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Voices *inc.*

present



The POWER of
Song

May 4, 2013

Verde Valley Voices

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Words cannot express our gratitude to the communities of the Verde Valley. You have enthusiastically supported our efforts to bring quality entertaining choral music to you, our friends and neighbors.

We would also like to send a special THANK YOU to the staff of Mingus Union High School for graciously allowing us the use of their facility. **YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!!**

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to Verde Valley Presbyterian Church for the use of their
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and the National Endowment for the Arts for the issuance of
their grant to the Verde Valley Voices.

The VVV practice every Tuesday evening at Verde Valley Presbyterian Church. We give two full concerts per year and participate in other community events throughout the year. Practice for our exciting Christmas concert begins on September 3, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Come and join us for great music and even more FUN!



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For sharing their special talents with us,
The Verde Valley Voices, Inc.
Extends Special Thanks to

Floyd Roberson _____ Drums

Richard Nix _____ Bass

Keith Hammes _____ Keyboard

Mike Raber _____ Guitar

Joan Spring _____ Rhythm

Jason Sloan _____ Oboe

Viveca Lawrie _____ Trumpet

Misuzu Kitazumi _____ Koto

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Beverly Hall

Music Director and Conductor

Beverly is a conductor, pianist and teacher moving to the Verde Valley area from Indiana. She is a graduate of Indiana University majoring in Music Education, graduating Cum Laude. She went on to earn Master Degrees in Piano Performance and Orchestral Conducting from Ball State University, and worked on a Doctoral Study in Choral Conducting. Further studies in New York and Chicago rounded out a lifetime of music education. Currently, she is a judge for the National Piano Guild and the Arizona Study Program for piano, Piano Guild Chair for Central Arizona, and is a member of the Advisory Board for the Verde Valley Concert Association. She has conducted many church, children, and community choirs including, theater choruses. Over the past thirteen years, she has been principle Music Director and Conductor of the Verde Valley Voices, a position she loves and honors.

Nancy Bright

Pianist



Nancy has been the Accompanist for The Verde Valley Voices for twelve years. Often heard performing or accompanying, she enjoys a wide variety of musical opportunities throughout the Verde Valley. Currently, Nancy is the Pianist, Organist and Choir Director at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church where she has served for nineteen years. She is also Organist at Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish and Accompanist for the Verde Baptist Church choir. Nancy received her music and business degrees from Arizona State University, graduating Cum Laude. She remains very active in accompanying instrumentalists, vocalists, ensembles and choirs in schools, churches and special programs in the community. She is often called on for her expertise at weddings and memorial services. Nancy has been the pianist in many productions for several theatre companies, school productions, recitals and fundraising concerts. She has extensive experience as a solo keyboardist and after many requests has produced her own CDs.

Dr. Will Fisher—Music Director

Yavapai College Community Chorale

Dr. Will Fisher has conducted choirs for 38 years, ten of which were in high schools in Colorado, Montana, and Arizona. In 1984, he accepted the position of Director of Choral Activities at Yavapai College in Prescott. His choirs performed hundreds of concerts throughout Arizona, as well as nationally and internationally. After serving the college for 27 years, he retired in 2011. He was given, however, an opportunity to return to the college as an adjunct faculty member this year and currently conducts the Community Chorale.

Dr. Fisher has degrees in Choral Conducting from Northern Arizona University, the University of Northern Colorado, and the University of Arizona. For the past 15 years, Dr. Fisher has done extensive research on Mozart and is currently writing an historical novel on Mozart's early relationship with the woman he eventually marries.

Viveca Lawrie is an 8th grade home-schooled student who began her trumpet studies in Sedona at the age of 10. She currently studies with David Hickman, trumpet professor at ASU. In the past, she has played with the NAU Academy Orchestra from 2010 to 2012, as well as performed solo recitals at NAU Curry Summer Music Camp Honor Recital. In 2012, she auditioned and was selected to be a member of the Phoenix Youth Symphony performing such works as Tchaikovsky's *Symphony #5* and Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*. Ms. Lawrie performed in trumpet and piano for the Verde Valley Concert Association's annual *Rising Stars* concert in 2012, and attended the 2012 Oberlin Conservatory of Music's Summer Trumpet Workshop.

Jason Sloan is an active musician on oboe, English horn, flute and piccolo, and earned a Masters Degree in Special Education at Ball State University. He currently plays 2nd oboe with the Marion Philharmonic Orchestra and principal oboe with East Central Indiana Chamber Orchestra in Indiana. He also freelances as an instrumentalist for several churches, musical theater productions, and chamber music recitals. Recently, he was awarded the principal oboist position with the International Lyric Academy Festival Orchestra in Rome, Italy, and will perform there in the summer of 2013. He is an advocate, educator and clinician in the field of special education and adaptive music education. As the son of the Verde Valley Voices conductor, Beverly Hall, the special musical bond, and unconditional love and support they share made these experiences possible.

