Valdosta Choral Guild
Making Beautiful Music
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~ Rave Reviews ~

Welcome back Guild members to a new spring season, new music in a new rehearsal home.
Below are some of the reviews from the adoring audiences.

From Dr Mario Bartoletti, patron of the arts in Valdosta:

Grant,

Wishing you and the Choral Guild all the best in the New Year. Also, congratulations on locating better facilities for your rehearsals.

Once again, please extend my appreciation to everyone for a lovely performance of my Christmas Carol. For Lili and me, holding hands, it was like being freshmen in college all over again as we listened to your singers. Thanks also for the CDs of the performance.

Mario

P.S. We were both very impressed with Peter John's compositions. If you are in touch with him, let him know that we wish him every success in getting them published.

Mario Bartoletti
Christmas Carol Winner
Valdosta, GA

Next, a review from someone that sings Broadway in her sleep. A social worker that wears an "S" on the red cape and tights under her street clothes:

In a delightful twist on a beloved favorite, the Choral Guild combined props and singing to tell the aftermath of a fight between the giver and his true love in The 12 Days After Christmas. The Five Golden Rings turned the true love's fingers green, the Seven Swans a-Swimming drowned and the Pear Tree was consumed in the fireplace. When the Six Geese a-Laying failed to live up to their title, they were shipped to the ASPCA. Toy guns were used to dispatch the Partridge, a stew pot turned the Four French Hens into chicken soup, rubber gloves were used to wring the necks of the Two Turtle Doves and drums and sound effects made quick work of other gifts given during The Twelve Days of Christmas. It was a lighthearted piece about Christmas gone wrong.

Jane F. Osborn, MSSW
Valdosta, GA

The last review is from my younger cousin. See the family resemblance?

I don't have a formal education in music, but I know what I like. I love going to the Valdosta Choral Guild concerts! Their director is a dreamboat!!!!!! ❤️

Mrs. Shitzengigles
Adel, GA

And there you have it – Alfreda E. Newman, Editor in Chief and Closet Sociopath

~ They're Gonna Be Sorry Dept. ~

This editor was becoming ill from her sick and perverted psudo-sense of humor. Finally, to save her from herself, two people decided to step forward and sacrifice themselves. They are Lynne Bennett and G. Wayne Chism. These fearless individuals chose to join the editorial staff, thereby putting themselves on Valdosta's Most Wanted Dead or Alive list.

~ Spotlight On… ~

Our accompanist through January has been Kay Vincent, a long time Choral Guild member. Kay is married to George. He was sent to Moody AFB in 1982. Since this had become their home, they decided to stay here when he retired in 1990.

For employment, Kay is a mild mannered RN and has worked at 1st American Drugs as an Infusion Specialist for the past 20 years. She attends Messiah Lutheran Church where she has played the piano and organ for the past 25 plus years. Kay has played since she was 6 years old

They have two lovely children: Lisa, who teaches at Valdosta High School, and Chris who is married and lives and works in Savannah. Kay told this reporter, "That is where my heart is because that is where my two beautiful grandchildren are; Braylin, 4 years old & Landen, who is 2!"

Since Kay would prefer to sing with us, she will be stepping down back to the second soprano section on February 6th. The board greatly appreciates everything she has done over the years!

~ Play it Again Sam ~

Patrick Jones is a senior piano major at VSU and has done lots of accompanying. He hopes is to do graduate study at the University of Oregon starting this fall. This dedicated reporter will give a full report as things are made known to her.

Article by VCG Syndicated columnist Lynne Bennett

~ Spring Concert Venue ~

The VCG Board has decided that our Spring Concerts will be held in the sanctuary of Messiah Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 22 at 2:30pm and Monday, April 23 at 7:30pm. Our dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, April 21 starting at 10am. Please mark your personal calendars with this information. We certainly appreciate the hospitality of Messiah Lutheran for both our rehearsal space and now for Spring performance space. If you know any members of Messiah Lutheran please be sure to say a big THANK YOU to each of them!

~ This Space for Rent ~

Call Alfreda for information. If a man answers, hang up!!

~ Mixing it Up ~

As our Social Chairman Daniel Folsom told you, there will be a mixer this Monday Feb 6th. Now if we can just get this newsletter out to you before then. Our dedicated team of professionals on the editorial staff will inform you about the Spring Social as soon as we know.

~ Theater Guild Valdosta ~

A comedy by Ken Ludwig.

Leading Ladies

Show dates: Feb. 2, 3, 4, 5*, 9, 10, 11, 2012

Evening performances start at 7:30pm; Sunday matinee* starts at 3pm. All seats $13.

In this hilarious comedy, two English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, find themselves so down on their luck that they are performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. When they hear that an old lady in York, PA is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. The trouble is, when they get to York, they find out that the relatives aren't nephews, but nieces! Romantic entanglements abound, especially when Leo falls head-over-petticoat in love with the old lady's vivacious niece, Meg, who's engaged to the local minister. Meg knows that there's a wide world out there, but it's not until she meets "Maxine and Stephanie" that she finally gets a taste of it.

For ticket information: http://www.theatreguildvaldosta.com/ticketinfo.html

~ Austrian Tour for the Summer of 2013 ~

Lynn Corbin, beloved Director Emeritus of the Choral Guild dropped by to announce two possibilities for a tour that is forming for the summer of 2013.

You can get more details from our website at: http://www.valdostachoralguild.org/europe-2013.html

Comments and questions go right to Lynn's email box.

~ Lowndes' Lampoon ~

Dig up some dirt and send it to this editor at valdstachoralguild@gmail.com. You too can be a class clown.

~ HAPPY ~

January

Here's wishing you a magical birthday!

Martha Cummings	Dick Uhlir
Cossondra Morrill	Katrina Price
Princess Lee	Jenn Henefeld
LaWanna Lennington	Anita Armstrong

February

~ Birthday ~