

Valley Concert Chorale

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Valley Concert Chorale Announces 49th Concert Season Performances feature collaborations with Cantabella Children's Chorus; Las Positas College Chamber Chorus

Livermore, Calif. – The Valley Concert Chorale, celebrating 49 years as the Tri-Valley's premier chorus, announces its **2012-2013 concert season entitled "Sharing the Joy of Song."**

"Our season features songs for every emotion," says John Emory Bush, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Chorale. "We'll sing songs of joy, laughter, serenity and celebration. I am certain that audiences will experience the same emotions that the lyrics and melodies portray."

Opening the season is an afternoon of the silly songs of Gilbert and Sullivan, a performance to benefit the Chorale. "The first time we performed this program it was a sold-out event, a huge success and extremely popular with our audiences," explains Dave Brunswick, VCC President. "As we did before, we will serve tasty British treats and teas, so tickets will again sell quickly."

The highlight of the season is the April performance "Songs of Serenity" featuring the music of contemporary choral masters, French composer Maurice Duruflé and American composer Morten Lauridsen.

"We will perform the Duruflé *Requiem* and Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*, (Eternal Light), two of the most deeply moving contemporary choral pieces ever written," says Bush. These two pieces are favorites of choral singers and audiences all over the world, and whether you are a fan of choral music or not, after experiencing these two pieces, you will be."

Closing out the season in May, the Chorale will help the Livermore-Amador Symphony celebrate its 50th Anniversary season in performing the ever-popular Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore.

“We are very excited to perform Beethoven’s masterpiece with the LAS symphony,” says Brunswick. “Performing in the Bankhead Theater is always a treat for us as it is a wonderful theater with great acoustics. Together, we will raise the roof with an “Ode to Joy.”

2012-2013 Concert Season:

Songs of Laughter – An Afternoon with Gilbert and Sullivan

Enjoy tasty treats while listening to songs from popular Gilbert and Sullivan operas including *The Mikado*, *Pirates of Penzance* and *H.M.S. Pinafore*, and more in this popular event to benefit the Chorale. Raffle prize drawings add to the fun.

Sunday, October 21, 2012

3:00 pm

Asbury United Methodist Church

4743 East Ave, Livermore

Tickets: \$40 each

Holiday Songs of Joy

The Chorale’s annual holiday performances of familiar and traditional carols will fill your spirit with the joy of the season. Cantabella Children’s Chorus joins the Chorale for an enjoyable musical experience.

Sunday, December 2, 2012

3:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton

Saturday, December 15, 2012

7:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church

4th & L Streets, Livermore

Tickets: \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. High school and college students \$10 with valid student ID. Children 12 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 14, 2012

7:30 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton

Tickets: \$10 each

Songs of Serenity

Featuring the music of two of the choral world's most creative contemporary composers, Las Positas College Chamber Choir will join the Chorale in performing Durufle's beautiful *Requiem*, and Lauridsen's moving *Lux Aeterna*.

Saturday, April 13, 2013

7:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church
4th & L Streets, Livermore

Tickets: \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. High school and college students \$10 with valid student ID. Children 12 and under are free.

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony

The Valley Concert Chorale joins the Livermore- Amador Symphony in its 50th anniversary performance of Beethoven's choral masterpiece "Ode to Joy."

Saturday, May 18, 2013

8:00 pm

Bankhead Theater
2400 First Street, Livermore

Tickets: www.bankheadtheater.com

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 49th 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 is 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.