Concert Program

“The POWER of Song”

“The Power of Song” Words & Music by Steven Rickards
Joined by the Yavapai College Community Chorale

“One Small Voice” Arranged by Roger Emerson
Words and Music by Jeff Moss
Vocal Solo by Joanna Westling

“You Raise Me Up” by Roger Emerson
Words and Music by Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland
Oboe Solo by Jason Sloan

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**Presentation of U. S. and Arizona State Flags**  
**Civil Air Patrol—Cottonwood Cadet Squadron 212**

**“Song for the Unsung Hero”** ..... Words by Pamela Martin  
Music by Joseph M. Martin  
Trumpet Solo by Viveca Lawrie

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“Oh How Beautiful” Words by Gaia Willis-Owen
Music by Greg Jasperse
Solos by Desiree McDowell and Julie Smith

“Furusato” Japanese Folk Song
Arranged by Philip Lawson
Poem recitation and Koto Solo by Misuzu Kitazumi

“All Thy Gifts of Love” Music by David L. Brunner
Text by Diocese of Huron and David L. Brunner
Oboe Solo by Jason Sloan

Concert Program

Yavapai College Community Chorale performing the following three selections

Dr. Will Fisher, Director

Stephen Ramsey, Accompanist

“O Shepherds, Aren’t You Happy” Arranged by Hal Hopson

“O Captain, My Captain”by Debra Poulsen

“The Lion Sleeps Tonight” Arranged by Raugh and Sharon

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“Amazing Grace” .....Arranged by Jack Schrader  
Piano Solo by Nancy Bright

“Life’s Mirror” ..... Arranged by Eleanor Daley  
Oboe Solo by Jason Sloan

“A Place in the Choir” ..... by Bill Staines & Beverly Hall  
Joined by the Yavapai College Community Chorale  
Guitar Solo by Mike Raber, Vocal Solo by Dennis Hartley

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” .....by John Rutter

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“Let There Be Peace on Earth” by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson
Joined by the Yavapai College Community Chorale

Master of Ceremonies
Arianha Bialon

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Beverly Hall

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Nancy Bright

Sopranos

Benjamin, Gayle *
Bolton, Kim
Brennan, Marianne *
Cali, Lee
Clark, Patricia
Duncan, Cecilia *
Elmore, Amy
Emerson, Beverly
Emmett, Cindy
Graham, Jean
Jessop, Harley
Jessop, Kathryn
Johnson, Cynthia
Johnston, Lori
Julian, Andrea
Kadri, Kathi
Leftault, Anne
Levin, Kathy
Maletz, Ilana
McDowell, Desiree
Mennen, Mary Louise
Morris, Mary
Nietupski, Jean
Nix, Carol
Norris, Shelley
Pogany, Linda
Reed, Diana
Richards, Elisa
Schick, Willie
Smith, Julie
Smutterberg, Jude
Sperger, Dottie
Stewart, Jan *
Turner, Ruth
Vogel, Linda
Waak, Marianna
Warren, Linda
Wilson, Gudrun
Zuercher, Marny

Altos

Barron, Linda
Boettger, Midge
Bice, Velda
Farraro, Lois
Follett, Kristine
Gaudreau, Luci
Harris, Lyn *
Henry, Becky
Hill, Eunice *
Jarvis, Pat
Johnson, Geraldine *
Kelly, Joan
Knoepfle, DeVona
Komarek, Mary Lou
Lemire, Countess
Lungren, Carol *
Nelson, Margaret
O'Regan, Karen
Packer, LaFaye
Palmer, April
Rasmussen, Cathy
Schreiber, Elke
Steves, Myndy
Stewart, Marilyn
Turner, Janet
Unruh, Louise
Vanderlippe, Margi
West, Rosie
Westling, Casey
Westling, Joanna
Wilson, Kathleen
Wood, Trish

** Team leaders*

Tenors

Baker, Jake
Bareford, Bob
Braithwaite, Georgia *
Dietel, David
Eidson, David *
Leftault, Dan
Lewis, Leon
Manzenberger, Neil
Markle, Jay
Minnick, Mary Ann
Nemanich, John
Reese, Sally
Roberts, Stan
Schick, Terry
Vogel, Dell

Basses

Bryant, Rick
Hartley, Dennis
Kavet, Alex
Martin, David
Normile, Vince
Parker, Naomi
Rees, Fred *
Reese, Robert
Rosen, Phil
Rosenfeld, Paul
Shoptaugh, Lee
Stoddard, Hall
Stolberg, Arne *
Westberg, Richard
Whipple, Earl
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