

20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT TOUR



ROGUE VALLEY CHORALE

Conductor: Lynn Sjolund

TOUR ITINERARY

June 5	Medford, Oregon, USA
June 25	Salzburg, Austria
June 27	Bad Goisern
June 29	Marienkron Abbey, Mönchhof/Burgenland
July 1	Balatonfüred, Hungary
July 2	Veszprém
July 4	Prague, The Czech Republic

Program

(to be selected from the following)

TWENTIETH CENTURY MUSIC OF HUNGARY

Cantemus

Libera Me

Jubilate Deo

Lajos Bardos

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Laszlo Halmos

FOUR SETTINGS OF THE AVE MARIA

Italian Renaissance

Twentieth Century Hungarian

for women's voices

Twentieth Century Hungarian

for women's voices

Twentieth Century Russian

Tomas Luis de Victoria

Laszlo Halmos

Zoltan Kodaly

Sergei Rachmaninoff

MUSIC OF OUR EUROPEAN HERITAGE

Rejoice in the Lord Alway

O Musica

Himnusz

attributed to John Redford

Paul Peuerl

Ferenc Erkel

Intermission

EARLY AMERICAN TRADITIONAL HYMN TUNES

O Thou in whose presence

Begin, My Soul

Wayfarin' Stranger

Hark I hear the harps eternal

The Hebrew children

Robert Shaw/Alice Parker

Robert Shaw/Alice Parker

Robert DeCormier

Robert Shaw/Alice Parker

Robert Shaw/Alice Parker

SONGS OF BLACK AMERICANS

Keep your lamps trimmed

Were you there?

Go Down, Moses Linda Wegner, soloist

Three about Jesus

Every time I think about Jesus

Give me Jesus

Ride on, King Jesus

Andre Thomas

Harry T. Burleigh

Robert A. Harris

L. L. Fleming



THE ROGUE VALLEY CHORALE 1973-1993

The Rogue Valley Chorale was organized through the efforts of a group of young women who wanted to continue performing fine choral music in a select group of singers. Kathy Gordon, Mary Kay Harmon, Leslie Hall, Karen Foster, and Judith Cushing asked Lynn Sjolund for suggestions about organizing the group, and asked him to be their first director. Auditions were held and 47 singers were invited to join. The first concert was presented on November 15, 1973 with Mr. Sjolund conducting and Signe Lusk as the accompanist. Mr. Sjolund has conducted the group for all but three years of its existence. During the time he was teaching at Loyola University in New Orleans, Sean Warren and Russell Otte capably directed the choir.

Since its inception over three hundred singers have participated in the Chorale for varying periods of time. Of special note are the singers performing with the Chorale tonight who were members of the first group and who sang at the opening performance. They are: Glenda Cossette, Kathleen Davis, Karen Foster, Kathy Gordon, Carrol Graber, Leslie Hall, Mary Kay Harmon, Barbara Hewitt, Ed Houck, Gary Lovre, Bill Matthews, Doris Sjolund, Dick Swanson, and Marge Swanson.

The Chorale has collaborated with the Rogue Valley Symphony on several occasions and has often been the choral group for the Peter Britt Festival on the main stage and in the U.S. Hotel Ballroom.

The twentieth anniversary trip that is planned for this summer will take members to Austria, Hungary, and the Czech Republic. Concerts will be given in each country and a special Hungarian/American choral festival has been planned for the city of Veszprem near Lake Balaton. The Chorale will be the featured ensemble at a meeting of Hungarian choral directors and will sing the Te Deum of Zoltan Kodaly with them and with a choir from Veszprem. The orchestra for the festival will be made up of players from Budapest and the conductor will be the Director of Music at the Salzburg Cathedral. Forty-eight singers and seventeen "friends" are signed up to go on the trip.

The Chorale is financed through membership dues, concert receipts, and donations from interested and supportive patrons. It has also received grants from the Oregon Arts Commission, National Endowment for the Arts, and the Carpenter Foundation for special projects. Season tickets to Chorale concerts were made available for the first time this year. They will be sold again next Fall for the three programs that are scheduled.



LYNN SJOLUND, Chorale conductor, is well-known as a clinician and festival director for choral groups. This year he has worked in Canada, Mexico, New Orleans, and several Oregon locations. In April of 1992 he directed the All-Northwest Men's Choir as part of the American Choral Directors conference. Mr. Sjolund also has directed opera productions for the Rogue Opera and is currently director of the company's programs for youth. After retiring from the Medford Public Schools, Mr. Sjolund spent three years as director of choral activities at Loyola University of the South in New Orleans. In February of 1992 he was awarded the Outstanding Music Educator award from the National Federation of High School Associations and in February of this year he received the "Outstanding Service to Music Education" award from the Northwest Division of the Music Educators National Conference.

MEMBERS OF THE CHORALE

SOPRANOS:

Gaylene Adamson
 Debby Bakalyar
 Anne Canon
 Cris Craig
 Connie Fisher
 Karen Foster
 Linda Fountain
 Beth Gilman
 Kathy Gordon
 Leslie Hall
 Mary Kay Harmon
 Carolyn Jones
 Nancy Carol Nelson
 Shirley Nelson
 Alice Nykreim
 Susan Olson
 Esther Tack
 Jolene Torres

Darlene VanDenBerg
 Linda Wegner
 Idris White

ALTOS:

Char Beaty
 Mary Jo Bergstrom
 Joani Bristol
 Dianne Carter
 Anita Caster
 Glenda Cosette
 Donna Daniels
 Kathleen Davis
 Kay Dix
 Jean Dyrud
 Charleen Fike
 Barbara Hewitt
 Barbara Johnson
 Jerrie Lovre
 Nancy Mason

Cathy Morrison

Diane Newland
 Eleanor O'Neill
 Myrna Pedersen
 Nancy Purdy
 Jeannie Saint Germain
 Marjorie Swanson
 Jean Tyndall

TENORS:

John Blackhurst
 Ross Davis
 Ken Deveney
 Ed Houck
 Phil Lind
 Bill Matthews
 Brian Nelson
 Milt Nelson
 Paul Richardson
 Dean Tack

BASSES/BARITONES:

Quannah Combs
 Jerry Darby
 Paul Edenstrom
 Carroll Graber
 Glenn Hogan
 Gary Lovre
 David McFadden
 Greg Miller
 Jerry Miller
 Ron Mussmecher
 Tom Parks
 Eric Smith
 Dick Swanson
 Dave Uhreen
 Blake Weller
 Peter Yeager

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