

Rogue Valley Chorale
Twentieth Anniversary
Season Series '92-93

You are invited to become a season ticket holder for the Rogue Valley Chorale's Gala Twentieth Anniversary Season. As a season ticket holder you will enjoy four concerts of some of the finest choral music from the Renaissance to Contemporary, sacred and secular.

Concert Preview

November 14, 8:00 p.m.

November 15, 4:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 85 S. Holly, Medford, Oregon

"Choruses With The King"

Since its invention, the pipe organ has been known as the "king of instruments." The Chorale will participate in the dedication series of the new Schoenstein organ recently installed at the First Presbyterian Church. In the few short months since it has been in use the organ has been hailed as one of the finest on the west coast. With over 2000 pipes it is capable of a complete range of qualities and dynamics. The program is designed to show the glory of voices and organ combined. Included in the concert are works of Beethoven, Bach, Mozart, Britten and Vaughan Williams, as well as contemporary composers. All in all, a thrilling combination that you will long remember.

Featured Soloist:

Linda Borecki, regular accompanist for the Rogue Valley Chorale, will be the featured soloist in the first concert series. An organist as well as a pianist, Ms. Borecki earned her music degree at Concordia College of Portland in church music. She studied in Herford, Germany for two years and is presently employed as a church musician. Her teachers include Nancy Nichols from Concordia and Jorg-Neithardt Keller in Germany.

All true and deeply felt music, whether sacred or profane, journeys to heights where art and religion can always meet.

—Albert Schweitzer

December 11, 8:00 p.m.

December 13, 4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 10th & S. Oakdale, Medford, Oregon

"Hodie, Christus Natus Est — Today Christ Is Born"

What better way is there to get in the holiday mood than to hear fine voices and instruments in beautiful Sacred Heart Catholic church? Featuring the ROGUE VALLEY BRASS ENSEMBLE as guest artists, you will also have an opportunity to sing some of your favorite carols with the Rogue Valley Chorale. The Chorale and the brass will join together to bring in the season and the brass has prepared some exciting special numbers to remind you of an old fashioned Christmas. The Chorale will sing several settings of the familiar 'hodie' text by Sweelinck, Palestrina, Poulenc and others.

March 6, 8:00 p.m.

March 7, 4:00 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2000 Oakwood, Medford, Oregon

"The Beauties of Brahms"

No Romantic composer has written more beautifully for the voice than Johannes Brahms. The Chorale will sing an all Brahms program that includes hot-blooded gypsy songs, love song waltzes, and other secular pieces. Best known for his famous Lullabye and the German Requiem, his secular pieces are equally as appealing and exciting. For this program the Chorale has selected the beautiful Westminster Presbyterian church with its fine Steinway grand piano as its concert hall. You won't want to miss this program filled with wonderful contrasts and lush choral sound.

June 5, 8:00 p.m.

North Medford High School, Lynn Sjolund Auditorium, 1900 N. Keeneway, Medford, Oregon

"And Away We Go!"

In honor of the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Rogue Valley Chorale many members of the group will be making their first trip to Europe. This *Bon Voyage* concert will include the music that they will be singing in the cities of Salzburg, Vienna, and Prague as well as other smaller towns. Folk songs, spirituals, and music of our American heritage will be sung as well as the national anthems of the countries they will visit.

Bon Voyage Reception: There will be a special reception following the concert for patrons to meet the chorale members.

Founding Director:



Lynn Sjolund

Lynn Sjolund, founding director of the Chorale, has been active in musical circles in Medford, throughout the Northwest, and in other parts of the country. He is in demand as a guest conductor and clinician and has served in that capacity in Oregon, Montana, California, Idaho, Alaska, Louisiana, Virginia, Tennessee, and Mississippi. While on the staff of the Medford Public Schools his groups consistently won high honors and often presented musicals and concerts for Medford patrons. Mr. Sjolund has served as president of the Oregon Music Educators Association and the Northwest Division of the Music Educators National Conference.

After leaving public school teaching, he taught three years at Loyola University in New Orleans and two terms at the

University of Oregon in Eugene. In addition to his duties with the Chorale, he is Director of Programs for Youth for the Rogue Opera Company.

*The musician's art is to
send light into the depths
of men's hearts.*

—Robert Schumann

Mr. Sjolund's wife, Doris, is also active in music education circles and serves on the state boards of the Oregon Music Educators Association and the American Choral Directors Association. She teaches at Wilson Elementary School in Medford and is assistant accompanist for the Chorale and director of the Rogue Valley Children's Chorus.

*"We are the Music Makers,
We are the dreamers of dreams."*

—O'Shaughnessy

*"Music is the meditation between
the intellectual and the sensuous life."*

—Beethoven



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