

## RAINIER YOUTH CHOIRS' STAFF

**Leora Schwitters**, Founder, Rainier Youth Choirs Artistic Director and Conductor, Colla Voce and Consonare, retired after 25 years of teaching K-12 choral, instrumental and general music in the public schools. Most of her choral experience occurred at Cedar Heights Junior High in Kent, WA. She holds a Bachelor's of Music, Summa Cum Laude, from Yankton College Conservatory of Music in South Dakota and a Master of Arts for Teachers in Music Education from the University of Washington. She is Vice President and Treasurer of the Washington American Choral Director's Association (ACDA). Active as a clinician and adjudicator, Leora has also served on the board of the Tahoma Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) and has presided over the Green River Music Region organization.

**Renée Bagley**, **Bella Voce** director, is currently the music specialist at Kent School District's Pine Tree Elementary School, where she conducts a school choir of 150 singers. She is a graduate of Central Washington University, and currently sings with the Tacoma Symphony Chorus.

**Lori McEwen**, **accompanist**, studied piano and voice at Central Washington University and currently accompanies several local school choirs and their students for large group and solo/ensemble contests and for NATS competitions each year. She and her husband Bill have led music at the contemporary worship service and have sung in the chancel choir at Fairwood Community United Methodist Church in Renton for over 25 years. Lori accompanies both children and youth choirs directed by her husband at the church. Together they provide music for weddings and other special events.

## SING WITH US AT BENAROYA HALL IN MARCH!

RYC treble singers from all three groups will be singing in Orff's "Carmina Burana" with three adult choirs and full orchestra.

Auditions by appointment may be scheduled now through December 16 using the form on the website or by email or phone.

Rehearsals resume January 3, 2011 with new members added.

More information and applications are available at  
[www.RainierYouthChoirs.org](http://www.RainierYouthChoirs.org)

Email: [RYC@rainierchoralarts.org](mailto:RYC@rainierchoralarts.org)

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December 11, 2010

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RAINIER YOUTH CHOIRS



Rainier Youth Choirs offers children's choirs and youth choirs for boys and girls in grades 4 through college. RYC is a community-based choral organization which rehearses in Covington, whose members come from Covington, Kent, Maple Valley, Enumclaw, Issaquah, Auburn, Federal Way, Renton and surrounding areas. Each chorus reflects the evolving needs of children of different ages and musical development. New members are added by audition after each major concert throughout the year.

RYC's goal is to establish an exceptional choral performance and music education program for children, emphasizing the development of vocal skills and music understanding through diverse, high-quality choral literature using an underlying reliance upon Kodály methods of teaching music.

RYC provides instruction designed to guide singers to attain the highest level of artistry in choral performance and music appreciation through an affordable program. RYC is a subsidiary of Rainier Choral Arts, which celebrated its 25th year by adding this exciting new youth and children's choir component to their already successful adult program in 2007. Affiliations include Chorus America, The Greater Seattle Choral Consortium and the South King County Cultural Coalition.

#### RAINIER YOUTH CHOIRS' SINGERS

**Bella Voce:** Reneé Bagley, Director

Hannah Burley, Tessa Carroll, Olivia Gendreau, Fiona Higgins, Sophia Heinz, Amanda Ross, Peyton Sakamoto, Morgan Ziesing

**Colla Voce:** Leora Schwitters, Director

Haylee Ball, Elana Cueto\*, Duane Davis, Ben Dunham, Katelyn Dunham, Cassie Fokkema, Janeé Green\*, Nabiila Henryani-Soehedi, Russell Johnson, Sarah McCafferty, Ryan Migliore, Trevor Migliore, Lindsey Pavletich, Tyson Powell\*, Megan Stein, Makoto Také\*, Julia Wenndt\*

\* **Colla Voce Prima** members

**Consonare:** Leora Schwitters, Director

Nick Anderson, Lily Jo Ayres, Stephanie Boutros, Dana Bygland, Trevor Bygland, Deanna DaCosta, Matthew Eaton, Miranda Eller, Shelbi Eller, Hannah Freitag, Payton Lewis, Ian Lobdell, Sarah Martin, Zach Martin, Heather Messer, Cassidy Newell, Amara Reitz, Jeremy Sigrist, Jonathan Sigrist, Mackenzie Visser



To purchase tickets for our upcoming concerts,

"The Poet Sings", March 19, 2011 @ 7pm & "One Earth, Many Voices",

May 21, 2011, @ 7pm, go to our website, [rainieryouthchoirs.org](http://rainieryouthchoirs.org)

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**RAINIER CHORAL ARTS**  
**Rainier Chorale, established 1983**

**Rainier Youth Choirs, established 2007**

#### RAINIER CHORAL ARTS MISSION STATEMENT

- Rainier Choral Arts' mission is to promote choral singing in the community by providing programs in which people of all ages may participate in the choral music experience.

