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**EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS
Madison WI**

The Chorus kicked off its fall activities with a concert on Sunday, Sept. 13th at the Cooksville Lutheran Church Fall Festival. The following Tuesday the Chorus held its annual picnic signaling the official beginning of the new performance season. The gathering took on special significance this year as it gave Jon Lewis, Steve Christenson and the chairs of the various Sangerfest 2010 committees the opportunity to energize Chorus members for the exciting and challenging work that lies ahead.

The Chorus welcomed Rod Witte, John Beutel and Phil Paulson as the newest members of our first bass section. Rod served for 37 years as Choral Director at LaFollette High School in Madison. John was the Choral Director at Stoughton High School for 26 years before he retired. He remains actively involved in choral music as the Director of the Stoughton Chamber Singers and Choir Director at Christ Lutheran Church. Phil taught Social Studies at Madison East High School for 35 years before his retirement and sings in the Trinity Lutheran Church choir.



Ole Bull, Norwegian Violinist.

Oil on Canvas 1882 by John R. Larsen (1848 -ca. 1930)

Gift of Normenneses Singing Society of Chicago, 1985, to Vesterheim Museum, Decorah IA.

Photograph courtesy of Vesterheim.

The Chorus' fund-raising efforts for Sangerfest 2010 have already produced excellent results, including a donation from the Bekkum Trust and grants from the Wisconsin Arts Board and Torske Klubben. This support will go a long way towards covering the costs of the Grand Concert at the Overture Center. Grant applications have been submitted to the Pleasant Rowland Foundation and the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission. Three more grant applications are being prepared and will be submitted after the first of the year to the Madison Arts Commission, the Bryant Foundation and the Kohler Foundation.

One of the special features of Sangerfest 2010 will be a tribute to Ole Bull, Norway's most famous violin virtuoso. In fact, we will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of his birth. Born in Bergen on Feb. 5, 1810, Ole Bull began his career at the age of 9 as a soloist with the Bergen Harmonic Society.

He was considerably influenced by the folk music of Norway and was widely acclaimed for his brilliant improvisations and for the rich tone of his play. By the time he reached his mid-twenties he had performed throughout Europe. In the 1850s and 1860s he was entertaining audiences in the United States, his second home.

Two interesting facts about Ole Bull are particularly relevant for us. First, it was upon his recommendation that Edvard Grieg was sent to study at the Leipzig Conservatory, where he began his career as Norway's preeminent musical composer. Second, Ole Bull's second wife was Sarah Thorp, the daughter of Joseph G. Thorp, a wealthy Wisconsin

lumberman and politician from Madison. Consequently, Ole Bull performed several concerts here. He was an interesting and controversial character, but much beloved by Norwegians, both in America and Norway.

To accomplish our Sangerfest 2010 goals, we need the assistance of participating choruses. First, to assist us in the planning and purchasing process, we request that you provide us with a preliminary estimate of how many members from your chorus will be joining us in Madison for Sangerfest 2010. If possible, send this estimate on or before Nov. 1st to Dick Johnston at 26 Chautauqua Trail, Madison WI 53719 (608-833-6284) or email to: richarj@chorus.net.

Second, we need the following photos for the official Sangerfest Program Booklet:

1. A 5 x 7 black-and-white group photo of your chorus;
2. Wallet-size photos of any national officers who are members of your chorus. This includes Director-in-Chief, Assistant Director-in-Chief, Honorary Directors-in-Chief, State Vice Presidents, and Veterans Chorus Officers, including Director.

Third, we need the names and chorus affiliation of any singers who have died since Sangerfest 2008. If a death occurs between our Jan. 1st deadline and Sangerfest, please call Rev. Al. Wahl (608-663-4928) or email him at : aandgwahl@sbcglobal.net so that information may be included in the Memorial Service. Please send these requested materials by Jan. 1st 2010

to: Chuck Morkri, 75677 Pioneer Place, Verona WI 53593 (608-833-3732). If you have questions, call Chuck or email him at: nordic@tds.net.

