



Corralin' the Chorale

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ONLY SIX WEEKS UNTIL FILL THE WORLD WITH LOVE

Yes! We need to do that!
But how, unless we gather an audience?

We have 5 Tuesdays to fill the auditorium by the opening strains of this season's concert at 3 p.m., Saturday, December 18th. Ticket cost remains at \$7 per seat. Today and the next four weeks Ken Min will be at the table set up in the hallway just outside our rehearsal room so that each Chorale member can participate in the goal of purchase/sale of at least 500 tickets.

After December 7th, tickets will be sold only at the LW Clubhouse 3 Box Office - at the \$7 price.

Remind your friends, relatives, and neighbors that they will be able to hear the exciting sounds of the chorale in a wide range of holiday favorites — 14 great numbers plus 4 soloists! And be sure to tell your ticket buyers of the professional expertise of our Director Doug Custance and Pianist Juanita Tsu.

You Go! Help your friends enjoy the season!

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THE DRESSED FOR SUCCESS VILLAGE CHORALE

Just to make sure we all know what that entails be sure to reread the "Dress Code for Concert" page outlined in your "Handbook for Singers 2010-2011." Any questions? Ask Costume Chairman Grace Sams.

NEWS BITS

NOVEMBER 17--POTLUCK!

Good food and Great entertainment...provided by US! Clubhouse 3 / Dining Room 1 from 5:30 to 9:30 on Wed., Nov 17th. Choose your best recipe.....whether entre, veggie, salad, bread/rolls, or dessert. Then get your name on the sign-up sheet. If you can help in the kitchen let Ed Bailey know and arrive at 5:00 p.m.

After the food comes the entertainment. Bring your voices, your music, your instruments, your costumes, and your magic tricks for an old-fashioned Talent Night.

VILLAGE CHORALE ENSEMBLE'S BACH 142 CANTATA

An ensemble of Chorale members has been working several weeks in preparation for presentation of J.S. Bach's cantata Number 142 "*Uns ist ein Kind Geoboren / For Unto Us a Child is Born*" on Sunday, December 12 at 2 p.m.

The first of the choral numbers in the cantata, the matching the work's title, is the longest of the work, imitative in musical style. There is a chorus in triple meter, homophonic texture, and fast tempo. And a concluding movement is an energetic chorale of praise entitled "Alleluia." Written like a hymn, it has a soaring, continuously flowing sixteenth-note melody written above the voices.

HOLIDAY CONCERT— "CENTURIES OF CHRISTMAS"

Join a group of choir members who will be taking advantage of seeing and hearing this year's Holiday concert performed by the 500 member Orange County Mormon Choral Organization at the OC Performing Arts Center on Thursday, December 2nd.

We'll meet at Clubhouse 3 at 5 pm to carpool. See Doug Custance for tickets.

THE THIRD ANNUAL SING ALONG MESSIAH—

On Monday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. the Village Chorale will again join the Laguna Woods Village Symphony to present Handel's "The Messiah" as a Community sing along/play along event. Valerie Geller will Conduct the Orchestra as Doug Custance Directs the Singers. Among the Soloists will be our own Soprano Vicki Fuggi.

Soprano Karen Cardinale - She is passionate about family, friends, religion, and art but also likes to cook, eat out, hike, Bible study, antiquing. She and Pat love to travel.

Soprano Gloria "Anne" Cullinane - Anne & Andy were married in '67. Have 7 kids, 15 grandkids, 21 gr-grandkids. She works full time. She speaks for church Women's Groups. Tunes to HGTV. Favorite room: Sewing Room.

Soprano Shelly Ellman - Has been in Chorale 9 yrs and served on our Board. Graduated H.S. in Chicago. She swims, hikes, reads, does computer games & surfing. Likes mah jongg, travel, movies, eating out.

Alto Lois Kaufman - a returning Chorale member - she's passionate about music, studied piano 10 yrs. She collects Royal Doulton Character Mugs. She swims & reads fiction. Has 3 children & 5 grandchildren.

Soprano Fanny Labin - She has been a lifelong singer - in choirs almost 30 years - sang Brahms in Rome. Is passionate about music, politics, bridge! Collects sheet music. She knits, swims, writes, reads, & gardens and is a History buff!

