

Annual community Easter drama schedules three performances

This year's Easter Cantata, "The Alpha and Omega," will be presented Easter weekend, April 18 and 19 at Washington Grade School in Vernonia. Friday's performance will be at 7:30 p.m.; on Saturday, there will be a matinee performance at 4:00 p.m., in addition to the performance at 7:30 p.m.

This beautiful musical drama is an original play written by five members of the choir and contains familiar music. The community-wide choir is directed by Lynda Cahill.

The story continues from "The Choice", a cantata performed several years ago. A Roman soldier, Marcus, who helped crucify Jesus, was in love with a young Jewish girl named Hannah. At the end of the story, Marcus decides to choose Jesus. He leaves the military to marry Hannah and become a teacher and follower of the Messiah.

Soloists and actors include Allen Vetch, Kellie Murray, Britany Murray, Jacqueline Ramsay, John Cahill, Lee Seibert, Glenn Hughes, Cindy Ball, Lana Vetch and Ella Tessitor.

The performance is free, however, donations will be accepted to help offset expenses.



Most of the cast of the 2003 Easter Cantata, "The Alpha and Omega," took a break from rehearsals last week just long enough to smile for the photographer. Director Lynda Cahill is standing in front of the stage.

Columbia Chorale of Oregon will perform Mozart's "Requiem"

The Columbia Chorale of Oregon (CCO) will perform "Requiem," Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's final composition, and additional selections, Sunday, April 6, at 3:00 p.m.

Under the direction of Ryan Heller, CCO, will present its performance at Sunset Park Community Church, 174 Sunset Blvd., St. Helens.

"Requiem" has long been shrouded in mystery. Mozart undertook the commission for an unnamed Austrian nobleman, and inevitably, the secrecy surrounding the commission, Mozart's death, the unfinished state of the work and its completion under the direction of Mozart's widow, Constanze, have precipitated two centuries of speculation and controversy.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens. They are available at Bertucci's Chocolates, 1560 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, and Time and Time Again Gifts 51528 Columbia River Highway, Scappoose. If seats are available, tickets will be sold at the door.

CCO is a classically oriented vocal music group. Word of the group's talent and professionalism has spread rapidly and the group has received many invitations to tour nationally and internationally, including two invitations to perform at New York City's Carnegie Hall.

Easter Sunrise service scheduled

An Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Vernonia Ministerial Association, will be held April 20 at 7:00 a.m., at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery, at the west end of Bridge Street, to commemorate Christ's resurrection and celebrate the gift of new life.

There will be singing and special music, as well as a

message from Pastor Joel Stith of the First Christian Church.

For more information, call Grant Williams at 503-429-6790.

I've looked for answers in many ways—religious, political, humanistic, in different places. I have come to believe there is only one response, the moral response. Whatever we do must be measured in moral terms. —Elie Wiesel

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