Dick Johnston, Corr.Sec.

NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls SD

Here we go again soon to resume choir practice. Several people have said, "The summer went by too fast." Like the old saying goes, "Despite jets, missiles and electronic devices, we still have not invented anything that goes faster than a vacation."

Backing up a few weeks, the Food Stand at the Fair went well. The stand was given a white coat of paint, a new door was installed, meatballs were made and sold with three meatballs on a stick for \$4.00 each. Now isn't that exciting news?

Especially interesting is the news that the Food Stand was sold for \$1500 (so I've been told) to the fellow from Wisconsin who had the stand next to us. Anyone who will miss working at it, I am sure, can volunteer to work in it next year by talking to the new owner. Incidentally, the Food Stand was built by Marvin Nelson, Ordell Krogstad, and Milton Steen back in about 1984. If I have left out any names, let me know, and I will mention it in the next report.

Now some more good news! Our two lutefisk and meatball suppers are fast approaching. Never fear that we have too many helpers to make meatballs. Your help is needed, so don't be bashful about showing up to help. You don't have to be afraid that you will get in the way of other workers. Our fearless leader of the two dinners will find a way for you to

help. The dates of the suppers are: October 16th and November 20th, with serving starting at 4:30 p.m.

That sums up any pertinent news from this pen. In the meantime "Press on!" and we will see you at practices on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m.

K. Roger Johnson, Corr. Sec.

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN

Before we get too far into our beautiful Fall season, we want to thank again Mary and Arnulf Skomsoyvag for hosting our annual summer picnic. Arnulf's well manicured lawn and flower beds, Mary the hostess extraordinaire, and the wonderful food supplied by our auxiliary ladies made this outing quite special again.

Bent Paulsen provided that professional Danish management of the "watering hole" and soon after escaped to Denmark with wife Anna Lisa for their annual refresher.

Our picnic was followed the next week by a BBQ at the Campion home, celebrating Joe's 85th birthday. More wonderful food and fellowship and, to give you an idea of the size of this bash, Joe and wife Maggie said it took 13 garbage bags to clean up after the party.

We are in the midst of our busy Fall season. As this is printed, we will have performed at three engagements, survived another successful lutefisk fund-raising dinner, and have four more events on the schedule before Christmas. In addition to this full schedule, we are trying to work in a recording session for a new CD of favorite Christmas songs.

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**DEADLINE FOR
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All singers have a copy of the selections for the Madison Sangerfest that we can begin to work into our practices. President Herb Nelson and music Committee Chairman Kris Rusten traveled to Madison to visit the Sangerfest 2010 facilities and returned with glowing reports. It sounds like this will be a memorable gathering of Norwegian choruses to which we can all look forward with great anticipation.

Still sharing stories of summer vacation activities. No one fell off their dock or fell out of their boat at their cabins. (This is Bjorn Hagen's story and he is sticking to it.) No one was hit by an errant golf ball, and those that left the country were not denied re-entry to the US. President Herb did indicate that he was pulled aside for some interrogation, but it turned out to be a case of mistaken identity. Carl Pederson is still in Norway and Bent Paulsen in Denmark, but both promised to be back before our fish dinners. Our Christmas concert is also on the agenda, and Director Carsten Slostad is working with the Church where this will be held. The venue we used last year is not available this year.

Our beautiful Minnesota Fall, an undefeated (as I write) Gopher football team playing in a beautiful new on-campus stadium, our Minnesota Twins making a run at a Division title, and a full complement of dedicated,, inspired Norwegian Glee Club singers – how could you top that picture?

For a smile:: The owner of a golf course in Minneapolis was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help. He called her into

his office and said, "You graduated from the University of Minnesota, and I need some help. If I were to give you \$25,000 minus 14%, how much would you take off?" The secretary thought for a moment and then replied, "Everything but my earrings." You gotta love these Minnesota women.

Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

NORDIC MALE CHORUS

Sioux City IA

At the conclusion of the summer holiday, the Nordic Male Chorus members removed folder music sung at the 46th Biennial Sioux Valley Singers Sangerfest held last June in Sioux Falls. The folders will be filled again with rehearsal music for the programs of the year ahead including Sangerfest 2010 in Madison WI

The Chorus was pleased to have three new second tenor members – Mike Floyd, David Gross and Richard Michaelis – attend an initial Sioux Valley Sangerfest. They have given the Chorus a big boost!

As the rehearsals resume, so does the freshly made popcorn that concludes each Monday session, thanks to Bill Brockhaus, a member of the bass section and chorus treasurer.

And a footnote, to congratulate our veteran director Charles Schuett, who has become a proud first-time grandpa!

Did you hear about Ole's nephew Torvald? He won a Gold medal at the Olympics, and was so proud that he had it bronzed! Uff Da!

Bob Hansen, Corr.Sec.

MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR

Sioux Falls SD

Brother Singers,

We're back at rehearsals. Summer was great, vacations are wonderful, and now we again know the joy and discipline of regular rehearsals with our brother singers. Along this line of thinking I would like to relate a thought about what has been uplifting to me.

The following is a letter of thanks our chorus received:

"We would be thrilled if the group would return for another concert. The residents enjoyed it very much and would appreciate a return visit. Would it be possible for your group to consider a return in November or December for a holiday concert? We anxiously await your reply and thank you for your efforts to make this possible."

After being sincerely appreciated like this, it gives me renewed energy to get back to singing, so we may again bring this joy to others. I'm sure each of you has been touched in the same way at some time.

Our first concert of the season is Oct. 11th at First Congregational Church in Sioux Falls. We will be a part of their Fine Arts Series.

Director Terry Walter has planned a chorus outing to Minneapolis on Nov. 14-15. We will tour Mill City Museum and enjoy "Church Basement Ladies - Christmas Version." We have been invited to be part of the Sunday morning worship at St. James Lutheran Church in Crystal MN.

Also we are getting ready to participate in Festival of Men's Voices Christmas Concert at Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls Nov. 29th.

On Dec. 7th, our chorus will celebrate our 120th anniversary Christmas party.

Arlene and I recently celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary; it was great to have most of our family home for a few days, and it took only 22—3 naps/day to recuperate after they left!!

Crop Report: We have been blessed with great fall weather. Many of the corn fields will yield over 200 bushels per acre.

Respectfully,

Robert Stenberg, Corr. Sec.

BJORNSON MALE CHORUS

Chicago IL

Dear Singer Brothers,

Here we go again! Our first rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 10th, was well attended. It's always great to see the guys again after being off for three months of summer. Last year we had a concert our first week back. But this year we had no rush to perform, so it was nice just to "shoot the breeze" with the guys.

Well, this "bull session" didn't last long, as our director, Ed Kramer, laid out four new songs for our singing pleasure. These songs will be sung later this year as part of our holiday concerts. So, it did not take long to get back in the groove and in no time we were singing like a bunch of canaries.

We also received a copy of the 2010 Grand Concert program for the Sangerfest in Madison WI. This will give us a head start to work on the new songs listed plus brushing up on the songs that we are more familiar with. So, with time on our side, I'm sure Bjornson will be rarin' to go come June 2010.

Leve Sangen,

George Michals, Corr. Sec.

GRIEG MALE CHORUS**Canton SD**

Shorter days, cooler nights, just a hint of color gracing tree leaves, and the Grieg Male Chorus resuming regular Monday evening rehearsals, are signs that Fall is here. Our chorus began our regular fall schedule the first Monday in September, a week earlier than usual, allowing the chorus to prepare for an early invitation.

Prior to returning to our fall schedule, Sunday, the 9th of August, found the chorus and ladies' auxiliary gathered for the annual family picnic.

