

ECC/EVAE Newsletter, February 11 & 12, 2008

New member

Please welcome new member David Cragun. David will sing in EVAE through the *Renaissance and Awakenings* concert and then join ECC for the *Voices of Eastern Europe* concert. David is a high Bass I and will sing in the Bass I section, taking the T2/B1 middle parts when the men's voices split three ways.

Murder Mystery Dinner success

We had a blast at LaVelle's Murder Mystery Dinner Theater last Friday night. The food was delicious, the ambience sublime, and the play hilarious. On top of that, we sold \$600 worth of wine cellar raffle tickets! Thanks to all who went to the Murder Mystery Dinner. We receive about \$35 back in donations for every ticket purchased, plus 20% of the wine sales. It will amount to several thousand dollars for our organization.

Wine Cellar raffle

Let's make that extra push to increase our Wine Cellar to the \$1000 worth of wine that we have promised. Can you donate or contact a wine donor? We'd like to get all of the wine collected in the next couple of weeks to allow us time to put an acknowledgment of our wine donors in the concert program. The drawing will take place at our *Best of Broadway* concert, March 9, and the program will be assembled a couple of weeks prior to the concert.

Performance at Rotary

- **Who.** ECC. Everyone who can come. Please notify your section leaders re: whether or not you can participate in this event.
- **When.** Tuesday, February 19. If you can be there at 11:30 a.m., we can warm up and sing through our program in advance. The Rotarians will start their lunch by noon and their meeting at about 12:15. We will be on the program starting at about 12:35 and be finished by 1:15. If you have limited time away from work for this event, arrange your time to be available for the performance time and let your section leader know that you will be late for warm-up.
- **Where.** Hilton Conference Center, in a couple of the large banquet rooms on the main floor. Diane will try to get a warm-up room for us.
- **What.** We will perform selections from the *Best of Broadway* concert: "There's No Business Like Show Business (choral octavo)", "Oklahoma," "Circle of Life," and other repertoire to be chosen.
- **Concert dress.**
 - Women, wear your black skirts and blue blouses.
 - Men, wear black tuxedos, white wing collar shirts, and black bow ties.
 - (We need a little time to get the colored shirts and blouses arranged for the concert in March.)
- **Riser crew needed for Rotary performance**

Just as we do for the Auction performances, we need to pick up six sections of three-step risers from the Hult Center loading dock, take them to the Hilton, set them up before the performance, and then take them down and return them to the Hult Center following the Rotary meeting. Can you volunteer to help? Can you provide a truck for hauling? Talk to Diane.

The Practice Corner

ECC. For February 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/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 m. 86.

EVAE. Review "All in Love is Fair" and "Dream a Little Dream of Me."

A special Valentine offer

From Darrel Kau: save 50% on Section A seats for the *Best of Broadway* concert. The discount offer is available now through February 14. Please share this information with friends, family, and colleagues. The offer ends soon, so order early and save.

Community Ticket Outreach sponsorship

We are getting a great response to the Ticket Outreach sponsorship for the *Broadway for Kids* concert. Help promote or support our sponsorship program. \$20 buys a family pack of four tickets to the concert. It's easy.

1. Donate to ECC and get credit for a tax-deductible donation.
2. Select a recipient organization to receive tickets A list of United Way agencies is on the sponsorship form. You may also name your own choice of business or organization.
3. ECC will purchase the tickets and deliver them to the receiving organization for distribution.

It's a win-win-win situation:

Win 1. You get credit for a tax-deductible donation and the satisfaction of providing tickets for others.

Win 2. Families who might not have otherwise been able to attend will get to enjoy our great *Broadway for Kids* concert.

Win 3. ECC gets the pleasure of performing for an appreciative audience, and we get closer to our audience attendance goal.

Activities for *Broadway for Kids* concert, Saturday, March 8

The concert is at 11:00 a.m. Lobby activities start at 10:30 a.m. As we say in our publicity, the party starts when you walk into the lobby. For a short but fun time, we will have pre-concert activities in the lobby before the concert. We will have a coloring contest, two balloon twisters, youth performances, and crafts for kids.

Jennifer McConnochie has kindly agreed to organize the crafts, which will include simple mask-making with paper plates and puppet-making with paper bags. We need a few volunteers to help with the craft tables and activities. A sign-up sheet is available at rehearsals. Friends and associates who are not in ECC are welcome to help out as well, since ECC members will also have to concentrate on rehearsing and performing the concert!

Black History Month

Mark your calendars!! To celebrate Black History Month 2008, the First Congregational Church will host a community-wide Gospel Music workshop and a Saturday evening Gospel Music program the weekend of February 22-24. All interested community members are invited to participate in the workshop rehearsals and musical programs, which will be held in the church sanctuary and led by John Gainer, former faculty member at the University of Oregon School of Music and former director of the Eugene Inspirational Sounds Gospel Choir.

This is a unique opportunity for the Eugene/Springfield community to join together in learning about and experiencing the tradition of black Gospel music. The suggested donation for the workshop is \$5 for each participant.

Registration is Friday, February 22, 6:30 p.m., followed by a workshop rehearsal from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The second rehearsal will be Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. until noon, followed by a potluck.

A Saturday evening concert from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. will be held in the sanctuary. It's free and open to the public. More information will be provided at the workshop. You may also call the church office at 345-8741.

Birthday greetings to Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin, both born on February 12, 1809.

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