



# ***Jubilate! Notes***

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## **Jubilate! Sacred Singers**

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### **A Note from our Chair**

By David Simmons



David Simmons

Five years ago, when I learned that David Harris was leaving as director of Jubilate, I decided to make a "just in case" search for another choir. I learned that while there are a number of community choruses in the area, there are none that do what Jubilate does. The typical group prepares two or three major concerts per year, and performs those concerts in a relatively large venue. No other group takes quality, spiritually-uplifting music to the small churches and nursing homes where we perform. I realized then that I wanted Jubilate to continue – not only for me, but for our mission.

Now we are in another transitional year. We are working to discover when, where and how we will carry out our mission. We are organizing to bring all the positive aspects of our organization into focus. Regardless of the results of the transition, we need to keep this in mind: Jubilate is not about us or our opinions. It's about our calling from God, our mission to serve, and the people who are blessed by that service.



### **Our Jubilate! Resolution**

By Dr. J. Arturo Gonzalez



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The beginning of the year always gives us the opportunity to develop dreams, ideas and, of course, New Year's resolutions. The sad part is that almost all resolutions have not even started by the time March rolls around. However, at least in my case, there is something that still remains: Hope - the hope we need in order to wait in expectation for what God has for us, our families and, of course, our choir.

The book of Romans says: "Now may the God Who gives the power of patient endurance (steadfastness) and Who supplies encouragement, grant you to live in such mutual harmony and such full sympathy with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may [unanimously] with united hearts and one voice, praise and glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." This year, we are striving for more members and for financial stability, so we can continue our dreams for Jubilate and its future. Let's pray and hope with united hearts and one voice that we will continue to praise and glorify the name of God together. This is a great resolution for our new year.



### **How to Join Jubilate!**

By Dr. J. Arturo Gonzalez

Becoming a member of Jubilate is not complicated. Prospective members are invited to participate with the group for three rehearsals. During that time, members of the choir will give you an overview of the financial and time commitments required to be a member. As your visits progress, I will determine your singing ability and how well you blend with the sound of the choir.

After the third rehearsal, I will review your request to join Jubilate! Once your request is approved by me and the Board of Directors, you will be given a new member orientation, outlining all the specific details about singing and working with Jubilate! Sacred Singers.

I invite you to a uniquely satisfying mission and choral experience, and look forward to seeing you at the next rehearsal with the Jubilate! Sacred Singers.



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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **March :**

**23** First United Church of  
Arvada

#### **April**

**27** Covenant Village,  
Westminster

### **Governing Board**

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## Jubilate! Welcomes 2014

By Loren Donaldson

For Pat Troeltzsch and Pat Smith, social co-chairs and tenors with Jubilate!, 2014 was the perfect time to welcome in the new year with a party. Of course, they needed a few guests, so they decided that the singers of Jubilate! would be the perfect group to invite.

And what a party it was! There was just about any type of food one could ask for: baked ham and cheese, chips and guacamole, tortilla rollups, cheese dips, and more.



Here Irene and Susan, taking a minute to pan to the camera and share a quick bit of singing philosophy. On the right we witness Madeline expounding with Tom and another guest about the wonderful words and articles found in the new Jubilate Notes newsletter.



Cindy, on the left, and Linda try to convince Cindy's husband, Dave, that the wonderful snacks she has are worth the walk to the counter. Sue and her husband, Gary, stand with Marc who has just refilled his cup with some of the great wines prominent on the counter. "Here, have another swig."



Darlene and Grandin have found a place to relax after eating plates of the amazing delicacies that abound around the family room. Here he gives Martha Lee some advice as to the next level of eating...maybe a drink, or maybe another taste of veggies.

To the right (not politically speaking) is Arturo, convincing Bruce that the music he chooses needs to be more challenging for the talented members of Jubilate.



Of course, it wouldn't be a party if the lactation expert, Priscilla, didn't give some warm advice as to what babies need in a nursery, and how that care should be dispensed.

On the right (again, not politically speaking), are the lovely Barbara the Librarian, Shelli the soprano and Pat the amazing tenor, all of whom keep our choir singing vigorously and providing needed talents to Jubilate!



