

## ECC/EVAE Newsletter, February 4 & 5, 2008

### Welcome Vicki Brabham

Welcome Vicki Brabham, our accompanist who brings her special talents to our Broadway music concert. Vicki performs frequently with the Emerald City Jazz Kings, in musicals, and in popular and jazz performances in this region.

### The Practice Corner

**ECC.** For February 5, 12, and 26, we will concentrate on Broadway music. Memorize "Strike Up the Band" and "Circle of Life." Work out all parts for the full program so you don't have any note problems. Ideally, we will perform in a mixed formation, so everyone must be independent in his or her singing. In the rehearsal on February 19, we will return to rehearsing the *Croatian Mass* and the Budavari *Te Deum*. Review the first two movements of the *Croatian Mass* and look ahead at the fourth movement, "4. Svet." Also review the *Te Deum* from the beginning to measure 86.

**EVAE.** For next week, work on Orazio Vecchi's *L'Amfiparnaso*, Act I, Scene 3, "Now let us come to a confusion."

### Murder Mystery Dinner

Last chance to get your tickets! Through Wednesday, February 6, we can add a few more guests to the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on Friday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. at LaVelle Vineyards. Tickets are \$65 and may be purchased through the Concert Choir office. This is a fun and easy fundraiser for the Choir, and we receive a return of approximately \$40 per ticket. We thank LaVelle Vineyards for their tremendous support!

### Rotary performance

All Concert Choir members who possibly can, please plan on the Rotary performance to promote our Best of Broadway concert. The Rotary performance is on Tuesday, February 19 at noon at the Hilton Conference Center. Meet at 11:30 a.m. to warm up and assemble. If you cannot attend this performance, please inform your section leader immediately. Section leaders, report to Choir Operations chair Megan Ary, who will put together the full report for Diane.

### Community Outreach Ticket Sponsorship

Last week, there was an explanation in the newsletter about a Community Outreach Ticket Sponsorship for our *Broadway for Kids* concert. This week, we have brochures that will assist you in requesting sponsorship donations. A gift of \$20 will sponsor a family pack of four tickets to the *Broadway for Kids* concert for those families who couldn't otherwise attend. Help us out and let your businesses and social or service clubs know about this wonderful sponsorship program.

### Audience Development committee

Last week, Richard Guy wrote some excellent, motivational words regarding poster distribution and ticket sales for our concerts. We have the posters available this week, and we encourage everyone who can to put up posters for both *Best of Broadway* and *Broadway for Kids*.

Richard Guy and Frank Turner have agreed to be part of an Audience Development committee, and our Marketing/Development consultant, Darrel Kau, will participate in this committee. We welcome anyone who has ideas to share about target marketing or just a willingness to make some phone calls and delivery of marketing materials where they will do the most good. Contact Richard Guy or Diane Retallack if you would like to join our brainstorming session. We will meet next Tuesday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. before rehearsal at Emmaus Lutheran Church. We have a great core group for Audience Development. Come join us!

### **Primo Libro**

From Fran Ross: *Concerts at First* will present the early music ensemble, Primo Libro, in a program entitled "Buxtehude and Beyond," on Sunday, February 10, 4:00 p.m., at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive Street, Eugene. The performance will feature Jamie Weaver, soprano; Meredith Beck, recorder; Steven Pologe, cello; and Julia Brown, harpsichord and organ. They will perform works by Buxtehude, Bach, Handel, Vivaldi, and more.

A free will offering will be accepted, and containers for non-perishable donations for Food for Lane County will be available.

For more information, call 345-8764.

### **From your scribe**

**Newsletter.** Because of the snowstorm, our power went out just as I was trying to send last week's newsletter via e-mail to Deb. Dennis rigged up our small generator so that I could try to send it again. Well, I did, but I forgot to send the attachment. My apologies to all of you and to Diane and Deb, who had to make sense of it all. Apparently, "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these courageous couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds"\* doesn't apply to your scribe. I hope I got it right this week.

\*The Greek historian Herodotus (5<sup>th</sup> Century B.C.) made this observation about the efficiency of the mounted Persian postal carriers.

**Groundhog Day.** Well, it looks as if Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow. The pessimist's response: Oh, no, six more weeks of winter! The optimist's response: Oh, boy, only six more weeks till spring! (Thanks to Neil Parker for that one.) Speaking of "gloom of night," the word "Lent" derives from an Old English word for "spring."

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