

Summer Newsletter 2007
Eugene Concert Choir & Eugene Vocal Arts Ensemble

Welcome Back!

Hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready to sing again! First rehearsals are as follows:
ECC: Tuesday, Sept. 4, 7:15 – 9:45 at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 18th & Polk

New members of ECC please come to an orientation meeting at 6:45 p.m.

EVAE: Monday, Sept. 10, 7:00 – 9:45 at Grace Lutheran Church, 18th & Hilyard

If you intend to sing in either choir but cannot attend the first rehearsal, please notify the Concert Choir office at 687-6865 or choir@eugeneconcertchoir.org.

Auditions

Please pass the word to all interested singers that auditions for new members of the Concert Choir and Vocal Arts Ensemble will be held on Thursday Sept. 6 (Aug. 30 has filled up). Contact the Eugene Concert Choir office at 687-6865 or choir@eugeneconcertchoir.org to schedule an audition time.

Audition requirements are posted on our website: www.eugeneconcertchoir.org.

Music Distribution

ECC members have two scores to purchase at choir: Kodaly *Budavari Te Deum* - \$13 and Kuljeri *Croatian Mass* - \$8 (our photocopy and binding costs), for a total of \$21.00. Since most members already have *Messiah* scores, we are asking everyone to obtain their own *Messiah* scores before the first rehearsal. Sheet Music Service of Portland is the nearest local distributor. Those of you who own *Carmina Burana* scores, please bring them to the first rehearsal.

EVAE members who have Mozart *Coronation Mass* scores, please bring them to your rehearsal. All other music will be checked out from the choir library.

ECC Women Concert Dress

Blouses and skirts will be checked out to you at the first rehearsal. Please hem your skirt to be floor length and brush the tops of your concert shoes, leaving a 4" hem allowance for future flexibility. Concert dress will be returned to ECC at the end of the season. Your blouse and skirt is identified with a number, and as long as you remain in choir, you will be able to check out the same blouse and skirt each year.

Special Performances and Events

There are two events that involve DAYTIME rehearsals or performances on a Friday. This is very new for us, and Diane is asking that everyone please do your utmost to try to accommodate these two events. This is different than past SHOcase performances, in which anyone who can is encouraged to perform for a free Thursday noon performance in the Hult lobby. These events require full choir participation in order to be successful. Please try to accommodate these events and speak to Diane about what arrangements you can possibly make to work this out.

1) Daytime rehearsal Friday, Sept. 28 for Hult 25th Birthday Celebration gala concert, 11:45 am to 1:10.

2) Daytime educational outreach performance of *Voices of Eastern Europe* concert for school children attendance Friday, April 25, 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

EVAE Please Join ECC for Hult Gala Concert

EVAE members are encouraged to join ECC members for the Hult Center's 25th Birthday gala concert featuring all of the resident companies. We need to be as strong as possible for this concert. The only repertoire is the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah* and "O Fortuna," the opening movement of Orff's *Carmina Burana*. We will rehearse these pieces near the start of ECC rehearsals, so EVAE members who are not in ECC could come to a couple of Tuesday rehearsals and not be required to stay long. The performance is Friday, Sept. 28, and the *only* choral/orchestral rehearsal for this performance is in the DAYTIME from 11:45 a.m. to 1:10 pm. It is not necessary to memorize these pieces.

Calendars and Newsletter Online

All calendars and newsletters are also posted on our website: www.EugeneConcertChoir.org. Scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on Members to take you to the members information page.