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CHORALE GIVES SHOW TUNES FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Over twenty-five years ago, the Beatles sang, "Let's all get up and dance to a song that was a hit before your mother was born...Your mother should know."

The nostalgia will span several generations this Mother's Day weekend, when the Rogue Valley Chorale presents hits from the American stage. And on Mother's Day, mothers will get in free.

"It's Show Time," the Chorale's spring concert, will feature medleys from "Guys and Dolls," "The Student Prince" and "Porgy and Bess" at the Lynn Sjolund Auditorium of North Medford High School.

Mothers will also be treated to music from "Show Boat" and "Carousel."

The shows feature a variety of styles. "The Student Prince," Sigmund Romberg's finest achievment, is a Viennese-American operetta. Based on the story "Old Heidelberg," it is rich with echoes of German beer halls and sentimental love. It toured for twenty five years, from the late '20's to the early 50's.

"Guys and Dolls" - one of the masterworks of the American Musical Theater - is a sassy, irreverant love poem of low-life in New York City in the 1940's. Its slang-filled songs range from horse-track betting and the psychosomatic symptoms of prolonged singleness to the rousing revivalist anthem, "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat."

George Gershwin's well-known masterpiece "Porgy and Bess," with lyrics by DuBose Heyward and Ira Gerswin, portrays the lives and music of the blacks off the Carolina coast. This American folk opera first hit the stage in 1935.

The sounds of blacks in the old south can also be heard in Oscar Hammerstein and Jerome Kern's brilliant artistic and commercial success, "Show Boat," which opened in 1927 and has seen numerous revivals. Familiar tunes from Rodgers and Hammerstein's 1945 smash "Carousel" round out the program.

The Rogue Valley Chorale will present two performances of "It's Show Time": Saturday, May 13th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 14th (Mother's Day) at 3:00 p.m. General admission is $8; students, $5. Tickets are available at the Britt Festival office or at the door. Season ticket holders may bring friends free. Mothers will be admitted free to Sunday's performance.