"Directional" straw bales pointed the way to the "Holter Pasture" picnic ground. We were blessed with perfect weather for the 5 p.m. picnic, at which we enjoyed an abundance of great food and fellowship around a bonfire. The annual picnic committee was chaired this year by our President Gerrit Van Den Ton and wife Maureen. Thanks from all of us for their work for an enjoyable evening for everyone!

The 5th annual Canton Depot Days celebration was held Saturday, Sept. 12th, at the Canton Depot site. With one exception the Grieg Chorus has performed at each of these events. The event is held as a fund-raiser for the completion of the restoration of the Canton Depot, which will house city offices, public meeting rooms, and a museum. The chorus presents a few selections each

year, such as "This Train," or patriotic numbers, but one selection that we seem to return to every year that solicits smiles and laughs from the audience is "Standing on the Corner" with the words changed to "Standing at the Depot watching all the girls/trains go by." The Chorus hopes that, after completion of the restoration, the chorus will be able to use the large meeting hall for its regular weekly rehearsals.

Following the afternoon program, the chorus gathered in what was the baggage area of the depot for a picture. Attending the depot event and joining the chorus for the photo is, seated in the front, Mrs. Glenda Helgerson, who was a former accompanist for the Chorus and the Sioux Valley Singers Association.

The Grieg Chorus annual meeting was held Monday, Sept. 21st, with election of officers. All current officers were re-elected for another term: President Gerrit VanDenTop, Vice President Bill Kortemeyer, Recording Secretary Don Pottratz, Treasurer Curt Hepner, and Corresponding Secretary Jerry Holter. Music Committee: Lane Karli and Jerry Holter.

Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.



LUREN SINGING SOCIETY**Decorah IA**

Before we could get started with our rehearsals this fall, we had a series of deaths within the Luren family.. Two widows of Luren singers, Barbara Hanzlik, whose husband George died on June 17, 2007, and Nora Guttebo, whose husband Levi died several years ago, both died in mid-August. We did not sing for their funerals, but many of us attended the services.

Also Arnold Rohm died at the end of August, and we sang for his funeral on Sept. 2nd. More recently, Earl Hoff died on Sept. 25th, and we sang for his memorial service on Oct. 5th. Most recently Rita Hanson, wife of former member Richard Hanson, died after a long illness. Her memorial service was Sunday, Oct. 18th. (Obituaries for Arnold Rohm and Earl Hoff are elsewhere in this issue.)

We began rehearsals on Sept. 14th and promptly ratified the elections of last spring. Results were reported in the May-June issue.



Matt Umphreys

Our new accompanist is **Matthew Umphreys**, a sophomore student at Luther College. He was born at

Council Bluffs IA, the oldest of 4 children. He was home-schooled all through the grades and high school. He has two brothers and one sister.

Matt is majoring in piano performance and business. He started piano at six; his teacher was a Luther graduate. He accompanies many Luther students, especially juniors and seniors in both vocal and instrumental recitals.

Matt says he loves playing for Luren; it's a fun group to play for. He is excited about going on our upcoming mini-tour and should be able to take part in the Norway tour being planned for 2011.

We welcome Matt and look forward to his presence with us for some time.

I should note the retirement of at least two long-time Luren members. Kenneth Timmerman has been a stalwart member of the second bass section since 1971, a frequent soloist and strong supporter of the chorus in many capacities.

Dr. David T. Nelson became a member of the baritone group in 1961 and has served in many roles, most recently as Historian and Archivist. His father-in-law, A. R. "Doc" Rikansrud, and Dave both received the Gold with Diamond award from the NSAA.

Last spring, Rev. Robert Hansen left us, moving to Northfield MN. Now, Rev. Arndt Braaten has done the same. They are neighbors in the Northfield Retirement Center. (Maybe they can get a chorus of sorts going up there!)

We do have two new singers so far. We compiled a list of about 20 prospective members;; some have said they will be joining a bit later.



