

Chorale Tours

SHARING & LEARNING

20TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR: AUSTRIA, HUNGARY, CZECH REPUBLIC

1993 marked an important milestone in the life of the Rogue Valley Chorale. To celebrate the twentieth year of its formation, members decided to take a 20th Anniversary Concert Tour of Austria, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Led by founding director Lynn E. Sjolund, a group of forty-eight singers and eighteen family members and friends participated in this inaugural tour.



1995: SCANDINAVIA

Encouraged by the resounding success of their first European Concert Tour, the Chorale toured for a second time. Spurred on by the camaraderie generated during the first trip, thirty-seven returnees were joined by twenty-nine new singers and friends for a grand total of 66 tour members. Scandinavia was the chosen destination; Sweden and Norway in particular.

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2000: CARNEGIE HALL, NEW YORK

In the spring of 1999, the Chorale received an invitation to participate in a Choral Festival at Carnegie Hall. This opportunity is a rare occurrence and Chorale members were very pleased to accept the invitation. Many have heard the old adage that goes something like this. Question: How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Answer: Practice. Practice. Practice! Of course, that is just what the Chorale did. The 51 singers and their director, Lynn Sjolund, viewed it as an honor and an awesome experience. The performance will remain one of the most memorable events in the life of the Chorale.

2003, 30TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR: GERMANY, BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS

The fourth Chorale European tour took the singers to the Rhine and Moselle River regions of Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. In addition to the well-received concerts, including those at the cathedrals in Cologne, Bruges and Koblenz, highlights included a day-long river cruise on the Rhine, canal tours in Bruges and Amsterdam, a visit to the World War II American cemetery in Belgium, and the Dutch flower market.

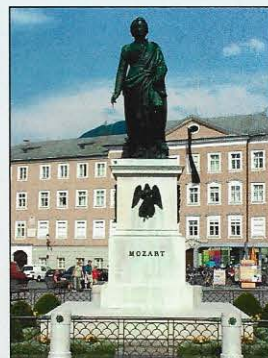
2006: SWITZERLAND, BAVARIA AND AUSTRIA

The Chorale accepted an invitation to participate in the Mozart Choral Festival celebrating Mozart's 250th birthday, with concerts in Salzburg and Vienna, Austria. Fifty singers from the Chorale participated, performing Mozart's Coronation Mass under the direction of Janos Czifra,



choirmaster of the Salzburg Dom, and selections directed by Dr. Eph Ehly, one of America's foremost conductors and clinicians. The Chorale also presented concerts under the direction of its conductor Lynn Sjolund in Lucerne and Bern, Switzerland, and at the famous Baroque Wieskirche in Bavaria.

Participation in Chorale tours never fails to provide a better understanding of the people and cultures of the countries visited, a renewed awareness of the benefits of sharing with others the common bond of music, and a desire to do it again! Through these experiences the Chorale is better able to pursue its primary goal: bringing music of the highest quality to the residents of the Rogue Valley.



For more information about the Chorale and its tour experiences, visit www.roguevalleychorale.org