

## ECC/EVAC Newsletter, November 19 & 20, 2007

### ***Messiah* concert week recap**

Diane left out the warm-up time for the Saturday morning rehearsal, so here is the recap:

- MONDAY, December 3 (Note that this rehearsal is MONDAY, not Tuesday).  
7:00 - 10:00 p.m., chorus and orchestra at the Hult Center
- Tuesday, December 4 NO REHEARSAL
- Friday, December 7 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Hult Center
- Saturday, December 8 10:00 a.m. warm-up (This information was previously omitted),  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. at the Hult Center (two-part rehearsal. Both parts are necessary)
- Sunday, December 9 1:30 p.m. warm-up (this is a change from the time in the calendar,  
which indicates 1:15 p.m.)  
**2:30 p.m. performance, Hult Center**

### **Sectional rehearsals for *Messiah***

Diane encourages all ECC sections to hold sectional rehearsals. Yes, we know, it is “only” *Messiah*, which everyone knows already, right? Well, singing clean melismas with immaculate precision and singing note-perfect and with confidence and expression on everything from the well-known to the lesser-known choruses will make all the difference in the world between an ordinary and an extraordinary *Messiah* performance.

### ***Messiah* post-concert cast party**

There will be a post-concert cast party and donor reception in The Studio (formerly called Studio One) at the Hult Center following the *Messiah* performance. Everyone in ECC is invited. We thank you for your terrific commitment to the Choir!

### **Concert dress for *Messiah***

Women: ECC blue blouses and black skirts. See Jeannie Crabtree if you still need concert dress.

Men: Black tuxedos, white wing-collar shirts, black bow ties

### ***Messiah* posters**

Thanks to Frank Turner for organizing the poster distribution and to everyone who volunteered to put up posters. Great job, everyone!

### **Group rates for *Messiah* tickets**

Reminder: We have established a group rate of \$25 for A and B section tickets to *Messiah* for any group of ten or more. Just tell the person at the Hult box office that you are purchasing at the group rate. If you try to purchase tickets over the phone, however, there is a per ticket service charge.

### **Church bulletins and groups**

You can help out by putting a blurb about our *Messiah* performance in your church bulletins and organizing a group from your church to attend the performance at the group rate. We have sent letters to churches and have encouraged them to run a blurb in their bulletins, but encouragement from a church member can make all the difference. Printed blurbs are available for you to take to your church. Thank you!

### **Volunteers needed to decorate "Holiday Tree" in the Hult lobby**

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

### Alto sectional rehearsal

- **What.** A sectional rehearsal for *Messiah*
- **When.** Wednesday, November 28, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- **Where.** Jennifer McConochie's house, 2493 Lincoln Street (top of College Hill in southwest Eugene). The easiest way to get there: West 18<sup>th</sup> to Lincoln. South on Lincoln to top of hill. Yellow house on east side of street, peace flags on porch, house number next to dark blue door. Plenty of street parking.
- **Why.** To fine-tune our skills for performing *Messiah* (see "Sectional rehearsals encouraged"). We'll practice our melismata! (Scribe's note: Yep, that's the plural of "melisma.")

### EVAE in December

There will be no EVAE rehearsals in December. After November 26, EVAE will meet next on Monday, January 7. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, y'all!

### "Bright is the Season"

- **What.** A concert by the Motet Singers, a women's a cappella vocal ensemble. The ensemble will perform Renaissance motets by Eccard, Jacob Händl, Palestrina, and Praetorius; contemporary motets by Miskinis, Tavener, and Willan; carols from Europe; and popular American Christmas songs.
- **When.** 5:00 p.m., Sunday, December 2
- **Where.** Ebbert Memorial United Methodist Church, 532 C Street, between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Streets in downtown Springfield
- **Tickets.** \$7 general admission and \$5 for seniors and youth. Admission is free for children.
- **Information.** Call 344-5271

### Linguistics project

From Katie Nelson: I was a member of the Eugene Concert Choir but left last year because I was accepted for the PhD program in linguistics at Rice University in Houston. I am recording the voices of people who are native Oregonians for my term project. I need a male age 35-50 and a female age 50 or older, who are native Oregonians or moved to Oregon before age four.

You will be asked to respond to some free response questions and read a word list. It should take about 20 minutes. I will meet you at a quiet place convenient for you. I will be in town over Thanksgiving weekend, Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> (all day). If you are interested or would like more information, please call me at 541-521-9039 or e-mail me at katiensel@rice.edu.

### Benefit art show

- **What.** Original art from Russia for sale
- **When.** November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Where.** Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, 166 East 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue (corner of 13<sup>th</sup> & Pearl), Eugene
- **What else.** One of the paintings will be RAFFLED! 20% of the proceeds will go to Saint Mary's.
- **Information.** See Fran Ross.

### Questions of the week

Last week's question: "Brothers and sisters have I none, but this man's father is my father's son." Who is "this man"? Nobody has it right yet. Hint: "This man" is not the speaker.

This week's question: Why do firemen wear red suspenders?

### We gather together

From your scribe: Thank you all for helping to make our choirs greater than the sum total of their parts. Have a joyful Thanksgiving.

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