Dr. Gregory Tjossem

Dr. Gregory Tjossem is a native of Decorah. He graduated from Decorah High School, then went to Earlham College in Richmond IN, graduating with a major in Biology. He received his Masters in Biochemistry from the University of Tennessee and his M.D. from the University of Iowa.

Greg has two older sisters and one younger brother. He is married to Karen (Worden). He has one son, a freshman at Luther College, and two stepsons.

Greg sang in high school chorus, college choir and various community choral groups. He is learning Classical Guitar.

He has been invited often to join the chorus, most frequently by LeRoy Iverson. Of Luren he says, "It's a very friendly group with wonderful sound, and I love the director."

We are delighted to have Greg join the baritone section.

We are ready to leave on our mini-tour Oct. 23-25 in southeastern Iowa and Illinois. I'll report on that next time. On Saturday, Nov. 7th, we will sing at a Memorial Service for the Winneshiek County Hospice, at St.

Benedict's Church at 2:00 p.m. The following day, Sunday, Nov. 8th, we will return to Tomah WI for an afternoon concert.

We will carol at Vesterheim Museum on Sunday, Dec. 6th, as well as the various nursing homes here in Decorah. Our pre-Christmas concert will be Dec. 13th at Decorah Lutheran Church, followed by our party. Then we will take a break until January.

Until next time,

Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

OBITUARY



Arnold (Arnie) Rohm

Arnold Melvin Rohm, a son of Ole H. and Thorbjorg (Skaftdal) Rohm, was born in Decorah Aug. 26, 1918, a twin to sister Anna. He graduated from Decorah High School in 1936, then was employed in various grocery stores until he entered the US Army in Sept. 1942. After discharge he married Dolores Brooks in Decorah on Dec. 9, 1945. They had no children.

Arnie also farmed for about 15 years, owned the Hobby Shop for 10, and at Luther College until retirement. He had many interests,, including his own family history, tracing his

Norwegian farm name to the island of Stord.

Arnie joined Luren in 1969, singing baritone. When Luren came caroling last December to the nursing home where he spent his last months, Arnie joined in the singing of the familiar selections.

Arnie died Aug. 29, 2009. He is survived by his twin sister and one brother, Marvin, of Cedar Falls IA. His wife preceded him in death on Jan. 5, 2008.

Luren shared in the service Sept. 2nd, singing "*We shall walk through the valley,*" "*Den Store Hvide Flok*" and "*Beautiful Savior.*"

OBITUARY



Earl Hoff

Earl Roy Hoff was born in LaCrosse WI to Addison and Elberta (Betsinger) Hoff on Apr. 16, 1928. The family moved to Spring Grove MN in 1939. He graduated from Spring Grove High School, then joined the Air Force, serving for nine years including the Korean Conflict.

Earl married Eloise Myrah of Spring Grove June 25, 1951.. They lived in various communities before settling in Preston MN in 1960.

Earl loved to sing, in church choirs, the State Line Male Chorus and Luren Singers (since 1998), taking an active role including a stint as Vice President of the group. His sense of humor was often seen and heard when he chaired the meetings. He sang second bass.

Earl and Eloise had one daughter Deborah and four sons: Bruce, Gregory, Brian and Bradley, 14 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren as survivors.

Earl died Sept. 25, 2009 at Chatfield MN. During the memorial service on Oct. 5^t, Luren sang "*Beautiful Savior*" "*We shall walk*" and "*Aftensang*".

We cherish their memories, mourn their deaths and offer our sympathies to their sorrowing families.

PCNSA CENTENNIAL SANGERFEST

The 100th Sangerfest of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association was held in Eugene OR on June 25-27, 2009. The Norsemen Chorus of Eugene were hosts to 196 guests, with total attendance, including the Eugene chorus and their wives, of 236. There were representatives of all 12 PCNSA choruses in attendance. In addition, our guests, the Hauska Mannskor from Soknedal NOR, directed by Tove Ramlo-Ystad, and their families were present, as well as Per-Olaf Lund, President of the Sandvikens Mannskor of Sandviken SW., a member chorus of the Nordisk Sangerforbund, an association of Nordic choruses.