#### RAINIER CHORAL ARTS VALUES STATEMENT

- Rainier Choral Arts values excellence in choral literacy, choral performance, education in music appreciation, and artistic growth in its participants. As a non-profit organization, Rainier Choral Arts strives to keep its programs affordable and accessible.

#### Come and Hear Upcoming Rainier Chorale Performances:

**Holiday Tidings & Joy**

Tonight @ 7:30 p.m. & Tomorrow @ 2:00 p.m. here @ Kent UMC

**Choral Masterworks,**

April 9 @ 7:30 p.m. &

April 10 @ 2:00 p.m.

@ Kent United Methodist Church, 11010 SE 248th Street, in Kent.

**Give Our Regards to Broadway!,**

June 11 @ 7:30 p.m. &

June 12 @ 2:00 p.m.

@ Theater at Mountainview High School, 28900 124th Ave SE in Auburn.

#### Concert Tickets

For ticket information, go to the Rainier Chorale website, [www.rainierchorale.org](http://www.rainierchorale.org) and click on the "Tickets" button, call and leave a message at 206-835-8888, or send e-mail to [tickets@rainierchorale.org](mailto:tickets@rainierchorale.org). You can also reserve tickets by sending your check for the ticket amount to: Rainier Chorale Tickets, PO Box 5336, Kent, WA 98064-5336

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Rainier Youth Choirs is a member of the newly formed **Greater Seattle Choral Consortium** whose mission is to promote the choral arts in the greater Seattle area.  
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Thank you!

**PROGRAM NOTES**

**Cuncti Simus**

Let us all sing: Hail Mary!  
The Virgin was alone when the Angel appeared.  
He was called Gabriel and was sent from heaven.  
With radiant face he declared, (listen, dear ones)  
You shall conceive, Mary. Hail Mary.  
You shall conceive, Mary (listen, dear ones) and will bear a son.  
You will bear a son (listen, dear ones) and shall call him Jesus Christ. Hail Mary!

**Sing With Joy, Sing Noel! (Personent Hodie)** is a 14<sup>th</sup> century melody later published in in the 1582 Finnish edition of "Piae Cantiones." Included in many traditional carol services, *Personent hodie* is frequently associated with the Feast of the Holy Innocents, December 28, which commemorates the young boys slain by King Herod in his vain attempt to kill the baby Jesus. "Let children's voices resound today, joyfully praising him who was born for us, given by God Almighty. Join we all singing, "Glory to God in the highest!"

**The Boar's Head Carol**

This carol is often sung at Madrigal Dinners, a form of American dinner theater presented during the Christmas season, set in the Middle Ages and generally comedic in nature. The meal is divided into courses, each of which is heralded with a traditional song. So central was the role of the wild boar's head in English feasts that the species was extinct in England by the end of the seventeenth century.

The boar's head in hand bear I  
Bedecked with bay and rosemary;  
So I pray you my masters be merry,  
Quot estis in convivio. [So many as are in the feast]

Caput apri defero, [I bring the boar's head]  
Reddens laudes Domino [Giving praises to God]

The boar's head as I understand  
Is the rarest dish in all the land,  
Which thus bedecked with a gay garland,  
Let us servire cantico. [serve with a song]

**Ave Maria** is a traditional, Catholic prayer asking intercession by the Virgin Mary, and forms the basis of the rosary. Most of the text comes from the Gospel of Luke. Written by French Romantic composer Charles Gounod in 1859, his *Ave Maria* consists of a melody superimposed over the Prelude No. 1 in C major from Book I of the Well-Tempered Clavier (BWV 846), composed by J. S. Bach some 137 years earlier.

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, pray for us sinners now and in the hour of our death."

Rainier Youth Choirs extends a special thank you to **The Seattle Opera, Sue Elliott, Education Director, and Rosemary Anderson** for making arrangements for RYC singers to attend a free performance of Massenet's *Don Quixote* with a preview lesson in February.

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