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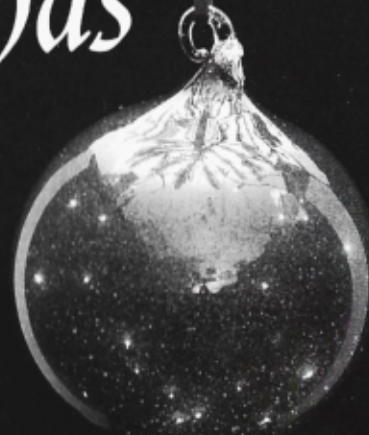
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presents

# Christmas with the Chorale



*Featuring*

*The Cantare Chorus of the  
Rogue Valley Youth Choruses*

*& The Melody Ringers from  
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# Christmas with the Chorale



Lynn Sjolund, Conductor

Andrea Brock, Accompanist

## Program

### I THE CHORALE

#### The Beauties of Bach

*Settings by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Wake, O wake!

O Jesulein Süß, O Jesulein Mild

In Dulci Jubilo

### II ROGUE VALLEY CANTARE CHORUS

Pam Nordquist, Conductor

Margie Daly, Accompanist

Gaudete! Gaudete!

*Cantiones*, 1582/arr. Lana Walter

Featuring 8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Adrienne Box, Trevor Byrd, Natasha Cluff, Maya Cross-Killingsworth, Kelsi Dufour, Marissa Gann, Brianna Gowland, Christie Hunt, Aiden Long, Shaun Morgan, Destinee Simpson, Taylor Pulsipher, Katie Strong

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon/F. Martens

Dashing Through the Snow

James Pierpont/arr. John Leavitt





### III THE CHORALE & CANTARE CHORUS

- While By My Sheep  
Seventeenth Century, (Trier Gesangbuch, 1871)
- I Saw Three Ships  
English Traditional Carol, arr. John Rutter

### INTERMISSION

### IV THE CHORALE AND THE MELODY RINGERS

Lynn Sjolund & JT Thomas, Directing

A German Christmas (Fröhliche Weihnachten)  
arr. Margaret R. Tucker

Still, Still, Still  
O Come, Little Children  
To Us in Bethlehem's Stable  
Kling, Glöckchen, Klingelingeling  
O Thou Joyful Day!



### V THE CHORALE

#### Traditional English Carols

- Unto us is born a Son  
arr. David Willcocks
- Torches  
John Joubert (b. 1927)
- See Amid the Winter's Snow  
*Sylvia Pyeatt, Soloist*  
John Goss (1800-1880), arr. David Willcocks
- A Boy was born in Bethlehem  
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
- The Holly and the Ivy  
arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw
- Joys Seven  
arr. Stephen Cleobury



# Rogue Valley Chorale

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## Notes from the Conductor



Because the sounds of children's voices and beautiful bells especially remind us of Christmas, the Chorale is pleased to have as

our guests the Cantare Chorus of the Rogue Valley Youth Choruses and the Melody Ringers Adult Bell Choir of the First United Methodist Church of Medford. We are grateful to them for participating with us in our annual "Christmas with the Chorale" concerts.

Often, when the famous composer Bach is mentioned, people think only of vast vistas of music. It is true that the choral works for which he is most famous are the *Passions of St. Matthew* and *St. John* and the *Mass in B minor*, but he also wrote many short pieces that often were sung by the congregation that he served. These shorter works immediately establish a feeling of awe, majesty, or sweet adoration. The group included in our program shows the wonderful variety that is available in only five brief numbers. We are singing some of the songs in German and you will notice how the texture of the pieces changes with the language. The translations will help you understand them as they would have been understood by the worshippers in Leipzig over 250 years ago.

One short but wonderful carol in the last set of numbers is by Benjamin Britten, considered the greatest of English composers since Henry Purcell, who wrote in the late seventeenth century. This brief, introspective anthem is part of a set of numbers called "A Boy was born in Bethlehem." Its text proclaims the wonder of the birth of Christ in short traditional phrases interspersed with "alleluias." Each section becomes more intense and then fades into an inspired, quiet major chord.

The Chorale is especially busy this season with extra events and planning ahead for our concerts in January. Mark your calendars now for January 19 and 20, when the group "lets down its hair" and warms up the winter evenings with tunes by George Gershwin and Cole Porter. These great American composers have given us hundreds of fine melodies and great lyrics. The Chorale and soloists will give you a taste of many of them.