The festival was a rousing success. From the first day, as people arrived and registered, there was a special feeling of camaraderie and enthusiasm that is not always seen at Sangerfest.

That feeling grew as the weekend went on and the fellowship continued. There was spontaneous singing throughout the weekend, during meals and social hours and especially in the hospitality suite. By any standard this is the measure of a successful singing festival!

The Thursday Welcome Banquet was well attended. We were served an excellent meal and afterward enjoyed solo chorus performances by many of the groups in attendance. One of the highlights was the Seattle chorus doing a great rendition of the Stan Boreson hit, "*I Yust Don't Look Good Nekkid, Anymore,*" in (or should I say out of) costume.

Friday morning we started off with a Grand Chorus rehearsal, with all singers present. Then, after lunch, another rehearsal and a chance to practice the logistics of getting on and off stage.

The Grand Concert was performed at 7:30 p.m. with an audience of nearly 450. It featured 14 numbers by the Chorus, which included the Hauka Choir and Per-Olof. The Hauka group performed five of their own numbers as well.

Dan Moore of Eugene assembled a slide show of special pictures from Norway to illustrate "*Naar Fjordene Blaaner.*" based on an idea by Ola Bergsholm. This was the emotionally resounding hit of the concert. A superb Afterglow featured a large variety of our own ethnic foods and many other excellent foods as well.

Saturday the PCNSA business meeting was held. An afternoon bus tour to the King Estate Winery helped stimulate the local economy.

During the Social Hour prior to the Grand Banquet, the Hauka Chorus

gave a concert of numbers they were to sing at other venues on their tour, which included ones we had not heard previously.

At the Grand Banquet, Kim Gronvold presented medals awarded for the 2009 singing season. Per-Olof presented a Nordisk Sangerforbund table fana to Phil Overlund, incoming PCNSA President. Nordisk Sangerforbund medals were given to many other PCNSA members including Jon Malmin, Steve Jensen, Peter Butler, Ed Amundson, Mike Bagaason, Oscar Thomsen, Phil Overlund, and Mark Agerter.

The historical aspect of the 100th Sangerfest was highlighted with articles and many pictures, some never before published, in the program booklet. Articles included the Norsemen's saga as well as a history of PCNSA.

Vintage pictures included the Norsemen and Noras of 1959, the year Sangerfest was first hosted by the Norsemen, and three unpublished pictures from the scrapbook of F. A. Tomte of Portland OR, a founding father of PCNSA, including a picture of the first Sangerfest in Everett WA, a picture of singers and families onboard a steamboat en route to the Eureka Sangerfest in 1910 and the Lærken Singing Society of Astoria marching in Astoria's Centennial Parade in 1911. In addition, there were historical displays in the *kaffestua*, including many chorus photos from the collection of Ed Amundson, posters from Sangerfests past, and a display of old singing medals and registration ribbons.

*Submitted by Mark Agerter, Chair
100th PCNSA Sangerfest
2009 – Eugene OR.*

Letter from NSAA President Lewis

Greetings to all members of NSAA and PCNSA!

I am writing about several issues for Sangerfest 2010. Some of this will not be news to you if you've been reading Dick Johnston's excellent articles in Sanger-Hilsen over the past several months, but I'd ask that you remind each other about what's coming up in June. There will be a more final mailing in the near future with final information, as we finish budget and planning for your participation.

When I took over as President at Fargo, I wanted to make sure Sangerfest 2010 is an experience of a lifetime. We've kept that in mind in our planning and I think you will be thrilled and excited at what we have in store for you!