What a great party and a great way to start off our New Beginnings season of 2014. It's an honor to be counted as one among this talented group of singers. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Jubilate! Performs for Vespers at Frasier Manor, Boulder

It was a late afternoon on Sunday. The Jubilate! Sacred Singers gathered in their concert uniforms to present a number of works to the residents of Frasier Manor for their weekly Vespers service. A sense of peacefulness enveloped the group as warm-ups began. The audience arrived as the choir finished rehearsing and moved into the audience to welcome the residents.

After a short opening prayer led by Dr. J. Arturo Gonzales, Director, the concert began with a piece called Jubilate Deo.

As we were singing, each member got up from the audience and took their places at the front of the hall.

The choir continued with a number of favorites, including Wade In The Water and Sing Me To Heaven. What a warm reception we had. The audience loved the music and promptly invited the group back to sing again. This was another opportunity to fulfill our mission to take inspiring music to those who need it.



Dr. J. Arturo Gonzales, right, leads the talented singers of Jubilate!

Photo by Laura Simmons

## What is Jubilate?

By Tom Boyd



Tom Boyd

The Jubilate Sacred Singers is an a cappella choral group that was founded in 2002. We provide our music free of charge to anyone who invites us to sing. Our mission is to provide music to anyone who needs it. We do benefit concerts, we sing for churches that do not have a choir, and for nursing homes and hospitals. Our repertoire includes a wide variety of choral music from the Renaissance to modern in a variety of styles.

Over the years we have produced five CDs and have made six concert tours in the U.S. and Canada. In 2008, we had an exclusive engagement at Carnegie Hall in New York City. All this would indicate that we are highly trained musicians, but in reality we are mostly amateur choral singers who have simply taken our music to a higher level.

We have spaces available for additional singers. If you are looking for a choral home or if you want to try a different type of choral experience, we cordially invite you to attend one of our rehearsals. Also, visit our website, [www.jubilatesacredsingers.org](http://www.jubilatesacredsingers.org), for additional information. Our Facebook page, "Jubilate Sacred Singers," gives a glimpse of our history and our recent activities. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tom Boyd at 303-499-2067 or by email at [tebcolo@aol.com](mailto:tebcolo@aol.com). We look forward to hearing from you.



## Our Jubilate! Family—Suzanne Preston



Suzanne Preston recently joined Jubilate as an alto after hearing the group sing at a recent concert. Suzanne was born in Portland, Oregon and is married with two grown children and a new grandchild named "Jack." Suzanne attended Santa Barbara High School in Santa Barbara, California, and continued her education at the College of Music at CU, Boulder.

She worked hard for her BA in Music and is now teaching music privately. Suzanne belongs to the Broomfield Music Teachers Association and volunteers with Intercambio. She loves music and travel. Her hobbies are reading books, sewing, hiking, biking, camping and praising Jesus. Jubilate Sacred Singers is delighted to have Suzanne add her voice to Jubilate!



## Comments Corner

By Eliza Hines

Jubilate spent time considering why we really enjoy being members of the group. Here are some answers.

- "Jubilate is a very unique group. It is more than just a choral group; it is much like a family and has been this way since the very beginning. Also, singing in mixed formation is fun and challenging and raises our musicality as a group to a higher level. I don't think I could ever sing in a regular choir again."
- "I have found that I truly enjoy the breadth and depth of music we sing, as well as being part of a group made up of and led by such exceptional talent."
- "I love encouraging the elderly and ill with uplifting and inspiring spiritual music. I want to be part of the group that brings hope, healing and the Holy Spirit to people in hospitals and retirement communities."
- "Being part of an inter-denominational group is a great experience – we are from different denominations ourselves and we perform at many different kinds of Christian churches. It is a wonderful, unifying experience for us all to share worship music together."





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## And We Leave You with This Thought...

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Jubilate! Sacred Singers is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. The group has been blessed with the gift of music, and 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, Colorado, 80307, or contribute with the PayPal button on our Financial Support link at [www.jubilatesacredsingers.org](http://www.jubilatesacredsingers.org).

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