



Notes and Measures

February 13, 2017

Final Night for March Pre-sale Ticket Sales is Tonight!

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets from Rita and her ticket team last Monday night. We especially appreciate everyone's interest in buying pre-sale tickets – that's the tickets available only to GCCC singers for just \$11 each – that's four dollars off the regular ticket price! If you didn't get a chance to buy discounted tickets for your family and friends last week, there's still time to purchase them – but you'd better hurry, because they'll only be available tonight.

Rita and her team will be available just prior to rehearsal and at break for ticket purchases. Purchases can be paid by cash or check, but we can also accept payment by credit or debit card using our new-fangled swiping device. (Isn't technology wonderful?) If you have any questions about tickets, please see Rita or any other member of the Board.

Next Week: One Last Trip to the Foothills

Happy Lincoln's Birthday (plus one day), and welcome back to Church of the Foothills! We've said this before, and we can't say it enough – thanks to all of you for your patience and understanding as we've taken our rehearsals "on the road" several times during this set of rehearsals due to school holidays scheduled at our regular home at VACE. Next Monday is Presidents Day; as much as we'd like to give you a Monday off to celebrate, we're going to ask you to join us here again next week for our final "away" rehearsal at Church of the Foothills. Here's what you need to know.

For our rehearsal on **February 20th**, we'll be meeting at Church of the Foothills, located at 6279 Foothill Road in Ventura; the zip code is 93003, for those of you who get everywhere using Google Maps or a similar website or app. For those of you who prefer written directions, here are directions to Church of the Foothills:

DOWNTOWN AND WEST VENTURA, OJAI & POINTS NORTH: Take U.S. 101 South to the Victoria Avenue exit. At the end of the ramp, make a left on to Valentine Road, then turn left at Victoria Avenue. Stay on Victoria (heading over Highway 126 and into the hills). After about 2 ½ miles, turn right at Foothill Road. The driveway for Church of the Foothills will be about a third of a mile up the road on your left (slow at Cobblestone Drive).

CONEJO VALLEY, CAMARILLO, OXNARD, AND POINTS SOUTH: Take U.S. 101 North to the Victoria Avenue exit. At the end of the ramp, turn right at Victoria Avenue. Stay on Victoria (heading over the 126 and into the hills). After about 2 ½ miles, turn right at Foothill Road. The driveway for Church of the Foothills will be about a third of a mile up the road on your left (slow at Cobblestone Drive).

EAST VENTURA, SANTA PAULA, FILLMORE, AND POINTS EAST: Take Highway 126 West to the Kimball Road exit. At the end of the ramp, turn left at Kimball Road. Stay on Kimball Road (heading past Telegraph and into the hills). After about 1 mile, turn left at Foothill Road. The driveway for Church of the Foothills will be about a mile up the road on your right (slow at Via Plaza).

Don't forget to allow extra time for your trip if you need it on the days we're rehearsing at the church, and don't forget to meet us back home at VACE in two weeks! If you have any questions, please talk to your section leader or a member of the Board.

Be GCCC's Valentine – Shop With A Smile

I'm going to start off this item with an important message to all the gentlemen in our chorus. I'm not going to be subtle about this - **VALENTINE'S DAY IS TOMORROW!!! HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR SWEETIE A GIFT YET?!?** If you haven't, I'd strongly suggest that you pick up a Valentine's Day card on the drive home tonight and get to your computer and order something online before you go to bed. It still may not arrive in time, but at least you can honestly say that you ordered something before the big day, but it just hasn't been delivered yet. Whatever the reason you'll be shopping online, please show GCCC a little love by shopping using the special Amazon Smile link - you'll get good prices, your special someone will get a great gift, and we'll receive a little support for our activities!

Here's how Shop with a Smile works. Register and shop on Amazon.com by using a special hyperlink - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0214637> - instead of the regular Amazon home page. Every time you do, half a percent of your total purchase cost will be donated to GCCC. That's it – no special codes or coupons are required, and you'll get the same great deals you always get on Amazon, but your purchase will also benefit our Chorus!

Please share the Amazon Smile link with your friends and family members, and remember to go to smile.amazon.com every time you shop on Amazon! If you have any questions about Amazon Smile or need a little help getting started, please see a member of the Board.

Sorry, a Tuxedo Print T-Shirt Isn't Concert Dress

We're only 26 days away from our performance – which means it's about time to get your concert attire out of the closet and make sure it's ready to go. For our new singers, you may have questions about what items constitute proper concert attire. Well, we've got you covered – let's take a moment to review what clothing items you need to be wearing so that we can all present a uniform, professional appearance on stage.

For ladies: Long sleeved or ¾ length sleeved black blouse, with a V neck, scoop neck, or boat neck. The blouse should not have short sleeves, collars, beading, or adornment. Ladies will also wear a long black skirt with black panty hose or long black dress slacks, with black socks and black, closed toe shoes. No heels, please, as these affect sight lines and are very hard on your feet while on the risers! Jewelry should be minimal and understated—no long dangling earrings, no flashy necklaces or anything that would distract from us having a uniform appearance as a chorus. Colored scarves may be provided for all the ladies to wear, to add a splash of color.