The Concourse Hotel (www.concoursehotel.com, phone 800-356-8293) is the site for all non-performance activities. It's a very nice hotel, the food is excellent, and the views from rooms are quite stunning. The banquet and Afterglows will be held here, and we're encouraging each chorus to prepare a song or two to share with all at the Afterglows or banquet. Be sure to mention Sangerfest to get the reduced rate for your stay. Please stay at the Concourse if you possibly can, as we had to commit to a number of rooms in order to get the special rate and we are obligated to pay for unused rooms. This was a risk, but in reviewing other hotels, the Concourse best met our needs regarding its rates, proximity to shopping and tourist activities and it is only one block from the Overture Center for the Performing Arts.

The Overture Center for the Performing Arts will be the venue for performances. Please encourage your members to take a look at www.overturecenter.com to see what this fabulous center (\$105 million cost) has to offer. Dick Johnston has included some pictures in his articles, but there are more at the website. It's really quite a place, and the seats will be comfortable!

The Memorial Service and Parade of Choruses will be in the Capitol Theater, a renovated 1930's movie palace. The Grand Concert will be in Overture Hall, a 2300 seat theatre which has, without a doubt, world class acoustics and architecture, and will simply knock your socks off when you see it! Of course, we're reserving excellent seats for wives, and we are encouraged about filling the rest of the seats because of an aggressive advertising campaign that's getting under way now.

We have also again contracted with the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra (who played with us at Sangerfest 2000) to accompany our grand concert performance. Although the orchestra and world class venue are extremely expensive, these costs will be funded by grants and private donations. We have already raised \$41,000!

Downtown Madison is a great place to walk around, and you'll be right in the heart of it. The state capitol, less than a block from the hotel, is 6' shorter than the national capitol, and has the third largest space enclosed by a dome in the world (behind St. Peter's in Rome and St. Paul's in London) and on Saturday morning there is a farmer's market to die for on the capitol grounds. The Frank Lloyd Wright designed Monona Terrace is a

few blocks away, and there's lots of shopping on State Street which connects the capitol with the University of Wisconsin campus.

Women's activities are in the planning stages, including the traditional lunch and considering several possible field trips to the Norwegian towns of Stoughton and Mount Horeb, and to Little Norway, a lovely Norwegian pioneer homestead

(including Stave Church!) west of Madison.

Start getting excited about this, fellow singers, because we in the Edvard Grieg chorus sure are!!

Med vennlige hilsen

Jonathan Lewis

NSAA President and Sangerfest 2010 Chair

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Stoughton, WI

NORWEGIAN SINGERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

GRAND CONCERT - 7:00 PM, June 26, 2010

Pre-Concert

ORGAN SELECTIONS

Ja, vi elsker dette landet	(a capella, in parts)	Rikard Nordraak
Star Spangled Banner	(a capella, in parts)	Francis Scott Key

I

Cry Out and Shout		Knut Nystedt
Holy Lord of All w/organ		Isalaw/Williams
Farväl		Prince Gustaf
Vårt Fødeland	(commissioned new arrangement)	arr. Anne Kilstofte
Toccata of Praise		Joseph M. Martin
David Judisch, Conductor		

III

Vi er sangere		Finn Skottner/Reidar Rinnar
Ave Maria w/organ	Hinshaw Music	Franz Biebl
The House I Live In w/ Ken Michaels, solo		arr. Wayne Spies
Midtsommersdans		Maurice Sommerfelt
Testament of Freedom (excerpts from movements I & IV) w/orchestra		Randall Thompson
Ed Kramer, Conductor		

V

Gloria in Excelsis w/Orchestra		W. A. Mozart, arr. Clarence Robinson
Bring Him Home		Claud-Michel Schönberg/arr. John Leavitt
Bådn Låt		arr. Edvard Grieg
Poor Man Lazarus		Jester Hairston
Landkjending w/Orchestra	Baritone Solo	Edvard Grieg
David Judisch, Conductor		

Parade of Choruses – Veterans Chorus Songs:

Hil dig , Norge	Rudolph Forwald
	Arr. Wick
Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor	Irving Berlin
	Arr. Ringwald

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Bjornson Male Chorus

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