planning and making decorations, putting together the auction PowerPoint display, and numerous other tasks.
- To Sid Voorhees, auctioneer extraordinaire, and his fabulous staff. They are incredible professionals and they do all of it gratis for us.
- To Ed Ragozzino, entertaining master of ceremonies, and his talented wife Roxy, for keeping the auction light and lively, and for offering one of the highest selling auction items.
- To Robin Burk, honorary chair, who adds class to everything she touches. Her moving tribute to Dick Perry brought a wonderful heartfelt response of support for the choir.
- To Nick Kelley and his terrific volunteers from Pacific Continental Bank, for the friendly and efficient registration and cashiering.
- To Angela Egremont, for a beautiful job of doing layout on all our graphics for the auction invitations and the program book.
- To the fabulous “Welcome Gauntlet,” Ecaterina Muller, Pat Saxton, Marian Brod, Nancy Evergreen, Carolyn Gilkey and Jennifer McConochie for greeting.
- To Debra Dean, Debbie Sorensen, and all of the jury committee, for getting all of the auction items organized and put together in attractive packages.
- To Zarifah Spain and her crack team of closers, Ginny Dunphy, Corlies Delf, Jon Hofmeister, Damien Bradley (hope I didn’t miss anybody) for scurrying around to gather auction items in a new system of claiming items. We will work the kinks out next time. Special thanks from Deb - “Zarifah, I owe you BIG TIME. Thank you so much.”
- To Ellen Walton, Cindy Gay and all of the decoration committee who helped Terra Sieberman decorate the tables.
- To Doug Sears and all the auction setup crew who helped Charlotte, Terra, Deb and Darrel display the auction items so beautifully on the tables and helping to keep track so accurately.
- To Steve Myers and Matt Laubach, for helping the sound engineer get set up and for taking care of riser set-up along with the riser crew, Mike Whitty, Duane Suchan, and Jack Jordan.

- To Lann Leslie, our terrific board president, and Jeri Stark and Robin Burk, for sponsoring tables at the auction and populating them with generous bidding patrons.
- To Debbie Sorensen for organizing the wine cellar donations and to Jennifer McConochie, for charming our patrons into buying \$725 in wine cellar raffle tickets.
- To Greg Retallack, for generously offering his popular guided fossil trip and some beautiful fossils, and for being the rock and loving encouragement that sustains Diane.
- To our terrific section basket organizers, and for those who spoke up to promote the baskets and spark the bidding:

Sopranos - Zarifah Spain, Kat Muller, Theresa Wymer

Altos - Jennifer McConochie and Jackie Kennedy

Tenors - Mark Warner

Basses - Josh Gitelson

EVAE - Jill Gillett and Kat Muller

To **EVERYONE** who contacted donors and brought in auction items or put their own talents to work for us through their art, photography or handcrafts. And to **EVERYONE** who supported the Choirs with their attendance at the dinner and auction and their generous bidding.

THANK YOU ALL!!!

MESSIAH CONCERT WEEK SCHEDULE

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Concert week is unusual. In order to accommodate the Eugene Symphony concert in the first week of December, we have moved our rehearsal to **MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd** instead of Tuesday.

Please plan on the Monday rehearsal, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Hult Center. Then we have three rehearsals piled up at the end of the week:

Fri, Dec 7 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Sat, Dec 8 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. AND 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. (Split Rehearsal)

Performance, Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2:30 p.m.

EVAE IN DECEMBER

There are no EVAE rehearsals in December. After Nov. 26, EVAE will meet next on Monday, January 7.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DECORATE "HOLIDAY TREE" IN THE HULT LOBBY

We need several volunteers to decorate the "Holiday Tree" in the Hult Center lobby on Monday, November 26 at 9:30 a.m. Volunteers from other participating resident companies will also help. Please let Diane know if you can help. The volunteers will organize and string lights and put ornaments on the tree.