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Singing for the sheer fun of it at *Summer Sings*

Okay, so you love to sing. In the shower. In your car. Or maybe in your church choir. But you're really better than that and want to stretch your vocal chords and your sight-reading abilities by trying something more difficult than the latest pop tune or hymn. If you're the type of person who enjoys singing choral masterworks come to **Summer Sings**.

On three consecutive Saturdays, singers gather to spend time practicing some of the larger choral masterworks from the library of the Oratorio Society of Estes Park and then perform them just for themselves all on one Saturday afternoon.

The works lined up for this summer are:

- July 27th - Handel's *Messiah*
- August 3rd - Brahms' *A German Requiem* (in English)
- August 10th - Haydn's *Te Deum in C* and Rutter's *Te Deum*

It takes place at Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, 2000 Ptarmigan Trail in Estes Park. Registration begins at 3:30pm, rehearsal starts at 4:00pm, socialize and have refreshments at 5:00pm, then perform the work at 5:30pm.

Registration at the door is \$8 for a single session, \$20 for the season, and \$32 for a couple. Students age 25 and under are free with a student I.D.

Registration forms are available online at www.osep.info. Click on "2013 Summer Sings Flyer," fill out the form, and mail it in.

A lot of choirs – such as the Oratorio Society of Estes Park -- take the summer off, but the urge to sing doesn't. This is the kind of get-together that any choir member would enjoy. Last summer, at least 75 people took part in Summer Sings, many of them from out-of-town, including Germany, Alabama, Nebraska, and Oregon. More than 30 choirs were represented by singers.

OSEP Music director Kathy Bowers stresses that Summer Sings sessions are for singers, not orchestral musicians. But those musicians who like to sing now have a chance to do so. Plus these are not really public performances. It's just for the sheer enjoyment of singing.

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