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Minnehaha Mandskor



Cry Out And Shout!

Cry out and Shout is the title of the CD recorded fall 2014 and released by Minnehaha Mandskor in 2015. Selections on the CD are: Cry Out And Shout Bless This House *Tonerna* The Lost Chord On My Way to Jordan *Fader i himlen* *Nidelven* How Great Thou Art! Marching On We're the Men Grace It Is Well With My Soul *Vikingarne* Hallelujah, By and By God Bless America

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MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR**Sioux Falls SD**

May and June passed quickly for Mandskor. Because of so many conflicts with graduations, weddings, etc., and making preparations for the Sioux Valley Singers Sangerfest, the 2016 Sioux Falls Sangerfest, and our Chislic booth at the Sioux Empire Fair, singouts were few.

The first Monday in May was our regular rehearsal, followed by a joint Sioux Valley Singers Sangerfest practice hosted by Norse Glee Club at Nordic Hall in Sioux Falls on May 11. The four choruses making up SVS were well represented. Chuck Schuett, director of Nordic Men's Chorus out of Sioux City, where the biennial Sangerfest will happen on June 13, directed most of the Sangerfest numbers, assisted by directors of the other member choruses. Our own Deanna Wehrspann accompanied as no one else can.

The Norse Auxiliary, as usual, provided a wide array of delicious sandwiches and desserts, along with Norwegian coffee. There will be one more joint rehearsal on June 8, before the big day, at Morningside Lutheran Church in Sioux City, which is the site of the Sangerfest.

Ray and Juanita Schnabel are finalizing the production of brand new red vests for Mandskor members, which will be worn for the first time at the SVS Sangerfest. Several are finished. The rest are ready, except for the last fitting, and they are truly beautiful works of art.

The aforementioned joint rehearsal was preceded by a 2016 Sangerfest Committee meeting. Chair Marlan Velgersdyk of Mandskor said the

agenda covered a wide range of subjects, mainly fund raising. Excellent progress is being made toward getting ready for the 2016 SIOUX FALLS SANGERFEST.

Curt Hepner (Griegí Canton) is in charge of program ad sales, which will be the primary revenue source. A packet of information about ad sales, including sales tips, invoices, handling of payments, etc. has gone out to the SVS choruses.

Gourmet Guys, the annual fundraiser for Active Generations (where we rehearse) was held on April 19. Bill Hoffman, assisted by Larry Luinenburg and John Rasmusson manned the Mandskor booth.

Rømmegrøt, prepared by Bill and his wife, Marta, proved to be a popular item with the 600 plus or minus visitors. A little extra zip provided by a dash of *Amaretto* (or something equally Norwegian) had people coming back for seconds and thirds.



Larry Luinenburg and John Rasmusson prepare food for the Gourmet Guys fundraiser.

The wall sign reads: Bill Hoffman Minnehaha Mandskor assisted by Larry Luinenburg, John Rasmusson.

öThe Proof is in the Pudding.ö

On May 18, we held our monthly business meeting, presided over by Vice President Norm Braak, in the absence of President Marlan.

Significant items:

É Plans for the Kuchen-Chislic booth at Sioux Empire Fair August 2-9. The roof will be redone... target date is late June/early July. Members will do the work.

É CDøí 9 sold at Edgerton. Need to sell 19 more to break even. NOTE: Plans are to use the CD cover design on the front of this issue of Sanger Hilsen. Thank you to Don Berg and Dennis Barnaal for this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,



John Rasmusson ,Corr. Sec.

Mandskor New Members



Charles and Judy Berdahl left Sioux Falls in 1961 and moved back from Denver in 2013. Upon his return Charles immediately began a search for a highly recommended menø chorus, thus he found Mandskor, of which he became a member in spring of 2015.

After graduating from Augustana, he began his work career as a mortician with Boom Funeral Home. He later graduated from Luther Seminary in St Paul and was ordained in 1965 at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. He has a Doctor of

Divinity degree from Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

Charles served churches in Milwaukee, Denver, Ames and Chicago. He also served as vice president of Development for Lutheran Social Services of CO and retired as a Representative for the ELCA Board of Pensions.

Charles is a third generation Norwegian whose grandfather arrived in a wagon train in Dakota Territory in 1873, near present day Garretson. He and Judy have been involved with music for many years, including musical theater.

Judy was a teacher and they both enjoy reading, painting, the arts and golf. They love living on the busiest corner in Sioux Fallsø 11th and Phillips. They have been married for 57 years and have 5 children, 3 of whom live in Sioux Falls. They have 12 grandchildren.



