



Burbank Chorale **OCTOBER 2006**

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Burbank Chorale

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IMPORTANT DATES

All Day Rehearsal
Saturday November 18
10:00 – 4:00

Holiday Concert
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
1020 North Brand Blvd., Glendale

Saturday December 16, 7:30 pm
Sunday December 17, 4:00 pm

For New Members: Frequently Asked Questions

What if I have to miss rehearsals?
Regular attendance is a requirement for continued active status in the Chorale. It is very important to the whole group that every member is present. If you absolutely must miss a rehearsal or you will be late, please call your section leader (See names and phone numbers at left). We expect everyone to attend every rehearsal. We also expect everyone to plan time to learn the music. **If you have more than 3 absences for any reason, you may be asked not to sing in the next concert.** This is out of respect for your section and total group and so unfortunate solos do not happen in the performance to embarrass you!

What are the dues and music deposit?
Dues are \$160 per concert year (September through May). Most people pay \$80 in September and \$80 in January. If necessary, installment arrangements can be made with chorale treasurer **Marguerite Flick** in the alto section. This will be handled

confidentially, but it is your responsibility to contact the treasurer so she doesn't have to contact you. Our dues are necessary to meet our budget. They help us pay for our director, accompanist, music, section leaders, concert soloists, rehearsal hall rental and other expenses of our concerts. Dues are supplemented by concert donations and periodic fundraising, but they remain an important support of our program. We ask you to budget ahead so you are able to pay your dues promptly. **Deposit for music is \$10 in cash. It is returned to you when the music is returned to the Librarian.**

Do I have to participate in fundraisers?
Fundraisers and other special events are planned through the season. We need your participation and welcome your suggestions. It is the only way we can continue to offer the community the low cost concerts that have been our commitment for 85 years. If you have ideas for ways we can improve, please feel free to talk to any Board member.. It is your Chorale. Your suggestions regarding fundraising are especially welcomed.

What is the dress for concerts? **We have a standard concert dress for both men and women. The goal of uniform dress is to create a professional visual impression to go along with our professional sound.**

Order forms and information on concert dress are available on a separate handout. We keep the same concert dress year over year so this is a one-time expense when you join the Chorale. You will not be allowed to sing in the concerts if you do not purchase the concert dress. Jewelry will be purchased as a part of the concert dress so that we look uniform

and professional. For questions about the concert dress, please contact **Diane Lord** at 818-702-0356 or diane.lord@wellpoint.com.

During concerts, we ask that you refrain from wearing perfume, after shave, cologne or scented hairspray—nasal passages and vocal cords can be irritated by fragrance, and, some people are allergic.

If you have any questions, please see any officer or your administrative section leader!

Development Report

Kyrian Corona
Development Director

L.A. Holiday Celebration at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

The Burbank Chorale has been accepted to perform at the 47th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on December 24, 2006. We will perform for six minutes between 6 and 9 p.m. The Chorale will receive an Honorarium of \$650 for the performance. Members are encouraged to participate because this is a great opportunity to showcase the Chorale before a local and national audience and a chance for YOU to perform at the Music Center. Bring your family and friends to the concert for a unique and memorable Holiday evening!

Rehearsal and Sound Check

There is a mandatory rehearsal at the Dorothy Chandler on Saturday, December 2 at 3:40 p.m. During this rehearsal members of the production crew will be conducting interviews and filming groups to gather footage for potential mini-documentaries that will be included in the live Holiday Celebration on the 24th. We may be required to attend a sound check either on December 23 or the morning of December 24. We will be notified on

or before December 13 if the Chorale is scheduled for a sound check.

Television Broadcast

The Holiday Celebration runs for a total of six hours, between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. The six hours will be televised live on KCET and selections will be broadcast nationally on PBS. Union and non-union singers will be required to sign broadcast release forms. Publicity Director **Steve Freudenberg** is handling all release forms.

Parking

There will be two designated parking lots, one for regular sized vehicles in Lot 14 and the other for oversized vehicles (over 6.5 feet) in Lot 17. Parking is free.

We will keep you posted on all details as they unfold.



For Women Only

Type of Hormone Therapy Blamed for Hearing Loss

From the Associated Press 9/05/06

Women taking certain hormone replacement therapy may damage their hearing, scientists report today in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

A study of 124 post-menopausal women found that those taking hormone replacement therapy that included progestin had poorer speech understanding than women who were not taking hormones or who were using estrogen only.

The team was led by Dr. Robert D Frisina at the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, N.Y. The researchers previously had reported

indications of hearing problems associated with hormone therapy.

The research found problems in the inner ear and in some measures of brain function affecting hearing in women using hormone therapy with progestin, Frisina said in a telephone interview.

Since hearing problems can affect quality of life, including family and business activities, he urged more hearing tests for women using this therapy. "We feel this should be added to the list of possible side effects, so when a woman and her doctor make their decision she can weigh this," Frisina said, adding that it may be a particular concern for women who already have some hearing loss.

Rutter in Cyberspace

Having trouble learning your part in the Gloria? Go to cyberbass.com, a collection of choral scores converted to MIDI format for play-back on your computer. You can listen to your own part or all the parts together, and even adjust the volume of your part in relation to the others. The site also has composer biographies, a link to Amazon.com showing available recordings of the work you are studying, and more. Check it out!

Rutter in New York

What could be more exciting than singing the John Rutter Gloria and Cantus under the direction of the composer himself at Carnegie Hall? 21 Burbank Chorale members have already signed up to sing along with other choral groups in the April 2 2007 concert. The tentative schedule is to fly to New York on Friday March 30, and return on Tuesday April 3. The cost per person, excluding airfare, is \$1,049 for quad occupancy. Estimated airfare cost is under \$200 RT. Questions? Ask Development Director **Kyrian Corona**, or visit our website, www.burbankchorale.org.