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A Harvest Note From our President

By Susan Zapata



Just as farmers reap the rewards of their harvest this time of year, we reap the rewards created by Jubilate! As singers, we are privileged to reap a musical harvest. We gather weekly and give glory to God through which we then are blessed. We receive the joy of fellowship with the other members of the choir and become further connected to them as extended family. There is nothing like

having your family grow beyond its original size! In addition to the musical harvest, prayers and support from our fellow singers, and the unity of group singing, our harvest leaves us with an energy and a feeling of being uplifted.

When we perform, the audience harvests that energy, peace and love and it in turn enriches them. The audience's harvest also brings them closer to God. Based on the comment made by an audience member at our Friends and Family Concert, "we provided the audience with a calm and peace not available in a stressful world," (not an exact quote) I think we are on the right track.



Recently I had the opportunity to enjoy a harvest from the sea. God is sending me another form of music, beach music, to nourish and enrich my soul. Hearing and watching the waves crash on the shore and wash up over my feet provide another amazing form of healing and peace. So as Jubilate!

sings music for God and others, beach music sings as well. It is music from God. Both are for the healing of our souls!



Sowing the Seeds for the Harvest

By Dr. J. Arturo Gonzalez



Dr. J. Arturo Gonzalez
 Artistic Director

Sometimes it is very common for me to start these reflections with no ideas whatsoever. Sometimes I try to come up with something meaningful to say and sometimes it ends up resembling the jokes I tell during our rehearsals, accompanied by complete silence. My point is, in order to harvest those ideas you need to sow them first. But sometimes they just don't want to germinate. Wait... that's a good point: in order to harvest something you need to sow those seeds first.

So what seeds have I sown this year? ...hmmm... hard to answer. So, what have I harvested this year? Yes, an amazing amount. For example, I have a loving family and dear friends. I have a job that I absolutely adore, and so many things that I don't deserve. I really believe that what I've received the most of this year is grace, all these totally undeserved blessings.

Last month we had our Friends and Family Concert. There were moments in which we connected at a level that was beyond the norm. Was this undeserved during this performance? Probably not, because we worked very hard to attain a certain level of excellence. Was this connection beyond our expectations? For sure!

Every time Jubilate! goes to eat after a concert, we bless our food and our time together saying: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*. So there you go, the undeserved harvest that comes sometimes with very little sowing. We harvest the blessings we see every day; family and friends, health and prosperity, but also with the very peculiar feeling that happens when suddenly we realize that we are singing *Spaseniye*, or *The Road Home*, or *In the Garden*, and at that moment we are a part of something unique, special, and wonderful. It goes beyond our musical talents, techniques, and abilities. It comes from that very strange, but wonderful feeling when you experience the blessings of our Creator. The harvest becomes very simple, at least for me. I realize that I am part of a group that goes beyond what I ever imagined!

I am grateful for these amazing moments and enjoy every one of them. Sowing the seeds, for me, is the most wonderful part of the harvest.



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The Fall Harvest—Celebrating Our Activities and Venues



The party starts here! As Jubilate! began its summer break we all were invited to our Maestro, Dr. Arturo Gonzalez' home for a fabulous outdoor picnic. His wonderful bride, and our hostess Pricilla, showed her amazing artistic talent on the decorations and wonderful food preparations. She made each of the festive centerpieces that decorated each table, and we celebrated it with a vast array of delicious food from South of the Border, down Mexico way. This was also billed as our 13th anniversary. It was one of the highlights of our year as many members turned out to enjoy the wonderful food and camaraderie as well as the delightful weather.



A Jubilate! Harvest at our Friends and Family Concert in October

By Jean Bedell

“Come you Thankful People come...” And, I am one of those Thankful People just within our Jubilate! family.

Where to start? I am grateful to my son, Stuart, who came from Highlands Ranch just for our concert, sat with my husband Dick, and warmly greeted Bruce who is a decades-old friend.

I am thankful that Bill and Judy joined us to hear us sing *The Road Home*, a song that they recommended us to sing back in 2011. And, now we have done it.

I am thankful to Cindy Batka, Sheri Isele and Marc Sammartano who shared their wonderful solo voices with such clarity and quality. And we can't forget Jaime Goodman, Grandin Hammell, Bruce Rose and Sue Wedaa, who also provided more excellent solo artistic talent. They have skills I can only admire and will never achieve.

Who among us is not thankful that Matthew Dillon was with us for his piano interludes as well as his accompaniment with Les Mis and other pieces. As my pianist friend said, Jubilate! is so fortunate to have Matt involved with us.

I am thankful that, as we sing *Heal the World* we know that in Bible books of Isaiah, Joel and Luke there is the concept of turning swords into plowshares. And, we know that we, as Jubilate! Sacred Singers, care enough for the dying and the living.

I am thankful that two gentlemen from Mante, Mexico were here. One is the owner of Channel 13 TV in Mante and the other is a physician. They were amazed to hear the quality of voices and the performance we had. Much of our program was videoed, and there is a hope that we can musically connect with Mante in the future.