New to the Mandskor is **Paul Opsahl**. He joined the top tenor section in February 2015. He and his wife **Marley Ann** attended a concert last fall after which they visited with the director and members, expressing interest in the group.

Paul is a retired pastor who grew up in Aberdeen SD, has a BA from Yankton College and an MS from Hartford Seminary in Hartford CT, and has done advanced studies at McCormick in Chicago. He also has an Honorary Doctorate from Yankton College, Yankton SD. (cont. page 5)

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Marley Ann is originally from Tripp SD, and also graduated from Yankton College. She is retired from teaching. They both list music as a hobby. He is a reader and she likes to knit and crochet. The Opsahls have two grown children, Kevin and Kimberly.

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN

As we enjoy our wonderful Minnesota Summer, we look back first at a wonderful *Syttende Mai*. Thundershowers during the night and a bleak morning that was threatening the traditional parade picnic; the sun broke through and everything proceeded on schedule.

We participated in the capacity attendance at the morning *Mindekirken* worship service with our prelude concert. We sang *Sangerhilsen, Fanevagt, Vi er sangere, Når fjordene blåner, Gud signe Norigs land, Rett som ornen stiger, Norge i rødt, hvitt og blått* and concluded with *Hil deg Norge*.

The *Mindekirken* choir, where our member Julian Ronning also sings, made its usual fine addition to the service. As always, the children were center stage both at the service and the parade. A Great Day for all.

We presented two concerts in April, at Summit Place Campus in Eden Prairie, where Bjorn Lasserud's lovely daughter is on the staff, and then at Arden Haug's Lutheran Church at Lake of the Isles. We sang at the Masonic Home in Bloomington in May and on the May 16th we did our annual concert at the beautiful Rivers Senior Center in Burnsville. I think we had our largest number of singers for that gig, perhaps because of the

Norwegian goodies we enjoy as a reward after our singing.

Our intrepid business manager, Ted Anderson, already has a good start on our fall and winter schedule of concerts.

Gary Rust had a good quick recovery from hip surgery. Aren't modern medical techniques great? And of course the hospitals are very busy taking care of us *omatureö* folks. Great to have Glenn Tollefson back in the Glee Club after a lengthy absence. He was missed.

Oh yes, after much review and campaigning, at our business meeting, by secret ballot we have selected the two Norwegian songs for the Parade of Choruses at the 2016 Sangerfest. Thanks to our capable music committee, who gave us thoughtful choices.

Now that we have green grass, the golf season is in full swing. Golf is a hard game to figure. One day you will go out and slice and shank, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really stink. They say golf is like a marriage; if you take it too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS Madison, WI CELEBRATING OUR 90th ANNIVERSARY IN 2015

What a great way to end our performance season! On *Syttende Mai* weekend our Chorus made four

appearances during the Stoughton festivities. It began on Saturday with our annual concert at the Opera House. Following the anthems we sang ten songs including *Norge, mit Norge!*, *Den store, hvide Flok*, *Gud signe Norigs land*, *Hils fra mig der hjemme*, and *Landkjending*. We performed for an enthusiastic full house that included several special guests from Gjøvik, Norway, Stoughton's Sister City. Stoughton and Gjøvik became sister cities in 1986 under Mayor Doug Pfundheller, a recently retired member of our Chorus.

After lunch at Mandt Sons of Norway Lodge, the Chorus joined a large crowd, including our Norwegian guests and local dignitaries, for the Grand Opening ceremony of the new Norwegian Heritage Center, *Livsreise* or "Life's Journey." As our role in the dedication, we sang two songs, *Hils fra mig der hjemme* and *Ja, vi elsker*. The following quote from the *Livsreise* brochure best explains the goal and mission of the heritage center:

"The mission of this beautiful facility is to create an experience that allows visitors to explore Stoughton's Norwegian identity and relate this to the culture that Stoughton and the surrounding area have long embraced. *Livsreise* includes interpretations of the journey from Norway, features the cultural heritage brought to Stoughton and shares stories of individual immigrants. Also featured are changing exhibits and displays highlighting Norwegian heritage and arts organizations including Vestheim Norwegian-American

Museum. Additionally, *Livsreise* is home to a genealogy center that operates in cooperation with the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center/Naeseth Library, and a 68-seat auditorium."

On Sunday, May 17 our Chorus performed for two church services. We sang the prelude, anthem and offering at the 9:00 a.m. service at First Lutheran Church, the home church of Dan and Jodi Hanson, King and Queen of *Syttende Mai*, as well as that of our director, Mark Everson. We then traveled across town to sing for the 10:30 a.m. service at Christ Lutheran Church, the home church of our president, Steve Christenson. The service was followed by a luncheon featuring a full array of Norwegian delicacies.

