



# Notes and Measures

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## Ticket Time Update: Two Weeks Left To Sell Tickets

Happy Thanksgiving week, everybody! We hope you enjoy dinner with your friends and family on Thursday and shopping on Friday, but we hope you'll have more on your minds than turkey, football, and shopping this week. As of tonight, we're only 18 days away from our first performance, and we still have some seats to fill for both shows. That means that we really need to keep promoting our concerts and selling tickets! Please be sure to grab posters and postcards to distribute in the community as you're doing your holiday shopping this week, and don't forget to ask your friends and family about giving and getting the gift of music this holiday season by purchasing GCCC concert tickets.

Last week, there was a lot of good buzz (sorry, I couldn't resist) amongst the singers about the season ticket raffle prize we announced. In case you missed it, the winning entry for our season ticket raffle will receive a gift basket from Heritage Honey of Ventura worth \$100 one honey of a prize, if I do say so myself. (Last honey pun for tonight, I promise.) All you have to do to earn a raffle ticket is to sell or purchase a season ticket between now and the December concerts; the drawing will be held immediately after our final performance. Season tickets make a great stocking stuffer for a fan of the arts - season ticket holders receive tickets to all three of our concerts and get to sit in our special VIP section, all for only \$45 for adults and \$12 for kids. That's a savings of \$9 over purchasing tickets individually at the regular price!

If individual tickets for the December concert are more your friends' speed, they're available for sale, at \$18 each for adults, \$15 for students and seniors 65 or better, and \$5 for children 12 and under. Francine and her ticket team are also still offering the option of checking out tickets for singers to sell, but don't delay - remember, proceeds from checked-out tickets and unsold tickets need to be returned to Francine and her team by the final week of rehearsals, which is just two weeks away. Whatever tickets you'd like, and however you'd like to sell them, Francine and her ticket team are ready to provide them to you!

Tickets can be purchased by cash, check, money order, and via credit or debit card using PayPal; you also have the option to pick up tickets at the time of purchase, or request they be held at "will call" for pick up on the performance dates. Tickets may also be purchased via PayPal on the GCCC website at [www.goldcoastchorus.org/tickets](http://www.goldcoastchorus.org/tickets), ordered by e-mail at [tickets@goldcoastchorus.org](mailto:tickets@goldcoastchorus.org), or by placing an order through the GCCC Ticket Hotline at (805) 616-7269. Please see Francine or a member of the Board if you have any questions, and **KEEP SELLING TICKETS!!!**

## **GCCC Gives a Musical Welcome to the New CMH, December 11th**

It's always exciting to welcome a new arrival to a family – I still smile thinking about holding my youngest granddaughter for the first time when she was born a few years ago. Well, a lot of folks here in Ventura have been anticipating a new arrival, and it looks like it's going to happen soon. The new arrival is a little bigger than most newborns – six stories and 355,000 square feet, to be exact – but the community is excited to see it, and they're already expecting great things. We're talking about the Ocean Tower, the newest addition to Community Memorial Hospital, and GCCC has been asked to be a part of the opening celebration. We hope you can join us to give Ventura's newest arrival the welcome it deserves!

GCCC is looking for singers to volunteer for a special outreach event for the opening of Community Memorial Hospital's new tower, to be held on December 11th (that's the Tuesday after our concert performances) at approximately 5:00 p.m. Liz will have a sign-up sheet for the outreach event available at break tonight; more details about the event and what we'll be doing (and singing) will be coming soon. If you have any questions about the event, please see a member of the Board. We hope to see you there!

## **Dressin' Properly for a Down-Home Bluegrass Christmas**

Since we're getting close to our concert dates, and we've had several questions, I think that now would be a good time to review what our concert dress will be! Traditionally, our December concert dress has been tuxedos for the gentlemen and three-quarter length skirts for the ladies, but that doesn't really seem quite right for a down-home Christmas, does it? That's why we'll be going for a different look this time.

