

RV Chorale Bills Holiday Concerts

The Rogue Valley Chorale, under the direction of Lynn Sjolund, will present two identical concerts this week on Friday and Saturday evenings starting at 8 o'clock in the Eastwood Baptist Church, Keene and Ridgeway, Medford.

One of the features of the Chorale is that it draws upon the talents of local people throughout the Rogue Valley. participation in the Chorale by both husband and wife has resulted in six singing couples, one of whom, the Dick Swansons, was joined this year by their son, Paul.

There's also a mother-daughter singing addition, Jean Dyrud and Connie Toland. The entire Chorale is composed of more than 80 singers.

The concert features Christmas selections including composers Bach, Respighi, Charpentier, and Poulenc.

Respighi's "Laud to the Nativity" will be augmented by an instrumental ensemble with duo piano accompanists, Greg Smith and Kathleen

Davis. Other instrumentalists include Ann Zaccone, Ashland, and Susan Miller, Medford on bassoons; Phebe Belford, Medford, flute; and guest musicians Tom Nugent, English horn and Larry Brezicka, oboe, from the University of Oregon.

Vocal soloists include Steve Simmons, Medford, singing the role of the Shepherd; Sharyl Lonstrom, Grants Pass, who interprets the part of Mary; and Kathy Gordon, Medford, who sings the demanding role of the Angel.

Charpentier, composer of "Midnight Mass for Christmas," has embellished the vocal score by the addition of a string ensemble. Musicians accompanying the Chorale in this work consist of violinists David Elliker, Ashland, Richard Conviser, Azalea, Michael Bardossi, Talent and Marry Stubson, Medford; violist Lindell Stacey, Ashland; cellists Judy Bjorlie, Ashland; and Carolann Haley, Grants Pass; and flutist Phebe Belford, Medford.

Vocal soloists for the Mass

include soprano Bev O'Leary and Regina Glasgow, Medford; Baritone Carroll Graber, Medford; and Deane Tack, tenor of Grants Pass.

Four motets by Poulenc and a Bach motet for double chorus also are impressive selections which will lend to the his season of Christmas during the coming concerts.

Tickets may be obtained at the door or from any Chorale member. Admission, \$2 adults, \$1 students.