

Valley Concert Chorale

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Valley Concert Chorale Announces 47th Concert Season March Event “In Remembrance” Honoring the 10th Anniversary of 9/11

Livermore, Calif. – The Valley Concert Chorale, celebrating 47 years as the Tri-Valley’s premier chorus, announces its **2010-2011 concert season entitled “Musical Reflections.”**

“Once again, this season will offer audiences a diverse musical experience,” says John Emory Bush, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Chorale. “Performances will feature a variety of musical genres including the popular melodies from movie and musicals, beautiful holiday carols, our fifth annual Sing-it-Yourself Messiah, and savory songs about food!”

Highlighting the concert season will be a unique and memorable experience in March 2011, called “In Remembrance,” which commemorates the upcoming 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

“Our concert season centerpiece will be a **collaboration with the San Francisco Concert Chorale and Ohlone Chamber Singers,**” says John Emory Bush, the Chorale’s Artistic Director. “We’ll perform two superb choral works to honor the thousands of lives lost on 9/11: Arthur Honegger’s masterpiece ‘King David’ and the beautiful and contemporary ‘Requiem’ by Herbert Howells.” According to Bush, Howells’ “Requiem” has been described as “deeply emotional” and “luminously mystical,” known as one of the 20th century’s great choral compositions. “The ‘Requiem’ is an exceptionally intimate expression as it was written by Howells around the time of his nine year-old son’s death.”

The idea for this collaboration was that of Ohlone’s choral director Dennis Keller, who has been working with Bush over the past year refining the program and selecting music that they believe represents the emotion and importance of the 9/11 anniversary next September.

“We felt it was important to offer a concert in remembrance of this tragic event which impacted so many families here in the Bay Area,” says Bush. “Music is a very powerful way to convey a message, often speaking stronger than words to reach the heart of the subject.” Bush explained that the combined voices of over 100 singers will offer audiences a powerful, moving experience.

2010-2011 Concert Season:

Movie and Musical Revue – a Benefit for Valley Concert Chorale

Enjoy sweets and savory goodies while listening to, and singing along with, the melodies of movies and musicals past and present! Music by Jerome Kern and Stephen Sondheim. Hit songs from “The King and I”, “Rent”, “Barnum” and more. Then take a sentimental journey back to the 1940's for some swinging tunes. Raffle prize drawings add to the fun.

Sunday, October 24, 3 pm
Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church
4th and L Streets, Livermore
Tickets: \$35 each

Carols of Comfort and Joy

What a great way to begin the holiday season! New carols. Old carols. Carols you know by heart. Carols that give comfort and carols that spread joy. Sing along with us throughout the concert.

Saturday, December 4, 8pm
Asbury United Methodist Church
4743 East Avenue
Livermore

Sunday, December 5, 3 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
1225 Hopyard Rd. Pleasanton

Tickets: \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. High school and college students \$10 with valid student ID. Children 14 and under are free.

Sing-It-Yourself *Messiah*

It's our annual holiday event. Join in singing Part I of Handel's great masterpiece, including the Hallelujah Chorus.

Friday, December 10, 7:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
1225 Hopyard Rd. Pleasanton
Tickets: \$10 each

An Evening of Music with Daniel Glover

VCC's own accompanist and internationally-renowned concert pianist, Mr. Glover will share his masterful talent at the piano in this benefit concert for the Chorale.

Saturday, February 5, 7:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church
4th and L Streets, Livermore
Tickets: \$25 each

In Remembrance – September 11, 2001

Three unique and memorable choral experiences honoring the lives lost 10 years ago in the tragedies of September 11, 2001. The Ohlone Chamber Singers and San Francisco Concert Chorale join the Chorale. Featured selections include Howells' "Requiem", Honegger's "King David", and Paulus' "The Road Home".

Three Bay Area performances (Note: ticket prices vary by location, and are valid only for the corresponding venue):

Friday, March 18, 8 pm
At a Tri-Valley venue, to be announced
Tickets: \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. High school and college students \$10 with valid student ID. Children 14 and under are free.

Saturday, March 19, 8 pm
Gary Soren Smith Center for the Fine and Performing Arts
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
Tickets: \$20 general admission, \$15 students, seniors (with ID), and youth under 12

Sunday, March 20, 4 pm
Mission Dolores Basilica
Dolores at 16th Streets, San Francisco
Tickets: \$30 at the door; \$25 advance priority seating; \$20 advance general seating

If Music be the Food of Love

Music and food – an incredible pairing of nourishment for the body and soul! Muscial selections include Rutter's "Banquet Fugue", Crabtree's "Marge, You Make the Best Pork Chops," and Chilcott's "Fragments From His Dish."

Saturday, May 21, 8 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton
Tickets: \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. High school and college students \$10 with valid student ID. Children 14 and under are free.

More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at www.valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

About Valley Concert Chorale

The Valley Concert Chorale, now in its 47th season, is the Tri-Valley's premier chorus. Under the direction of John Emory Bush, the Chorale has offered a variety of musical performances to serve the diverse musical tastes of its audiences.

Valley Concert Chorale's mission is to engage audiences in the transforming power of music by sharing our passion and joy in live performance. We are dedicated to excellence in singing choral music of all genres, nurturing the next generation of singers, and supporting musical endeavors in our Tri-Valley community.

The Chorale's educational outreach program Music in the Schools presents original musical performances at Tri-Valley primary school assemblies to celebrate the joy of music and singing with area students. For information, call Pam Grove at 925-462-4205.

The all-volunteer, non-profit chorale receives financial support from grants, ticket sales, membership dues, and donations.

About the Director

John Emory Bush has been the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Valley Concert Chorale since 1998. He holds a Master's degree from the Juilliard School of Music and is also trained as a pianist, organist and harpist. In addition, he is the Music Director and Conductor of the San Francisco Concert Chorale and former Director of Music for St. Matthew's Cathedral in Dallas, Texas.

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