

Tons of Chorale News

June 23, 2021

Hello Chorale,

Hope your summer is beginning well. Isn't it wonderful to be free of masks and we can SING again! I had another meeting with Father Anthony and the Mission staff. We are all very excited and are working out the program together. We plan to ask \$25 on Friday which includes a small reception in the garden and bringing in monies to pay instrumentalists, and just \$20 for the Saturday concert with no reception. It will all be handled online via the Mission website. They get lovely fundraisers and concerts and we get to sing in the best place possible... and I don't have to move any risers or twenty music stands!

NOW TO THE DETAILS: Please take care to note the **dates and the requirements**.

"In memorium" - "A Celebration of Life" dates -

Friday, September 17 at 7:00 AND Saturday, September 18 at 2:00 (Saturday could be dropped if we don't get enough RSVPs). I hope not...after lots of work I always prefer to sing a program twice.

First rehearsal and reunion - **Monday, July 19th at 7:30** - All saint's Vista Parish Hall (newly refurbished and beautiful with lots of ventilation). We can spread out a bit and have all the doors open and the fan on. **Just this ONE** early rehearsal. I'll schedule regular Mondays in August as soon as I can.

NOTE - The Episcopal Bishop, Susan Snook, has made it abundantly clear that we **MUST BE VACCINATED** in order to sing, and we rehearse at the Episcopal church. There is no wiggle room here. We will NOT be required to wear masks, though you certainly can if you feel more comfortable. The Mission has a similar requirement. We feel it is only safe and responsible for the Chorale to sing, without masks, **ONLY** if vaccinated. If Covid takes a turn again, we will ask the congregation to wear masks. The steps where we sing are a good twelve feet away from the front pews and we discussed leaving the first few empty as well if need be. I hate to leave anyone out, I really do...but we still must be careful and respectful of our audience.

I think we still need to be careful at this first rehearsal about food and drinks as well. If you want to bring some goodies, and I hope you do, please have them served in a way that we can avoid touching multiple things at the same time. Spread out on trays or wrapped cookies. Toothpicks in fruit, Etc. Bring your own water. I may avoid any coffee for the moment.

BUT LET'S CELEBRATE - Hugs all around !

I wonder if we can still sight read or even make noise. Much of the music you will remember and there are a few new pieces too, including two pieces I just composed for this special concert.

Now that we have a good number of singers chomping at the bit to sing, I have tentatively committed us to the annual **American Guild of Organists Scholarship Concert. It is on Sunday, October 17th at 4:00.** I have three great pieces in mind for that. I hope most of you are willing to do that gig again. It is fun and so worthwhile. No dinner this time, just wine and cheese.

The Christmas dates at the **Mission are December 3 and 4.**

OK...I told you that there was TONS of information. I look forward to hearing from you. PLEASE send me an email or call me about your status with all of this, one way or another. As things are still so much in flux, I need to keep tabs on our ability to actually perform. One of these days, or years, we will have to give it up but I am not quite there yet.

Much Love to all,
David.

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