

Dreamed of singing 'Messiah'?

Rogue Valley Chorale sets 'join us in singing' event

The Rogue Valley Chorale, under the direction of Lynn Sjolund, invites the public to join in singing Part II of Handel's "Messiah" at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Congregational Church, 1801 E. Jackson St., Medford.

Greg Smith will be organ accompanist.

The presentation will be a benefit sing-in for the Chorale. Admission will be \$1, which will help purchase music and pay concert expenses.

The Passion, as Part II of the "Messiah" is known, concerns a major portion of the work. It begins with the chorus "Behold the Lamb

of God" and ends with the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Solos will be sung by Chorale members, including Diane Newland, alto; Dr. William Matthews, tenor, and Laural Workman, soprano.

There will be no prior rehearsal — the public is invited to come and sing.

The Choral, now in its fifth season, is composed of singers from throughout the Rogue Valley. Rehearsals are under way for the spring concert which will feature the "Sacred Service" by Ernest Bloch as its major work.