



GLAD TIDINGS

The Newsletter of the Jubilate! Sacred Singers

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“New Beginnings”

The year 2012 was a milestone in Jubilate's history. It was a time of recalling our first ten years with celebration. We moved into a new phase in 2013, a phase that continues to evolve and create new opportunities for the choir. We call this "**New Beginnings**". This direction focuses on expanded repertoire and venues, and it establishes a fall and spring season for the upcoming performance year. Our website was updated to ensure greater accessibility to those who desire to know who we are and what we are doing throughout the year. Increased membership and our first annual fund-raising drive are also key aspects to our journey in the season ahead.

This past spring discussions were held about our future direction. We were preparing for Haydn's *Creation* yet took time to look beyond its performance in June. One of the items that gained immediate support was looking at an earlier Jubilate niche where we performed Americana concerts. We returned to that program format in April offering such a performance for the First Presbyterian Mariners that also included audience participation. It was a definite hit. Along with this kind of format Dr. Gonzalez proposed renewing our Friends and Family concert series in the fall. The music selected for this program shows a further expansion of our repertoire. Creating new venue sites has also been a goal. Recently, we gave performances at Broomfield's Farmers Market, the Legacy Senior Center in Lafayette, and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Longmont. Our intention is to continue such outreach efforts in getting the word out as to who the Jubilate Sacred Singers are and what we have to offer.

The *Creation* concerts were successful in terms of dollars raised for three groups, a collaboration with a local orchestra and soloists, and in offering challenging classical works to our local community. A great deal of hard work went into preparing for these two performances.

The concept of a fall and spring season is designed to focus on special events during each season that highlight our work. The fall season includes the Friends and Family concert in October at two venues. We will also be part of the Lafayette Public Library's concert series. As in the past, we will hold our annual Thanksgiving program in November followed by two holiday concerts in December at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park and as Covenant Village in Westminster. Times and dates for all the fall programs are listed in this newsletter. Be sure to place these dates on your calendar. Check out our revised website at www.jubilatesacredsingers.org for additional Jubilate information.

Like many non-profit groups, Jubilate is having to look at ways to increase funding for our programs. This fall we are launching our **First annual fund-raising drive**. We need the financial support of all those who support our mission and our unique role in this community. We have begun efforts to look at local, state, and national grants and have attended several workshops to that end. Those who wish to step up as donors will be recognized on the website.

Finally we were blessed to have a number of extra vocalists join with us for the recent *Creation* concerts. We welcome anyone who loves to sing and would enjoy checking us out for consideration of their support for the October concerts. A sample of program is included in this newsletter for review. Jubilate is at its core a group of singers who accept our mission and who believe our ministry fills a need in our community. We are delighted and grateful that several guest singers for the *Creation* program are considering joining us as permanent members.

There is growing excitement for what our concert season ahead offers the community. Our spring season will be published between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Look for the details!

Submitted by Bruce Rose

Haydn *Creation* Successful

Months of painstaking preparation paid off nicely as Jubilate, along with some extra singers and the Flatirons Community Orchestra, completed two fine performances of Haydn's *Creation*. All this was done under the able direction of Dr. Arturo Gonzalez. The first performance was held at First Seventh Day Adventist Church in Boulder on June 1. The second was at Immaculate Conception Church in Lafayette the next day and was a benefit for the Sister Carmen Center. Approximately 150 people attended each performance.

Father Bob Amundsen of Immaculate Conception had this to say, "Thank you again for a wonderful performance. I hope that we can do something again next year. As (for) the money raised: the amount collected was \$840. I know that the Sister Carmen Center will be gratified to receive this donation."

Jason Ching, who joined us for the past two summers, saw a recording of the Saturday performance on our Facebook page and had this to say, "I was able to watch and really enjoyed the Haydn concert. What a success it was! You all were so great."

Arturo weighed in with the following, "I think we had quite a weekend. I am so proud of the results we accomplished. We had two very successful, well attended, high quality concerts of a piece of music that is one of the hallmarks of western music. I was concerned about the balance, but the truth of the matter is that a group of 35 singers could even sometimes overpower the orchestra."

