

Rogue Valley Chorale
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Dear Pat and Russ:

Please announce the upcoming Rogue Valley Chorale Christmas concert when you do your arts events calendar. As you know, the Rogue Valley Chorale had a very successful tour of Austria, Hungary and the Czech Republic (Prague) last summer.

DECEMBER 11 and DECEMBER 12

Rogue Valley Chorale, "Rejoice in the Lamb" Christmas Concert, works of Britten, Respighi and Bach, carols from Latvia and other cultures, plus Traditional Olde Fashioned Carol Sing-Along. Lynn Sjolund, Director, plus guest wind ensemble and organ accompaniment. First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Holly, Medford, Saturday, December 11 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m.. Tickets available from Britt, 773-6077, or at the door. For more information call Lynn Sjolund at 772-2163 or Peter Yeager at 776-4567.

More details (from the press release for this concert):

The title piece, Benjamin Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb" is a delightful yet deeply moving adaptation of the half-mad, wholly religious poetry of Christopher Smart. In this ten-part Cantata, the poet calls upon Old Testament persons to join creatures in rejoicing in God. He also considers his Cat Jeoffry, a valiant mouse and the "rhymes" of various musical instruments. Writer John Fowles has described this music as a "lark-jump of joy." Linda Borecki will accompany on the organ.

The other major work, Ottorino Respighi's "Laud to the Nativity" is a setting of a poem by a 13th century Franciscan monk. Its rich harmonies and pastoral mood call to mind frescoes of Giotto and often resemble Gregorian chants.

"Laud to the Nativity" will be accompanied by local instrumentalists: Debra Guy, flute; Irene Fitch, oboe; Kenton Gould, English horn; and Karen Basin and Erica Anderson, bassoons.

Thank you, Pat and Russ and other staff, for your assistance in this matter and for your on-going service to the arts and classical music lovers throughout your listening region.

Sincerely,

Peter E. Yeager