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The mission of the Rogue Valley Chorale Association is to enrich and inspire all members of our community through great choral music performed by choruses of all ages.

The Rogue Valley Chorale Association affirms its abiding commitment to the celebration of diversity. We recognize our cultural richness and are resolute in advancing inclusion and equity in our community.



RVCA ROGUE VALLEY CHORALE ASSOCIATION

Celebrating the Joy of Singing

2018-2019 Season

MICHAEL MORRIS, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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The Rogue Valley Chorale Association welcomes Michael Morris as its new Artistic Director!

Michael Morris is a seasoned voice teacher, conductor, and singer with over 40 years of professional experience. He has served on the music faculty as the Director of Choral Activities and a member of the Voice Faculty at Holy Names College in Oakland and Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, as well as serving on the Music Faculty at Ohlone College in Fremont, Santa Clara University, and De Anza College in Cupertino. Michael has been the Music Director and Conductor for such diverse organizations as the Mission Peak Chamber Singers, Lyric Theatre of San Jose, Los Altos Conservatory Theater, Los Altos United Methodist, Saint Jude's Episcopal Church in Cupertino, and Saint Simon's Catholic Church in Los Altos.



Michael is also a well-known and respected baritone soloist, having sung the leading roles in some 80 operas, operettas, and musicals with such companies as Opera San Jose, West Bay Opera, and Rogue Valley Opera. He is a frequent soloist for concert work with large orchestras and choral organizations. A voice teacher for over



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The Rogue Valley Chorale Association (RVCA) is Southern Oregon's oldest choral arts organization. Founded in 1973, the Chorale Association has grown to include 300 singers ranging in age from eight to well over 80. RVCA provides beautiful choral music to the Rogue Valley community and a pathway toward life-long singing.

RVCA is a resident company of the Collier Center for the Performing Arts and performs on its Craterian Stage several times each year. In addition, the Rogue Valley Chorale Association's Youth Choruses present both Spring and Fall concerts in local theaters, as well as special performances for area students and community groups.

40 years, Michael is known as a "teacher's teacher" and instructs many professional singers and music teachers in his studio, Michael Morris Studio, LLC, that has run continually since its founding in 1976. He is also an experienced clinician for voice, opera, choral workshops, as well as vocal master classes in repertoire, performance, and audition technique.

Michael received his Master of Music Degree in Vocal Performance from Notre Dame de Namur University and his Bachelor of Music Degree in Music Education from San Francisco State University. He studied opera at the American Institute of Music Studies in Graz, Austria where he received the George London Award for Vocal Performance.

We are thrilled to hand the baton to this outstanding musician, singer, conductor, and Artistic Director. We look forward to many years of exceptional choral musical performances. Michael and his wife, Linda, have recently relocated to the Rogue Valley from the Santa Clara Valley, CA. Welcome, Michael and Linda, to the Rogue Valley and the Rogue Valley Chorale Association!



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ROGUE VALLEY YOUTH CHORUSES FALL/HOLIDAY CONCERT

Saturday, December 9, 2018, 3:00 pm

North Medford High School
Sjolund Auditorium

The Rogue Valley Youth Choruses will present a festive concert celebrating the holiday season. Enjoy the angelic voices of this group of talented young singers.

TICKETS: Available at the door.

MAGNIFY: The Words of Mary

Saturday, December 1, 2018, 7:30 pm
Sunday, December 2, 2018, 3:00 pm

Craterian Theater at the Collier Center

Magnificat in D major, BWV 243 by Johann Sebastian Bach and *Magnificat in C, D486* by Franz Schubert bring the words of the world's most iconic mother to life. A selection of Marian carols rounds out this orchestrated concert in a resounding celebration of life, love, dedication and the holiday season.

ETHEREAL MOMENTS Featuring the World Premiere of Cantares Mexicanos

Saturday, March 23, 2019, 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 24, 2019, 3:00 pm

Craterian Theater at the Collier Center

The Rogue Valley Chorale has commissioned renowned composer Joseph Julian Gonzalez to compose a new work, *Cantares Mexicanos*, based on the ancient Aztec poems that speaks of the Flower World, a mystical place of immense spiritual

awareness that honors nature's beauty in a deeply fulfilling musical experience. Join the Chorale for this auditory and visual extravaganza.

There will be a complimentary pre-concert presentation by Composer Joseph Julian Gonzales beginning at 6:30 on Saturday and 2:00 on Sunday. All are welcome to attend.

COLE! The Music of Broadway Icon Cole Porter

Saturday, May 4, 2019, 7:30 pm
Sunday, May 5, 2019, 3:00 pm

Craterian Theater at the Collier Center

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Put on your bling and loosen up your vocal chords! It is time for the music of Cole Porter. Great showstoppers such *Another Op'nin, Another Show* and *Anything Goes* mixed with Porter's beautiful ballads including *Every time We Say Goodbye* and *In the Still of the Night* will delight audiences. The talented pool of Chorale singers will present Porter's music as duets, trios, small ensembles, and the whole choir accompanied by a jazz combo including piano, guitar, string bass, and set drums. The concert promises a full evening of entertainment.



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ROGUE VALLEY YOUTH CHORUSES SPRING CONCERT

Time and Date TBA (please visit www.roguevalleychorale.org for concert date and time)

North Medford High School
Sjolund Auditorium

The award-winning Rogue Valley Youth Choruses presents a feast of musical selections that are sure to delight and entertain. Come enjoy an evening of singing performed by this exceptional group of young artists.

TICKETS: Available at the door.

Season Sponsor James Morrison Collier

What would our valley be like without Jim Collier? His dedication to supporting the arts is well known, and many music and theater groups owe their ability to serve our community to this outstanding individual. Jim not only supports the arts in the Rogue Valley, but also sponsors orchestra and opera companies in his hometown of Des Moines, Iowa, as well as in Bakersfield, California, where he taught English for thirty years before relocating to Oregon.



Jim was exposed to music as a young boy. He took piano lessons, but when it came time to showcase his talents during his first recital, Jim pretended to be sick. His savvy mother didn't buy it and made him perform. Jim reports that no one was sorry to see him give up the piano after his "less than perfect" performance. But his piano experience planted a seed that grew into an intense love of the arts. Jim says, "I am a much better patron of the arts than a performing artist. I'll leave that to others."

In addition to Jim's sponsorship of the Rogue Valley Chorale's 2018-2019 season, Jim has provided an endowed fund that supports the holiday concert in perpetuity! The term "arts in Southern Oregon" has become synonymous with the name Jim Collier. Our community is richer because of this tireless and dedicated philanthropist. We love you Jim Collier.

ACCOMPANIST MIKIKO S. PETRUCELLI

Mikiko S. Petrucelli was born in Tokyo, Japan where she started playing piano at the age of 4. She received her undergraduate degree in piano performance from the Mushashino Academia Musicae and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from the University of Nebraska. She toured with Uovo, a string chamber group, giving concerts in Japan and Germany. Mikiko won the Josef Dichter Competition in Vienna, Austria in 2001, and the Chiara Competition in 2008. Mikiko has extensive experience as a chamber and solo pianist, and accompanist. She served as an adjunct faculty member at Doane College in Nebraska before relocating to Oregon. She joined the Rogue Valley Chorale as its accompanist in 2015.



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