

Lynn Sjolund, conductor

# Tour of Sweden & Norway

June 29 through July 12, 1995



\*

Pam Barlow Barbara Beers Mary Jo Bergstrom **Bud Bergstrom** Ioani Bristol Anne Canon Dianne Carter Anita Caster Ken Deveney Virginia Dickie Charleen Fike Beth Gilman John Gilsdorf Carroll Graber Barbara Hewitt Fave Hutchings Yvonne Jacobson Barbara Johnson Philip Lind Gary Lovre William Matthews David McFadden Debra McFadden Ellen Montgomery

Cathy Morrison

Mary Jane Morrison Diane Newland Alice Nykreim Earl Peterson **James Post** Nancy Purdy Paul Richardson Otto Roth Carolyn Ruck **Jeanne Saint Germain** Doris Sjolund Phyllis Skinner Eric Smith Milton Snow Wanda Snow Jennifer Spang Constance Speake Marjorie Swanson Richard Swanson Don Turner **Jean Tyndall Julie Vincent** Linda Wegner Blake Weller Doug Wisely



Tuesday, June 27, 1995, 7:30 pm

Bon Voyage Concert, First Presbyterian Church

Medford, Oregon

Saturday, July 1, 1995, 6:00 pm Santa Klara Kyrka Stockholm, Sweden

Monday, July 3, 1995

Informal Concert

Leksand, Sweden, Summer Festival

Tuesday, July 4, 1995, 7:00 pm Fourth of July Concert Östersund Kyrka (Sweden)

> Thursday, July 6, 1995 St. Margaret Kirke Trondheim, Norway

Sunday, July 9, 1995 Marienkirke Bergen, Norway

Tuesday, July 11, 1995

Joint concert with Turi Seim, organist, Ullernkirken
Oslo, Norway

## **Many Thanks**

The choir wishes to thank all those who have helped with arrangements for concerts. We are pleased to share our music with you and hope you have enjoyed our concert.

# Rogue Valley Chorale

#### SCANDINAVIAN TOUR

June 29, 1995 - July 12, 1995

\* Program

×

(to be selected from the following)

## Songs from Sweden and Norway

Arnes sång Vaggvisa Tjuv och tjuv, det ska du heta Deileg er jorden The Glory of the Father W. Peterson-Berger arr. H. Berens Hugo Alfven Thos. Beck Egil Hovland

#### Classical Sacred Music

Ave Verum Corpus O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake Bogóroditse Dévo (Ave Maria) Almighty and Everlasting God Byrd Gibbons Hilton Rachmaninoff Gibbons

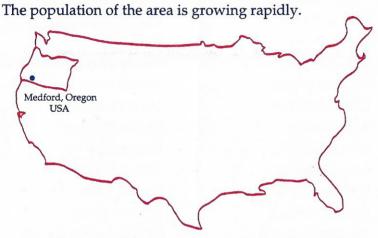
## American Folk Songs and Spirituals

My Old Kentucky Home
Oh, What a Beautiful City
Set Me As a Seal
Give Me Jesus
Lord, I Don't Feel No Ways Tired
Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
I'm Goin' Up a Yonder
Hymn to Freedom
America
An American Hymn

Foster
arr. Boatner\*
René Clausen
arr. Fleming\*
arr. McIntyre
arr. Dawson\*
Hawkins\*
Peterson\*
arr. Coates
arr. Effinger

#### Canons and rounds

Viva, Viva la Musica There was an Old Man from Calcutta Pleni Sunt Coeli Praetorius English Canon Bach The Rogue Valley Chorale is a community choir that was started in 1973. All members of the group are selected by special audition each season. Members of the group come from various communities in southern Oregon. The majority, however, are from Medford, a city of about 55,000 people. The Rogue River Valley is near the California border and about a two-hour drive from the Pacific Ocean.



The area is best known as a timber producing region, but also is famous for its pear orchards and as a tourist center. The climate is warm and dry in summer and there are many opportunities for people to fish, camp and enjoy outdoor activities. There also are many cultural opportunities in the area including a famous festival dedicated to plays by Shakespeare and a large summer music festival that features all types of music. The Rogue Valley Chorale has been a featured group at the music festival on many occasions.

The Chorale rehearses once a week to prepare concerts that are presented three times a year. Music performed by the group includes many standard large works by Mozart, Haydn, Bach, Fauré, Britten, Brahms and others. The choir also sings shorter anthems, motets and folk songs. They have also sung concert versions of stage works and opera choruses. The choir has about seventy members for home concerts.

In the summer of 1993 the Chorale made its first extensive trip when it traveled to Austria, Hungary and the Czech Republic. The group sang in Salzburg, Bad Goisern, and Vienna in Austria; Veszprem, Hungary; and Prague, The Czech Republic. In Hungary the group was featured both in a solo concert and as special guests of a Hungarian choir performing the Kodály "Te Deum". The group is eager to meet other singers from choruses in communities they visit.

# \* Lynn E. Sjolund, Conductor/Music Director \*

Lynn Sjolund is the founding conductor of the Chorale. Mr. Sjolund received advanced degrees in music and music education from the University of Oregon and taught at Medford High School for many years. While teaching choruses and other music classes he also produced and directed many Broadway musicals.

Mr. Sjolund spent a year studying near Stuttgart, Germany. There he acted as a teacher and choral conductor with a program designed for American students studying music education. Following his retirement from the Medford, Oregon schools in 1986, he served as music co-ordinator for the public schools before moving to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he taught at Loyola University of the South (about 4000 kilometers to the southeast). After returning to Medford he resumed his position as the conductor of the group while teaching part-time and acting as the artistic director and conductor for the Rogue Opera.

Mr. Sjolund has served on the national board of directors of the Music Educators National Conference, is a member of the American Choral Directors Association and was the president of the Oregon Music Educators Association on two different occasions. He often acts as a judge for choral contests and also does guest directing of choruses for festivals.

Mr. Sjolund's father was born in the Sundsjö area southeast of Östersund, Sweden. His father emigrated to the United States with his family when he was twelve years old. He lived in northern Minnesota near Bemidji.