

# Yakima *Symphony* Chorus

40 years of  
"Bringing Music to Life!"

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The Yakima Symphony Chorus was founded in 1971 by Brooke Creswell, conductor of the fledgling Yakima Symphony Orchestra (YSO). The first performance was held February 1, 1972, in the old Capitol Theatre.

Whether with the YSO or as its own entity, the Yakima Symphony Chorus has undertaken to present the full measure of choral music to an appreciative Yakima audience. Present Chorusmaster, Scott R. Peterson, has led or prepared the group through such masterworks as Handel's Messiah, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Requiems by Verdi, Brahms, and Mozart, as well as many important choral works such as Randall Thompson's Peaceable Kingdom and Ralph Vaughan William's Mass in G Minor. Over the years, highlights have included semi-staged performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's Mikado, Trial by Jury, and H.M.S. Pinafore.

Members of the Chorus participated in a European tour in 1979 and a choral festival with John Rutter in Warwick, England, in 1989. In May 1993, members of the Chorus sang Mozart's Requiem with the Manhattan Philharmonic Orchestra in Carnegie Hall, conducted by Dr. Peterson. They toured Beijing and Shanghai, China in 2004. On the most recent tour, in November 2009, members of the Chorus sang in Vienna and Stein and der Donau, Austria and Prague, Czech Republic.

## A Note from the President

*Got Holiday Spirit?* Share it!

This season the YSC will step out into the community with some community service. We hope to be sharing some time and talent as caroling St. Vincent Bellsingers and Christmas carolers for this year's Mighty Tieton Craft Bazaar Preview. Let's fill the air with some beautiful music!

We are also looking forward to our Christmas performance of Messiah, which has been a tradition for many years. Invite your family and friends! Afterward, we will host a very special Alumni Reception. We are looking forward to seeing some old friends and sharing this special anniversary season with them.

And, let's not forget to congratulate all those involved in this year's Rodger's & Hammerstein Pops concert. What a great show!

Wishing all of you a wonderful & blessed holiday season! and don't forget to...

Keep Singing!  
*Mary*



## Chatting with Mark Northcott

### **Welcome, Mark! What brings you to the YSC?**

Enjoyment of singing with a larger group & the renowned Dr. Peterson.

**Have you always been interested in singing?** No, not always. In fact, it wasn't until Junior college at YVCC that I got over the idea that I couldn't sing very well.


**What do you do when you're not singing?** I am a graphic artist, landscape designer, and art instructor. I also keep busy with two jazz bands off and on as a harmonica and trumpet player.


**I understand you have a rather interesting story to tell about meeting your wife?** I don't know if it's any more interesting than the next guy's tall tale, but I'll share! I met my wife on E-Harmony in 2006. She was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta Canada, and I am a native Washingtonian. It was real nice getting to know her by letters, photos (pictures really can say 1000 words or more), IM-ing, and, of course, the phone. About 5-6 months into our new relationship, it was time for me to visit her in person. So I flew up to Calgary during an exceptionally colder winter month. We had a lot of fun driving up to Banff to visit the famous resort area, and share the city of Calgary together. Did I mention it was really cold?! My brother married a little earlier than I, and we had established a new family tradition of vacationing during their anniversary week in Lincoln City, Oregon. Stephanie would join us on these adventures and got to know the family as well. A long distance relationship is not an easy one, and I believe those two people must be quite certain of what they want from the other person. In 2009, I figured I knew very well what I wanted from Stephanie and what she wanted from me. I proposed to her on Valentine's Day. I suppose it's cliché to have proposed on Valentine's Day...I still feel like she proposed to me first while driving to SeaTac for her flight back home. I was moving at the time and she was helping me box up some odds and ends. I tried to hide the promise ring I had for her, but she was too keen. The ring fit like a glove, and it was one of her favorite stones. On the way back, she quipped, "This would really look better on the other hand, wouldn't it?"...but I proposed to Stephanie on Valentine's Day over a romantic candlelit dinner at a little Greek bistro. It was a really cozy place with love all around us. On August 7, 2010, we were married!!!


**What are you looking forward to as a member of the YSC?** I am looking forward to more singing on stage, making new friends within the chorus, more especially, listening for that joyous sound you hear when a chorus is on pitch- in tune- and in general "into" the music they're singing!


**Maxin Art Studio**


## YSC Board Notes


 the YSC has received sponsorships in the total amount of \$2600.



 Special thanks to Mark Northcott who created the newspaper ads to highlight YSC's Messiah performance.

 Wineglass Cellars has graciously donated wine for a very special Alumni Reception following the December concert.

 The YSC will be participating in the following community events: Dec. 3- caroling at Mighty Tieton Craft Bazaar @ 5:00 pm; St. Vincent Bellringers @ Fred Meyer. Be sure to sign up for one of these events.

 the YSC by-laws are currently being updated.

 Looking ahead, the YSC will be teaming with the Yakima Bears for a fundraiser on June 23, 2011, to include entertainment by the YSC, an all-you-can-eat picnic, a guest appearance by members of the Bears' team, followed by an exciting game: Yakima Bears vs Spokane Indians.

  Board minutes are available online.

Music washes away  
from the soul  
the dust of  
everyday life.  
– Berthold

# A Salute to Rodgers & Hammerstein

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, 17 YSC members joined the Yakima Symphony Orchestra in presenting *A Salute to Rodgers & Hammerstein*. The show was a great success!



"I'm gonna wash that man  
right outta my hair and send  
him on his way!"

"I'm in love with a  
wonderful guy!"



"We got sunlight on the sand,  
we go moonlight on the sea,"



"There ain't nothin'  
like the frame of a  
dame."



"Let's start at the very beginning...Do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti do!"

## Alumni Reception

An Alumni Reception will be held following the December concert. If you know of a YSC Alumni, please check to see if they are on our mailing list.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Q & A

Q: How can I be more involved with the YSC?

There are lots of ways to get involved!

We are always in need of volunteers to help with publicity, event organization, office help, and technology. If you think you might enjoy participating in the business aspect of the group, why not place your name on the 2011-2012 ballot!



## Upcoming Events

### Handel's Messiah

Saturday, December 11, 2010

Capitol Theatre 7:00 pm

Please arrive no later than 6:30 pm.

Concert Attire: Men-Suit/tux

Women-Concert Dress with Pearls;

Black/dark hose with closed-toe shoes

### St. Vincent Bellringers

November & December 2010

**Fred Meyer-40<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Caroling and collecting money for those in need

2 & 4 hour shifts available

Sign up at rehearsal!

### Drawing Room Diversions: Tribute to Martin Luther King

January 20, 2011

Yakima Valley Museum

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