Of course, I am thankful that Arturo is well after his touch with Chicken Pox, and that we focused more intently on his direction than other concerts. And, did you notice his tie?

“God our maker provides for our wants to be supplied.” And, our voices, our venue, the weather, our spirits were all supplied at our Family and Friends Concert.

Scriptures speak about “The harvest is plentiful...send workers into the field. Look at the fields that are ripe for harvest.” I am thankful that we in Jubilate! are the workers bringing in the ripened harvest by reaching out to folks who hear about and follow us.



A Jubilate! Harvest on the Pearl Street Mall in Boulder

By Loren Donaldson



It was a beautiful Fall afternoon. Jubilate and five other choirs were invited to sing for the **World Singing Day** event on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015



Seen left is our own Marc Sammartano introducing Jubilate! to the 500 people gathered. Right, is the stalwart group of Jubilate! Sacred Singers putting forth a mighty effort heard 'round the world.



Photos by Loren Donaldson

A Musical Harvest!

By Bruce Rose



Bruce Rose

As vocalists we often don't know the impact we have on people attending our concerts. We prepare hard under Dr. Gonzalez's leadership. The performance day comes round. We sing, people are attentive, and then it is over. However, something truly special happened at the Friends and Family Concert on October 10th. As a choir we had an inkling during the sixty minutes that we were experiencing a rare connection with music, conductor, and audience. There was a special energy in the room. It was palpable.

Once Arturo lifted his baton, the magic commenced. A wave of sound encompassed the audience. They were being touched. You could see it in their faces. Our guests appeared eager to experience music sung from the heart.

This musical harvest had key ingredients: sound, text, focus, a willingness to be moved, and a room that enhanced the experience. Our director was at his very best. As singers we were one with Arturo and we followed him where his passion led us. We were in the zone.

This is what music offers: lightening the heavy heart...creating a smile...caressing a tear in a moment of sadness or joy... building connections between hearts...and transforming an individual in a particular moment.

At the concert's conclusion, the power of this musical harvest was confirmed when a man in the audience stated that this had been a wonderful hour of joy which lessened the negativity of the world from which he came.

Souls were touched. Spirits uplifted... *a Harvest of Music!*



As We Gather the Harvest

By Marc Sammartano



Marc Sammartano

Two hundred years ago, give or take a few, John Chapman wandered the untracked wilderness of the American frontier, as far west as the Great Mississippi. Everywhere he walked, he spread the Gospel and scattered apple seeds.

The legend tells us that Johnny Applesseed left his sprouts behind, both the physical and the spiritual, trusting only in God's grace to bring both to full fruition.

The reality is a little different. Chapman may have been a barefoot itinerant missionary, relying on the good will of the frontier farmer for food and shelter, but contrary to the legend, Johnny did not scatter his apple seeds at random. A careful nurseryman and horticulturist, Chapman grew his trees in fenced orchards and returned to them every year or two to see how they were doing.

We in "Jubilatos," a name coined by Arturo's son, follow both the Spirit-led wandering of the Johnny Applesseed of legend and the firm footsteps of the John Chapman of reality. Everywhere and anywhere, we bring the joy, solace, and inspiration of centuries of Western sacred music, not knowing who we might reach.

We have traveled too far to revisit all of the far-flung venues we have sung. How great is our joy when we return to familiar places and sing for people who have welcomed us many times before, even some we call our friends and family. Then we taste the fruit of our labor, and we gather in the harvest grown from the seeds that we sow throughout the year.



A part of us remains wherever we have been.

Contributed by Nancy Meise

Jubilate! Sings for Joy

By Nancy Meise



Nancy Meise

Harvest is a time to gather or to collect. I like to think of it as a time to gather what has been planted. We plant seeds in the ground, we plant flowers to bloom and ideas to germinate. Now we can begin to collect the fruits of our labors. Many crops have already been collected--all those delicious fruits and vegetables that have nourished us during the summer and early fall. Many of the flowers have finished blooming and been cut back. Many of those ideas have come to naught.

Before we sigh and say this season is over, let us consider what is still being harvested. Those veggies that make delicious pies and soups, those flowers that lend an air of spice to the air and yes, those ideas that are still actively working. Is there anything more worthwhile than knowing that a person you talked to about Jubilate or who

heard Jubilate sing is now enjoying what it is that we do so willingly? Have we planted that seed well enough for this person to spread the news to others?

Jubilate! sings to bring great news to those who hear us. Jubilate! sings to bring satisfaction to ourselves and be refreshed every Thursday night. We always leave rehearsal feeling more upbeat than when we arrived. We have gathered together for two hours to share our joy for Jubilate! and what it brings to our lives daily. We are harvesting each and every day! Come share and Harvest our joy!



Celebrating a Harvest!

Submitted by Loren Donaldson



It was our pleasure to share a 29th wedding anniversary with Bruce and Irene Rose. These two wonderful people are pillars of Jubilate! Sacred Singers. Bruce has been our President, and he and Irene are now supporting our Social activities which include birthday celebrations and laudatory functions. As you can imagine, Jubilate! would not be the choir we are now without these two wonderful and talented organizers and singers.





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Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.