

# Rogue Valley Chorale Slates Concert Here

Rogue Valley Chorale will open its spring concert series here Tuesday with a concert starting at 8 p.m. in First Baptist Church.

Identical concerts will be presented April 21 in the Southern Oregon State College music auditorium in Ashland, and April 25 at the Congregational Church on East Jackson in Medford, both also beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased from chorale or board members or at the door, at \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

The chorale, directed by Lynn Sjolund, will be assisted in presentation of its concerts by the SOSC Brass Choir, under direction of Marvin Belford.

The concert program opens with Bach's "Christ Lay in

Bonds of Death," with string ensemble accompaniment.

The SOSC Brass Choir will present four instrumental numbers prior to intermission, which will be followed by the chorale's rendition of "Saul" by Hovland.

Chorale and brass choirs will join forces in presenting the next section, which includes Gabrieli's "In Ecclesiis," with soprano Sharyl Lonstron and tenor David Franklin as soloists.

The instrumental and vocal groups also will perform "Fanfare for a Festival" by Nelson and "Jubilate Deo" by Gabrieli.

Final segment of the program will be a group of Irish folk songs arranged by Alice Parker.

Tenor William Matthews will be soloist for "Wearin' of the Green," and soprano Mary Kay Harmon will be featured in "Silent, O Moyle, Be the Roar."

Other selections in this group are "The Girl I Left Behind Me," "Johnny, I hardly Knew Ye" and "The Minstrel Boy."

Sjolund has been musical director and conductor of the RV Chorale since its organization in 1973. He has received music degrees from the University of Oregon, and studied a year in Germany. As director of the Medford Senior High choir, he has led his groups to performances on NBC radio and many local, state and area conventions.

Belford has been on the SOSC staff nine years, and now is chairman of the college's music department.