



Notes and Measures

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It's Not a Concert Without an Audience – Keep Selling Tickets

Thanks to everyone who purchased pre-sale tickets from Rita and her ticket team – we appreciate everyone's help in getting as many people to join us as possible. Although we no longer have discounted tickets available, we still have many seats to fill for the performance, so please keep encouraging your friends, family, and neighbors to come to the show. Tickets are just \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students, and \$5 for children 12 and under – a real bargain for an evening's entertainment!

Rita and her team will continue to be available prior to rehearsal and at break for ticket purchases all the way through the final dress rehearsal. Folks can also purchase tickets directly via PayPal on our website at www.goldcoastchorus.org/ticket, by e-mail at tickets@goldcoastchorus.org, or by calling the GCCC Ticket Hotline at (805) 616-7269; tickets will be available for buyers to pick up from the Will Call table at the concert venue just prior to the performance. If you have any questions about tickets, please see Rita or any other member of the Board.

We Cannot Tell a Lie – We Love It When You Shop With A Smile

Today is Presidents Day – the day we honor the men who have led our country. Presidents Day isn't exactly a big holiday for shopping, but we're sure that at some point you'll need to buy something soon. If you do your shopping online at Amazon.com, don't forget to support the Chorus by shopping using the special Amazon Smile link. Everyone benefits when you Shop With a Smile!

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.

The Performance Is Coming Soon – Is Your Concert Dress Ready?

Our concert is now less than three weeks away. We know you're just about ready to give a great performance, but are you ready to look great onstage as well? Since time's getting short to prepare your concert dress, let's review what clothing items you need to be wearing so that we can all present a uniform, professional appearance on the day of our performance.

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.

Need a Seat? Please Tell Us Soon!

Here's an important reminder for our singers. If you believe that'll you'd prefer to sit rather than stand during our 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 you'll have a seat waiting for you if you've asked for one at a past concert, and don't wait until we get to our concert venue for dress rehearsals to let us know! If you have any questions about being seated, please ask our concertmaster, Scott Groeneveld, your section leader, or a member of the Board.

Time's Running Out to Submit Love Notes and Program Ads

Have you been thinking about putting a note to your love ones in our concert program? Do you know someone who might like to put a note in for you? Have you been thinking about purchasing a program ad to promote your business or service to a larger audience? Don't think about it for too much longer – the concert program will be going to the printer soon. Get in those ad forms as soon as you can!

As you may recall, a love note is a way for you or someone who knows you to run a short message – no more than about two short sentences or so - in a small space in the concert program; the cost for a love note is only \$10, but the feeling when you or your loved one sees the note is priceless.

If you have more to say or you'd like to promote something in the concert program, you can purchase a program ad; program ads come in several sizes, all of them available at a very reasonable price. Whether you purchase a love note or a program ad, your purchase helps us to pay for the concert programs provided to you and our concert guests.

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.

Absolutely Not Available In Stores! Order a GCCC Concert CD

If you're of a certain age, you may remember those late-night TV ads offering albums by semi-famous artists. Remember how they'd always urge you to call and buy an album because it was "not available in stores"? Well, there's another album of great music that's not available in stores and that you might want to consider purchasing – a CD of your March concert performance!

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