

High Desert Chorale offers Christmas card to Sisters

— By Jim Anderson, Correspondent —

The Sisters High Desert Chorale is about to kick off the Christmas season with a performance set for Friday, December 7, at Sisters Community Church at 7 p.m. The chorale will perform again on December 9, 2:30 p.m. at the same venue.

Connie Gunterman, the chorale director, has arranged for the 40 voices in the chorale to perform traditional as well as non-traditional carols.

“My hope is that at some point during the concert, we’ll sing a favorite carol for each person in the audience,” she said. “We have some carols that are known and loved at this time of year and some that aren’t often heard, but still loved. Our program is a Christmas card to the Sisters Community, and we intend to send them away with music, joy and love.”

In addition to the chorale’s singing, the Sisters Bell Choir will ring in the Christmas season and will be joined by the Sisters Ukulele Group, which will add further to the festivities

with their sweet-sounding instruments.

Gunterman, who has been directing the chorale now for the past three years, says this about her group of singers:

“The group this year is about 40 voices strong and is very diverse in age and background, with Donna Moyer again our accompanist. It’s still amazing to me how such a wide range of people end up with such a beautiful and harmonious sound. I compare it with a sweater of many threads and yarns that combine to be far more beautiful than a single strand.

“One of our favorite arrangers, John Rutter — whose music we perform often — says choral music is not just one of life’s frills but goes to the heart and soul of our humanity and sense of community. When you get together with other singers you are pouring out your heart and soul; the result being greater than the sum of the parts.”

The chorale, bell choir and ukulele performances are all free, but there will be a free-will offering at the door for the audience — plus a feast of goodies at the intermission for both performances.



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