Bass Del and Alto Julie Matonic - Del & Julie are ready to celebrate their 51st! They are proud parents of 4 and grandparents of 6. Grandpa Del is listed as "my hero" by one of the grandkids! Since joining in Jan '05 they have both been Board members - Del still is! Both are active in church choir - including solo performance. Del wishes to be 23 again so they could "do it all over again." "Home" was Pennsylvania!

Bass Bob Pettengill - Takes long Motor Home trips; Likes reading, walking, historical, music, theater; Born in Minneapolis; He was a College Professor; Favorites: author Michener, hero Jefferson, team USC/Angels, TV-PBS

Soprano Shelby Silverman - has been a Chorale twice—the last few years ago after having been a member years ago. Shelby has 2 children, a grandchild and a great grandchild. She is a Massachusetts born Villager.

Soprano Marie Spradley - Collects Elephants. Likes to swim, paint, read. Trained at Am Conservatory of Music, sang musicals, light opera, nightclubs, weddings! Birthplace - Chicago, FL

Soprano Dorothy Stevens - Has sung with several music groups, plays some piano, & has done some theatre. Would have enjoyed teaching - likes young minds, hearts! Watches TV politics and comedy. Being shy is a "pain in the neck."

Alto Margie Sutton - Has sung more than 20 years - gospel, church, contemporary! Plays some piano! Favorite activities: movies, reading fiction, football, basketball, baseball, network surfing, current events.

PLAN NOW

Remember to register for Saddleback College Emeritus Spring Classes ASAP. Next semester the Village Chorale, with Maestro Doug Custance--our teacher, will continue rehearsing on Tuesdays in the Clubhouse 3 Rehearsal Room.

A Voice and Rhythm class will be a new offering next semester and will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. each Tuesday in the Rehearsal Room—Doug Custance, teacher. All singers need to register for this class in addition to the Chorale.

SEATING PLAN

If you love having assigned seats raise your hand! When properly seated four rows of women face Director Doug Custance—sopranos on the right and altos on the left. Basses at the rear and tenors in the front rows are seated in the center. Within each section members are arranged physically according to height and musically according to tonal quality.

Reminders for November

- Tue. 2 Today is Re-Tax of Chorale Pix
Today is Chorale Rehearsal 2 - 4 p.m.
At Lutheran Church of the Cross
Today is Bach Rehearsal 4 - 5 p.m.
- Wed. 3 **Happy Birthday!** Shelly Ellman
- Wed. 3 **Happy Birthday!** Fanny Labin
- Thu. 4 **Happy Birthday!** Shelby Silverman
- Tue. 9 **Happy Anniversary!** Anne Cullinane
Today is Alto Sectional Rehearsal 1-2 p.m.
Today is Chorale Rehearsal 2 - 4 p.m.
Today is Bach Rehearsal 4 - 5 p.m.
- Sat. 13 **Happy Birthday!** Marie Spradley
Happy Birthday! Dorothy Stevens
- Tue. 16 **Happy Birthday!** Karen Cardinale
Today is Tenor Sectional Rehearsal 1-2 p.m.
Today is Chorale Rehearsal 2 - 3 p.m.
and Messiah Rehearsal 3 - 4 p.m.
Today is Bach Rehearsal 4 - 5 p.m.
- Sat 20 **Happy Birthday!** Margie Sutton
- Mon 22 **Happy Birthday!** Lois Kaufman
- Tue, 23 **Happy Birthday!** Bob Pettengill
Today is Bass Sectional Rehearsal 1-2 p.m.
Today is Board Meeting 12:30 -1:30 p.m.
Today is Tenor/Bass Sctn Rehearsal 1-2 p.m.
Today is Chorale Rehearsal 2 - 3 p.m.
and Messiah Rehearsal 3 - 4 p.m.
Today is Bach Rehearsal 4 - 5 p.m.
- Tue. 28 **Happy Anniversary!** Del & Julie Matonic
- Tue. 30 Today is Sop Sectional Rehearsal 1-2 p.m.
Today is Chorale Rehearsal 2 - 3 p.m.
and Messiah Rehearsal 3 - 4 p.m.
Today is Bach Rehearsal 4 - 5 p.m.

Children are quick . . .

TEACHER:

Willie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WILLIE:

Me!