The main soloists were Melissa Sue Dalton (soprano), Alex Sierra (tenor), and our own Doug Hofmeister (bass). Doug put in a lot of effort along with some outside coaching to turn in a top-notch performance. Other Jubilate members who performed some recitatives and short solos were Sheri Isele (soprano), Loren Donaldson (tenor), and David Simmons (bass). Michelle Hofmeister joined Doug for the Adam and Eve duet, *By Thee with Grace*,



Poster for the *Creation* concerts artistically designed by Priscilla Gonzalez

which was another high point of the performances. Arturo had this to say about the soloists, "We found two superb professional soloists, but God blessed us as well with Loren, Sheri, David, and the very professional performance of Doug, plus a magnificent ending when Michelle joined the scene."

Jubilate alumna, Marilyn Zimmerman, provided the photo shown below from the Saturday performance,





Jubilate sang at the 10:15 service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (another new venue for us) in Longmont on August 4. Our efforts were well received, and the outdoor setting for the service lent a special quality to the experience. (photo courtesy of Sally Lawrence)

New Members

Several people joined us for the *Creation* concerts, and one of them has joined the group on a permanent basis. At least one of the others plans to join in the fall.

Sue Wedaa is a soprano who lives in Thornton and directs the choir at First United Church of Arvada. She works for a field services company serving bank owned properties. She lives with her teenage son and says that they are both avid Star Wars fans.

Moriah Evans is an alto. She joined us for *Creation* and remained with the group through June and into July. She recently completed her schooling in elementary education at the University of Northern Colorado. However, her first job out of college took her to Colorado Springs so she was unable to continue singing with us.

Even though Moriah was only with us for a short time, we enjoyed singing with her and wish her the best in her career. We are blessed to have Sue with us, and look forward to welcoming at least one other new member in the fall.

Friends & Family Concert to Return

One of the major annual events throughout the early history of Jubilate was the annual Friends and Family concerts. These were fundraisers and were performed as a way of saying thank you to those who supported our efforts. While this is not anything new, it was cited as something in the discussion of “New Beginnings” that we need to revive.

To that end, the next Friends and Family concert will be presented on October 19 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Boulder. Like the concerts of old, there will be familiar songs from our repertoire along with some new pieces being added. The program tentatively scheduled for this year’s concert includes the following and represents a variety of musical genres:

Let the Music Begin

<i>Old Folks at Home</i>	Foster
<i>Here and Now</i>	Luboff/W. Whitman
<i>Hark! I Hear</i>	Parker
“Gloria” from <i>Missa Brevis</i>	Mozart

Let the Party Begin

<i>Libertango</i>	Piazzola
<i>Skip to My Lou</i>	arr. Busselberg

Let the Show Begin

<i>Les Miserables</i> medley	
<i>Insalata Italiana</i>	Green
<i>Somebody to Love</i>	Mercury

Let the Worship Begin

<i>Create In Me a Clean Heart</i>	Berger
<i>Alleluia</i>	Thompson
<i>He Never Failed Me Yet</i>	Ray
<i>Praise His Holy Name</i>	Hampton

If you cannot attend the concert on October 19, the same performance will be given on October 12 at Covenant Village in Westminster. Don’t miss this fresh new take on a significant piece of our history.

Social Media

Through the efforts of Loren Donaldson, our webmaster, the Jubilate completed a badly needed update to make the website more user friendly, particularly to Jubilate members. In addition, Jubilate has a Facebook page managed by Sheri Isele. Our thanks to Loren and Sheri for their efforts.

HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP: Jubilate! Sacred Singers is a 501c3 non-profit organization. The group has been blessed with the gift of music, and it is offered free of charge to anyone willing to listen. However, there are operating expenses. Your tax deductible donations are always welcome. If you wish to donate, please send your check to P.O. Box 3381, Boulder, CO 80307, or contribute by Paypal through the website, www.jubilatesacredsingers.org. All gifts are greatly appreciated.

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Upcoming Events in 2013

Sunday, Sept 8, 2013	9:30 AM	Rinn United Methodist Church, Longmont
Saturday, Sept 28	1:00 PM	Balfour Retirement Community, Louisville
Saturday, October 12	7:00 PM	Covenant Village, Westminster
Saturday, October 19	7:00 PM	Friends and Family Concert, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Boulder
Sunday, November 3	TBD	Erie United Methodist Church, Erie
Sunday, November 17	3:00 PM	Lafayette Public Library, Lafayette
Friday, November 22	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Service, The Lodge at Balfour, Louisville
Sunday, December 1	2:00 PM	Christmas Concert, Stanley Hotel, Estes Park
Sunday, December 15	5:30 PM	Christmas Concert, Covenant Village, Westminster