Our attire for this concert could best be described as casual, Christmassy, and a little bit country. Tops and shirts can be any color, either solid-colored or with small squares, but should have long sleeves; for the gentlemen, the shirts should be collared. We love our "GCCC gray" shirts and blouses, but they're not quite country enough for this concert, so please refrain from wearing them as concert dress this time. (And yes, I know they're not really gray, but I digress.) You have the option to complement the blouses and shirts with red kerchiefs or bandannas.

To complete the outfit, wear black jeans, slacks, or trousers, as well as closed-toed shoes or boots of any color. Please refrain from wearing any large or flashy pieces of jewelry or high-heeled shoes – high heels and risers don't mix, folks. While we love ugly Christmas sweaters, they can be brutal under hot stage lights, so please save them for your holiday parties. Last but not least – and I realize these may be fightin' words for a real cowboy – but please, don't wear cowboy hats (or other hats, for that matter); it's hard to look for Liz when you've got a Stetson or a 10-gallon hat blocking your view.

If you have any questions about concert attire, please Pat Chaney, our concert support coordinator, or see your section leader.

## **Don't Be a Turkey – Shop With A Smile on Black Friday & Cyber Monday**

If the holiday shopping season were an Olympic event, right now we'd be at the point where all the shoppers were on their starting blocks, waiting for the starter to fire the pistol. I'm sure many of you have already been busily planning for shopping on Black Friday and its online equivalent, Cyber Monday. Well, if your shopping takes you to Amazon.com any time between Black Friday and New Year's Day, we'd like to ask you to put GCCC on your Christmas list and support us by making your purchases on

Amazon Smile. You'll be helping us to continue to offer our community the gift of music for years to come, and you'll still get the great prices and selection you've come to expect from Amazon. Best of all, you won't have to drive around looking for a parking space!

Amazon Smile is a special fundraising program where customers can register and do their shopping on Amazon using a special link; when they do, Amazon donates one-half of one percent of the cost of their purchase to a participating non-profit like GCCC. Now, half a penny for every dollar you spend may not sound like a lot of money, but you'd be surprised how quickly those half-pennies can up to a nice little donation - in just the few years that GCCC has participated in Amazon Smile, Amazon has contributed \$623.29 to the Chorus!

To sign up to support GCCC through Amazon Smile, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0214637> and take a moment to register; once you do, be sure to go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) the next time you shop, and you can start supporting us with your next purchase! Please be sure to share the above link with your friends; if you have any questions about Amazon Smile, or you would like a hand with registering, please see a member of the Board.

## Groupmuse Holiday Chamber Music Concert, November 30th

If you've been reading *Notes and Measures* for a while, you know that we love to promote other arts and music events in Ventura County, especially if those events involve our fellow singers. Well, recently one of our singers told us about how she's participating in a website that allows her to host chamber music events in her own home! Jaimie Goulding will be holding an event in less than a couple of weeks, and we hope you'll take the opportunity to join her for an evening of wonderful music.

On Friday, November 30th, Jaimie will be hosting a chamber music concert through a web-based organization called Groupmuse. That way Groupmuse works is that participants agree to host a concert in their home, and the organization helps to the host to arrange for the musicians and an audience for the performance. On the night of the performance, the host provides wine, beer and water, but invites guests to bring their own drinks if they'd like. Some chair and sofa + stair seating is made available, but guests can also bring their own folding chair, blanket or cushion. During the concert, the host passes the hat to collect a minimum \$10 contribution for the musicians playing at the event.

Okay, now that we know what a Groupmuse event is, what will the musicians be playing at Jaimie's event? Jaimie and her group are in a holiday mood, and want to share with some piano and cello duo magic with contemporary Russian flavor; the concert will feature pianist Jacopo Giacomuzzi along with cellist Georgy Gusev in a program that will include pieces by Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich, and Kasputin.

To reserve a spot for the Groupmuse concert that Jaimie's hosting, please go to the following website: <http://l.grpm.us/HavH6Q>. There'll be more information about the concert, the musicians, and the pieces being performed, as well as links to reserve a spot as a guest. If you have any questions, please e-mail Jaimie at [jaimie.goulding@gmail.com](mailto:jaimie.goulding@gmail.com) or call her at [\(805\) 218-0617](tel:8052180617).

## 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](mailto:membership@goldcoastchorus.org).