For gentlemen: Concert dress is a black tuxedo, a white tuxedo shirt with a standard collar (no French collars, please), a black bowtie and black cummerbund (not red like in December), black shoes, and black socks.

As always, please remember to refrain from using perfumes, colognes, scented lotions or any fragrance that might cause other singers to have allergic reactions.

We understand that some of our members may have difficulty purchasing concert attire due to financial concerns. If you have any concerns of this nature, please talk to your section leader or to a member of the Board – we may be able to provide you with loaner items.

If you have any questions about concert attire, please see your section leader, our concert support coordinator Michelle Smith, or any member of the Board.

No Smoking, No Strong Scents, No Kidding

Here's an important reminder to make sure everyone can breathe easily. As a courtesy to your fellow singers and for everyone's comfort and safety:

- Please refrain from smoking in the buildings or in their immediate vicinity when we're together, including during breaks. Our rehearsal and concert venues (VACE, Church of the Foothills, and St. John's Lutheran Church Oxnard) have been designated non-smoking facilities.
- Please refrain from wearing any items with strong scents, including perfumes, colognes, and body lotions at rehearsals and at performances. Even a lightly-scented lotion or hand sanitizer may be strong enough to affect your fellow singers.

Thanks for your cooperation in making our rehearsal and concert venues places where everyone has a happy and healthy experience! If you have any questions, please see your section leader or a member of the Board.

You Don't Have to Stand For Concert – But We Do Need to Know

Singing with the gold Coast Concert Chorus at a performance is an amazing experience, but it shouldn't have to be a painful one. For a variety of reasons, several of our singers ask to be seated for the performance rather than stand, and Scott Groeneveld, our concertmaster, is more than happy to oblige. But Scott can't get you the seat you need if he doesn't know that you need it!

If you believe that you'll need to be seated during the performance, please be sure to indicate it on the attendance sheet for your section; you can either check off the box labeled "SIT" on the far right of the row where you mark off your attendance, or write the word "SIT" on the right edge of the sheet. Please don't assume that because you've had a seat available for past concerts, you'll automatically have a seat for this one – we have a lot of singers, and although Scott is a great concertmaster, he can't be expected to remember everyone who requested a seat from him for past concerts! If you have any questions about being seated, please ask Scott, your section leader, or a member of the Board.

Love Notes – Not Just for Valentine's Day

Remember when you were back in school and you would pass a note of love or encouragement to that special someone in your class? Even if the note might be intercepted by the teacher every once in a while, sending and receiving a love note was a big thrill. We're not going to send you back to school, but you and your family and friends can relive a little of the fun and excitement of getting notes in school by running a love note in our concert program!

In case you're not sure what a GCCC Love Note is, here's how it works: You or someone who knows you can submit a form to GCCC to run a short message – no more than about two short sentences or so - in a small space in the concert program we give to you and our patrons. A love note doesn't necessarily have to be an expression of romantic love – a note of friendship or support is just fine! Unlike many ways of sending a message these days, the cost of a GCCC program love note is very reasonable – only \$10. In addition to being a nice way to show someone at our concert that you care, the costs of a love note help pay the costs of making the concert programs available to our singers and our guests.

What If you'd like to send a longer message to someone, or a message promoting your business or a service you provide? Instead of a love note, consider running a concert program ad! We have several options available as far as ad types and sizes, all available for reasonable prices. Like love notes, program ads also help to pay for the concert programs GCCC provides.

You can pick up forms for concert program love notes and concert program ads from the table at break. If you know someone who might like to send you a love note or would like to run a program ad, please take a form and ask them to complete and return it to us as soon as possible. If you have any questions about love notes or program ads, please see Sharon Groeneveld, our publications coordinator, or another member of the board.

Save the Music, Share the Memories – Buy a GCCC Concert CD

As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. In a couple of weeks, our rehearsals will be over, and not too long after that, our performance will be just a memory. But your concert experience doesn't have to end with the final note sung on stage on our performance day – you can relive your experience again and again and share it with others by purchasing and listening to a recording of our March concert on CD!

At each GCCC performance, our good friend Tom Scharf from TKO Productions records our concert, and after the concert, Tom and the Chorus make copies of the recording available on CD. If you'd like a copy of our performance on CD as a keepsake or to give to a friend or family member, Valerie Allison, our vice-president, will be taking orders for CDs at the break. The cost of a concert CD is only \$20 each, and they're only available through GCCC (sorry, iTunes and Google Play fans). Remember, supplies will be limited, so don't miss out – place your order today to ensure you get a copy. If you have any questions about concert CDs, please see Valerie or another member of the Board.

That's it for this edition – see you next issue!

If you have news or information that you'd like to share in a future issue, please contact a member or the Board at rehearsal, or send an e-mail to Paul Schnebelen at membership@goldcoastchorus.org