

Yakima *Symphony* Chorus

40 years of

“Bringing Music to Life!”

Fall 2010



October Retreat

Mighty Tieton's Harvest Hall * 10 am-4 pm

Come enjoy a full-day of music with Dr. Wallace Long.

Improve your skills and learn some new ones, as Dr. Long shares listening methods, vocal skills, and team building skills.

Enjoy a potluck lunch with friends and get to know a few new friends.

Share your ideas on making the YSC the best it can be!

Directions: From Yakima, take Summitview Avenue through Cowiche to Tieton (about 15 miles). When you think you've gone too far, keep going! When you see a sign that says, "Welcome to Tieton" - continue straight ahead .3 miles (road changes to Tieton Rd). Take a left on Wisconsin Avenue. Go past Mighty Tieton on right, past several small businesses including USPS & bakery and Harvest Hall will be on the left.

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A Note from the President

What an exciting year! This season, we will celebrate YSC's 40th Anniversary with Dr. P at the helm for 35 of them. Our schedule will be one of the busiest ever with four of our own concerts and three with the YSO.

The excitement has just begun with our first month of intense and invigorating rehearsals. It's great to see everyone back, along with several new faces, and all working so hard.

We will continue the excitement with Dr. Wallace Long and a day-long retreat at Mighty Tieton. This will be an opportunity to improve personal & group skills and enjoy friends; don't miss out!

A new sponsorship program is also in place. Thank you to those members who contacted sponsors in the name of the YSC. Your time & effort are much appreciated. Please take a look at the list of sponsors on the back page and patronize them if you have the opportunity.

There's still lots more excitement in store so...

Keep Singing!

Mary



Chatting with Dr. P

"Look at us now-we've done pretty well!"

Hey Dr. P, it's the Chorus' 40th anniversary; how do you feel about that?

It's exciting and fun to think back. Not only is it YSC's 40th, it's my 35th. I think how the chorus has grown! When I first moved to town, there were only 5 tenors, 4 or 5 basses, a total of 30 people. It was half the size it is now. I took over as Conductor in 1977, did a re-audition of all members- that was interesting- and the chorus became part of the college. In the early 80's, we were numbered at about 110. Look at us now-we've done pretty well!

What have you enjoyed most about the Chorus?

Travelling to Carnegie Hall, China, Vienna, Prague; they went to England, as well, but I missed that trip.

What is the best thing the Chorus has done so far?

Provided great choral music from Yakima to Ellensburg to the Lower Valley. Our best for me was Beethoven's 9th two years ago.

What do you think is the greatest challenge for the Chorus today?


Doing more literature; more concerts. Because there are much higher expectations today, adjusting to doing more and working on our own.


What are your hopes for the YSC in the future?


I would like to see the YSC continue to travel; perhaps another trip to New York. We have also never done a festival-competition. We've sung with other choruses, but we've never really been involved in a competition. I think that would be good.


This is going to be an exciting year!


YSC Board Notes


 Dr. Lawrence Golan paid a visit to the Board in September. He shared his plans for the 2011-2012 season, including a Christmas spectacular.

 Recipients of this year's Luis Castilleja Memorial Student Scholarship are Keira Fessler, Ashley Chambers, Joel Norman, and Joanna Cook. We are happy to continue to have so many young people involved in the YSC. Congratulations!

 In honor of YSC's 40th Anniversary, we will be presenting a gift to one of our sponsors at each concert. The YVCC Art Dept. will be donating 2 pieces of art and Mr. Tim Winterfeld, a local photographer, has donated 2 framed photographs.

 The YSC will be participating in community events, such as parades, caroling, and Farmer's Market. Please be sure to watch for more information on these events.

 All members wishing to take leave from the YSC, must complete a Leave of Absence form and return it to their Section Representative or the President. An audition may be required upon return.

 Looking ahead, the YSC will be teaming with the Yakima Bears for 'YSC Nite Out at the Bears.' A private picnic prior to a game will be highlighted by a guest appearance by members of the Bears' team.

In Memory of Julie Gray

January 11, 1941-September 3, 2010

Julie was born on January 11, 1941, in Cody, Wyoming. She earned her BA in English/Music from Colorado State College (now University of Northern Colorado). Julie was also a member of the select Choral Aires, USAF ROTC Angel Flight, Alpha Phi International Fraternity, and performed as a jazz vocalist.



Julie was always teaching, leading, laughing, and singing. Julie was a member of the YSC and several other choirs over the years. As such, she shared her rich voice to tour and sing in many countries. She inspired many people, including her students, fellow teachers, and members of the various choirs she participated in.

Something you may not know about Julie is that she represented UNC in the State of Colorado beauty pageant. She was runner-up; a testimony to her competitiveness, talent, and beauty.

Those who knew Julie considered her a safe haven; a true treasure. They valued her accessibility, excitement, and her caring. Julie is remembered for her yesterdays and she will be remembered across many tomorrows.

Julie brought so much joy into the lives of so many; she was truly a great woman. A musical memorial will be held at the Season at noon on November 20, 2010.

**Information and excerpts from Julie's obituary are included with permission.*



PODCASTS

We would like to begin adding podcasts to the website. If you are able to help with this technology, please contact Mary at yscpres@gmail.com.

SPONSORS

Each member is asked to please contact two potential sponsors. These can be businesses (i.e. a bookstore or restaurant), a service provider (i.e. doctor or accountant), or a personal friend or family member. Please be sure to check the list of businesses that have already been contacted and add your name and contacts to the list. Sponsor letters will be available at each rehearsal.

Alumni Reception

An Alumni Reception will be held following the December concert. Anyone who would like to help with preparations, please meet at 6:30 pm Tuesday, Nov. 23rd prior to rehearsal.

Q & A

Q: Why has our compensation from the YSO not been consistent?

In the past, compensation for performances with the YSO has not always been consistent. This has largely been due to communication within the organization. However, for the current year, an arrangement between the YSO and YSC has been reached.

For each performance with the YSO, Dia de los Muertos and Verdi's Requiem, the YSC will receive \$300.00. For the Drawing Diversions concert in January, the YSC will receive \$2000.00.

Though \$300.00 may seem insufficient, it was based on the fact that the YSO pays the full salary of our accompanist, provides insurance coverage for all YSC events and office space, provides year-round accounting services to the YSC, offers a complimentary ticket to all YSC members who purchase a season ticket, and, this year, will work on a joint fundraiser with the YSC.

Negotiations are on-going for the 2011-2012 season.

*F-mail your questions to yscpres@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

YSC Retreat

Mighty Tieton's Harvest Hall

10 am – 4 pm

Please bring a potluck dish to share.

You are welcome to bring a lawn chair for the deck during lunch break.

Water & snack will be provided.

Dia de los Muertos

Saturday, October 30, 2010

The Seasons Performance Hall

Please arrive no later than 7:00 pm.

Concert Attire: Men-Suit/tux

Women-Concert Dress with Spanish-style earrings

Whispers of Christmas Parade, Selah

Dec. 4, 2011

All those who are interested in participating in this event, please contact Mary at yscprez@gmail.com or sign-up at rehearsal.

Handel's Messiah

Saturday, December 11, 2011

Capitol Theatre 7:00 pm

Please arrive no later than 6:30 pm.

Concert Attire: Men-Suit/tux

Women-Concert Dress with Pearls

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