*Lynn Sjolund*

Lynn Sjolund





## About the Melody Ringers

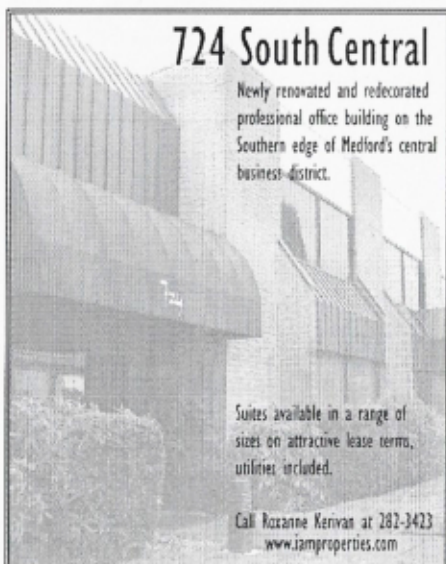
The Melody Ringers are the advanced English Handbell Choir from Medford's First United Methodist Church. The choir was formed about 1976 and their current director, John Thomas, has directed this group since the 1980's. Choir members are adults from various professions and older teens from surrounding schools. They practice weekly for 1½ hours. Over the years they have performed for retirement homes, nursing homes, the Festival of Trees, and at other local church events in addition to monthly at their own church services.

The Melody Ringers have performed solo pieces at the Rogue Valley Bell Festivals and attend the

Area X Bell Festivals, held every two years at college sites in Oregon, Idaho and Washington. At the festivals they not only attend classes but mass ring pieces with up to 600 other ringers under the direction of invited guest conductors. They have also been invited to solo ring at these events.

### Melody Ringer Members

Barb Geiszler  
 Kristin Zerkel  
 Karen Draper  
 Karen Bassett  
 Elizabeth Durand  
 Tyler Davis  
 Beth Zerkel  
 Carol Wagenet  
 Jeff Bassett  
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## About the Cantare Chorus

The Rogue Valley Youth Choruses organization is dedicated to making a difference in young musicians' lives through positive experiences with quality literature, singing technique and exciting performances. The *Cantare* Chorus, formerly the Children's Chorus, was founded in 1982 by Doris Sjolund.

*Cantare* is comprised of approximately 75 auditioned treble singers in

5th-8th grades from regional public, private and home schools. This middle level chorus sings 2-4 part music from many cultures, languages and style periods and is committed to the achievement of the highest level of artistry. During the Fall and Spring seasons, the *Cantare* Chorus embarks on a school tour, performs in concert at the Rogue Valley Manor, and presents a culminating concert in the Medford area.



## Profiles

### PAM NORDQUIST, CONDUCTOR

Pam Nordquist is founding director of the Rogue Valley Youth Ensemble (2002) and current director of the Rogue Valley *Cantare* Chorus (2004). She taught elementary and middle school music for 20 years in Kansas and the Portland, Oregon area. Since moving to southern Oregon in 2001, Pam has been active as a music substitute and accompanist for Medford schools and currently job-shares the choir teaching position at South High with Andrea Brock. She sings with the Rogue Valley Chorale and occasionally with the Southern Oregon Repertory Singers.

Mrs. Nordquist holds degrees from The Wichita State University (Rene Clausen), the Conservatory of Music-University of Missouri-Kansas City (Eph Ehly) and belongs to ACDA and MENC.

Pam's husband, Peter, is also a singer,

choral conductor, and assistant professor of computer science at Southern Oregon University. Together, Pete and Pam have an 8-year-old son, Andrew.

### ANDREA BROCK, ACCOMPANIST

Andrea Brock is currently the choir director at South Medford High School, where she has been teaching since 1996. Before moving to Medford in 1996, Andrea received her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Music Education from the University of Oregon. She also attended the University of Colorado-Boulder and studied for a summer at the Musique Conservatoire de Lyon in Lyon, France.

Andrea has been the accompanist for the Rogue Valley Chorale for nearly 10 years. She and her husband Andrew have two children, Keenan and Molly.





# Tantare Thorus (continued)

**Pam Nordquist**  
*Conductor*

**Margie Daly**  
*Accompanist*

**Kenne Horton,  
Jacque Schmidt**  
*Rehearsal Assistants*

**Carmen Adams**  
*Chorus Manager*

## Cantare Chorus Members

Abby Adams  
Caitlin Aguilar  
Tia Allen  
Hailey Anderson  
Cami Austin  
Ross Begg  
Anastacia Bergstrom  
Emma Bloomquist  
Kara Bown  
Adrienne Box  
Kayla Brandel  
Raney Brooks  
LaRee Brumble  
Trevor Byrd  
Michael Carlton  
Amber Cluff  
Natasha Cluff  
Rachelle Cluff

