

## ECC/EVAE Newsletter, February 18 & 19, 2008

### Noon SHOCASE concert

A quick reminder: Thursday, March 6 is our noon SHOCASE performance in the Hult Center lobby to promote *Best of Broadway*. Meet at 11:30 a.m. for warm-up. The program is yet to be chosen but will be much more extensive than the one for the Rotary performance. Thanks to all who can come to the daytime events. We will need as many singers as possible for the SHOCASE performance.

A big thank you to Mike Whitty for organizing volunteers to set up risers for the Rotary performance. Fortunately, we don't need to do that for the SHOCASE performance. The Hult Center crew does that set-up. We just need you to show up and sing. Please tell your section leader if you are unable to attend. Concert dress is colorful. See below.

### Colorful concert dress

Concert dress for the SHOCASE concert, the *Broadway for Kids* concert, and the *Best of Broadway* concert:

**Men:** Solid-color, long-sleeved dress shirts, preferably red, blue, green, or gold, and black dress pants and shoes.

**Women:** ECC colored blouses (you will be assigned red, green, gold, or the blue already issued), and black ECC skirts.

### Wine Cellar raffle

We have only a couple of weeks to fill the \$1,000 worth of wine and get all we can out of our raffle. Sell tickets if you can, as we lead up to the big drawing on Sunday, March 9 during the intermission of our *Best of Broadway* concert.

### The Practice Corner

**ECC:** The WHOLE Broadway concert

**EVAE:** Concentrate on your Renaissance music, especially *L'Amfiparnaso*.

### *Broadway for Kids* - Saturday, March 8

- We are still promoting the Community Outreach Ticket Sponsorship. Help sponsor a family to come to the concert.
- We will have a coloring contest for kids. Coloring sheets can be picked up at any Jerry's Home Improvement store or US Bank. Kids who turn in their coloring sheets will have their names entered in a drawing to win prizes. Can anyone help contribute little prizes for the winning kids?
- Thanks to those who volunteered for the pre-concert fun lobby activities. We also need some volunteers to inflate helium balloons for the kids, starting about 9:00 a.m. on March 8. ECC will be rehearsing that morning, so EVAE members or friends of ECC members are needed to help.

### Audience Development meeting

Thanks to all who attended the brainstorming session last week before the ECC rehearsal. We got a lot of great ideas. There will be a follow-up meeting next Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 p.m., at Emmaus Lutheran, before the ECC rehearsal. If you can come and add your ideas, please join us!

### *Songs of the Heart* recital

From Fran Ross: Our *Best of Broadway* soloists Laura Wayte and David Gustafson will perform Thursday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lane Community College Performance Hall. Also featured is soprano Siri Vik. *Songs of the Heart* is a recital for the voice faculty at Lane Community College. Tickets are available through the Lane Community College box office, 463-5202. They're \$10 for adults and \$8 for students.

### **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.

### **Best in Show**

A piquant description of French Poodles groomed for showing: "Tarted-up topiaries." Peter Sagle on the NPR radio show *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me!*

"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." Groucho Marx

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