

Valley Concert Chorale

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Auditions for Valley Concert Chorale 2011-2012 Season *Open Rehearsal Nights Sept. 12 and 19*

Livermore, Calif. – The Valley Concert Chorale, the Tri-Valley's premier chorus, will hold **auditions by appointment** for the 2011-2012 concert season on Monday, **September 12 and 19**, at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at the corner of 4th and L Streets.

The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205.

Open Rehearsal Nights Sept. 12th and 19th

Both audition dates are also open rehearsal nights for anyone who would like to sit in on a rehearsal and experience a typical rehearsal, read through the music for the fall quarter and consider auditioning for the chorus.

“Our open rehearsal nights have been very popular in past years,” says Chorale President Dave Brunswick. “We’ve had several singers join us through this process who said that it was a fun experience.”

The **2011-2012 concert season titled “Delightfully Unique Musical Experiences”** will include an October performance of American spirituals featuring Swedish soprano saxophonist Anders Paulsson, and in December, new and traditional carols featuring selections from Britten’s “Ceremony of Carols” and John Rutter’s “Dancing Day.” In March, the music will feature that of royal coronations and weddings including the recent wedding of Prince William and Kate, Handel’s “Zadok the Priest” and selections by Elton John and The Beatles. Finally in May will be songs that celebrate the sounds of spring, plus a few surprises.

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 48th 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 their passion and joy in live performance. They are dedicated to excellence in singing choral music of all genres, nurturing the next generation of singers, and supporting musical endeavors in the 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. Individuals and corporations are invited to provide financial contributions of any amount. For information, call Pam Grove at 925-462-4205.

The all-volunteer, non-profit chorale receives financial support from grants, ticket sales, membership dues, fundraisers 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. Mr. Bush was recently appointed Principal Organist at First United Methodist Church, McKinney, Texas. For the past twelve years, Mr. Bush has divided his time between the Bay Area and Dallas, contributing to both musical communities.