Kaylee Cooper  
Abby Coughlin  
Maple Couvrette  
McKenna Cromwell  
Maya Cross-  
Killingsworth  
Alyse Darnall  
Ben Dodds  
Kelsi Dufour  
Sydney Dunn  
Makenzie Elmore  
Mariah Ferguson  
Scott Fernandez  
Marissa Gann  
Benjamin Geiszler  
Brianna Gowland  
Lauren Green  
Amanda Heiner  
Hannah Holland  
Christie Hunt  
Stormy Jahn  
Leslie Kirstein  
Joceline LeDay  
Rachel Liles  
Aiden Long  
Nichole Mahoney  
Lauren Martin  
Elena McCoy  
Paige Meier  
Carmen Mejia  
Saira Miles

Shaun Morgan  
Sofia Nash  
Branden Neville  
Katrina Nolte  
Sophia Parsagian  
Aly Pederson  
Cassie Pollock  
Molly Pritchard  
Taylor Pulsipher  
Sierra Randleman  
Landon Rawcliffe  
Erica Roberts  
Tracy Salgado  
Spencer Schmidt  
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# Thorale Members

## Bass/Baritone

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Robert Begg  
Bud Bergstrom  
Phil Cooper  
Fred DeArmond  
Don Dolan  
Carroll Graber  
Paul Hagedorn  
Steve Haskell  
Kenne Horton  
Ed Houck  
Brian Hubbard  
John Hunter  
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Jim Post  
Eric Smith  
Chuck Watson  
Peter E. Yeager

## Tenor

John Blackhurst  
Philip Booth  
Herb Cole  
Ralph Dady  
Ross Davis  
Ken Deveney  
Terry Faulkner  
Phil Koenig  
Bill Matthews  
Gary Miller  
Brian Nelson  
Eric Overland  
Michael Quirk  
Bill Snook  
Rex White  
Jeff Works

## Alto

Susan Ball  
Mary Jo Bergstrom  
Joani Bristol  
Anita Caster  
Sharon Dady  
Donna Daniels  
Kathleen Davis  
Barbara Dellenback  
Kristy Denman  
Ann Doelman  
Charleen Fike  
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Jana Hogan  
Carol Jacobs  
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Andrea Levingston  
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Nancy Mason  
Bonnie Miller  
Lucy Milojevich  
Cathy Morrison  
Sarah Mould  
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Marjorie Overland  
Jessica Pulido  
Nancy Purdy  
Sylvia Pyeatt  
Jeannie Saint Germain  
Doris Sjolund  
Marj Swanson  
Joan Viera

## Soprano

Sylvia Bardes  
Donna Barrett  
Kristi Blackhurst  
Dee-Marie Broyles  
Gay Cawthorne  
Connie Fisher Crooks  
Janet Dolan  
Karen Foster  
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Leslie Hall  
Merry Harris  
Jan Jacobs  
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Andrea Brock



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## About the Chorale

Founded in 1973, the Chorale has flourished as one of the Rogue Valley's finest musical organizations. With over 100 members on its roster, it performs choral music of all types. Last year the Chorale opened the Craterian Ginger Rogers Theater's tenth anniversary celebration with two "standing room only" productions of *100 Years of Broadway*. The next program, scheduled for January 19 and 20, has a similar theme as it presents music of two of America's most talented composers, George Gershwin and Cole Porter.

The Chorale has always enjoyed singing many kinds of music, acknowledging that both our patrons and our singers love variety. Audiences who heard and saw the recent production of Mendelssohn's *Elijah* are still raving about how effective and meaningful it was. The group has also presented the great masterpieces of choral music by Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Handel, Mozart, Verdi, and others. In addition to five concert tours to Europe, most recently during July of 2006, the Chorale has appeared with the Britt Festival Orchestra and the Rogue Valley Symphony, and as a featured choir in New York's Carnegie Hall.

Made up of talented volunteers, the Chorale is always looking for committed and qualified singers. For more information about the group and its activities, visit [www.roguevalleychorale.org](http://www.roguevalleychorale.org).

### ABOUT THE DIRECTOR



Lynn Sjolund is well-known as a conductor and choral clinician. He has directed festival groups and adjudicated choruses around the country. His tenure

with the Chorale began with its founding and has been continuous, with the exception of three years when he was Director of Choral Studies at Loyola University in New Orleans. He has been a regular conductor for Rogue Opera and has served as president of the Oregon Music Educators Association and the Northwest Music Educators Association.

Locally he worked on the renovation of the Craterian Ginger Rogers Theater and he currently serves on a committee for the Oregon Community Foundation. He has conducted the Chorale at New York's Carnegie Hall, and in March, 2002, he received the "Award of Merit for a lifetime of excellence in choral music" from the Northwest American Choral Directors Association. In October, 2002, the Arts Council of Southern Oregon presented Lynn with its "Lifetime Achievement Award."





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