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There's music in the air at *Summer Sings*

Anyone who loves to sing **choral masterworks** is invited to bring their enthusiasm to the Oratorio Society of Estes Park's three sight-reading sessions called **Summer Sings**.

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

The works lined up for this summer are:

- July 28th - Handel's *Messiah*
- August 4th - Brahms' *German Requiem* (in English)
- August 11th - Haydn's *Te Deum in C* and Rutter's *Te Deum*

It all 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.

"This isn't for the bathroom shower person who's singing *My Funny Valentine*," says music director Kathy Bowers. "It's for someone who's a choral singer and is used to singing in a choir."

Bowers says people will take part in Summer Sings "because it's fun, because it's a chance to sing something they love and their choir hasn't done it for years, and it's their chance to sing through it again."

"It's a short term commitment," adds OSEP Board member Lynette Johnson. "That's a big attraction. And it's a chance for instrumentalists (who normally play in the chamber orchestra) to sing."

"It's a good excuse to come to Estes Park," says OSEP Board chair Scott Anderson.

Bowers says she expects to see a variety of people taking part in Summer Sings. "One type of person would be somebody who sang that particular work years ago, they really liked it, and they like the idea of just showing up and singing through it again," explains Bowers.

“The second type of person is somebody who sight-reads well, but just doesn’t have time in their life for a choir. And they like the idea of not having to go through weeks and weeks of rehearsal and then do a really finished, polished concert.

“There’s a third type of person who is a really enthusiastic choral singer, but in the summer their choir doesn’t do anything, so they’re glad to have a chance to turn up and sing,” says Bowers. “They’re not interested in joining the Estes Park Oratorio Society because maybe they live in Loveland or Longmont. So this gives them a chance to drive up to Estes, come to a beautiful place, and hike and shop and eat out and sing through a masterwork.”

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.

Bowers stresses that Summer Sings are for singers, not orchestral musicians. Plus these are not really a public performance. It’s just a fun singing experience -- for singers.

For further information go to www.OSEP.info or call Kathy Bowers at 970-586-5193.

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