The weekend wrapped up our performances for this season. We extend our sincere appreciation to Director Mark Everson, Assistant Director and recorder accompanist, Linda Svano, and Accompanist Linda Johnson for their outstanding service again this year. After a short summer recess we look forward to beginning preparation for Sangerfest 2016 in Sioux Falls.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls SD

I find it quizzical sometimes when writing this article whether to use the past, present, or future verb tenses for events upon which I'm reporting, given that publication occurs later in the month than my reporting. But here goes.

On Thursday May 7th we performed at the weekly worship service in the St. Dymas Chapel of the SD penitentiary. This activity is generally an annual event for us. We sang "Sweet, Sweet Spirit," "He is Lord of All," and "Lord, Listen to your Children." The following Monday, May 11th, we (The Norse Glee Club) hosted the third of four planned combined rehearsals of the Sioux Valley Singers Association (SVSA) in preparation for our SVSA SangerFest to be held on Saturday, June 13th.

On Sunday, May 31st, we were invited to and did support a worship service at the dedication of a new church location. The Spirit of Truth Lutheran Church is located in Brandon SD. We performed the same three songs we sang earlier in the month at St. Dymas Chapel. On Monday, June 8th, the Nordic Chorus of Sioux City IA (site of the SVSA Sangerfest) hosted our final combined rehearsal.

At the time of this printing, the SangerFest will have been held. In a manner similar to the NSAA Sangerfest in the "even" years, our program consisted of a memorial service remembering past members who are now deceased, then a concert of some 15 numbers was presented by the combined chorus of some 80 voices, and lastly, the awarding of appropriate attendance medals for 5, 10, 15, and 20 past attendances was made. A fuller report will appear in a future *SangerHilsen*.

It is with significant sadness that I report the passing of another of our Glee Club members. GLENN J. "BUD" ELIASON, of Renner SD died on April 15, 2015 at the age of 93. He had been under hospice care for some

time. BUD was married to MURIAL Eliason, also an important member of our Glee Club family.

MURIAL had been our accompanist for more than 15 years in the 1980s and 1990s until a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and deteriorating health prevented her from continuing with the Glee Club. Many NSAA members may remember her very stirring solo rendition of "America the Beautiful" that she sang at the NSAA "Centennial" SangerFest in 1992.

BUD sang baritone with the Glee Club, and only retired when care for his wife became primary for him. His health subsequently began to fail as well. MURIAL currently resides in a nursing home in Garretson SD, near Sioux Falls.

At BUD's funeral on April 20, 2015 the Glee Club offered "Beautiful Savior," both in English and Norwegian. The musical talents of this husband and wife team were extraordinary, and they both are being very fondly remembered by us who follow them.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY Decorah IA

The excitement is building as we count down to our departure date for our Concert Tour to Norway. After our *bon voyage* concert at Hesper Lutheran Church on June 7th, only the tour participants will gather for the final rehearsal on the 8th. That same evening we will get last words from Janet Tollund of Group Travel. "Don't forget your passports!"

We've welcomed three outsiders to one or more rehearsals. Terry Walter, Minnehaha Mandskor director and her husband Don Cooper, as well as Charles Berdahl, a now retired pastor with roots in the Sioux Falls area, will be part of our tour chorus. Oh yes, we've also picked up new outfits as our uniform for the concerts. Now, if only the weather cooperates!

We held our primary elections for officers, which will be ratified early in September. There are just a few differences.

A few weeks ago a young man who recently graduated from Luther College came along with Jim Gray and took a seat in the second bass section. His name is **Willy Leafblad**, and he is the new band instructor in the Spring Grove Public School. During his college career he earned a B.A. degree in Music Education with K-12 vocal and instrumental music licensure. As a freshman he sang with the Norsemen, so we have sung together at least once previously.

Willy will be the instrumental music instruction for 5-12, which includes concert band, pep band, marching band, jazz band and student lessons.

When I do my official interview with him, he will have much more to report, because his band and choir students from the High School will be going to Florida for a fun and educational trip in June.

We anticipate his joining us in the fall.

We lost three members of our Luren family recently. Grace Torresdal, the widow of long-time member Lester, died May 6th. She was 88. Her service was May 9th at Decorah Lutheran Church. Grace

came to Decorah from Florence SD and Lutheran Bible School in Minneapolis, where she graduated in 1949. As Parish Worker at Decorah Lutheran, she met Lester, with whom she was united in marriage Dec. 15, 1950.

Grace and Lester were part of three Luren tours to Norway. Lester died in 2005. Their first daughter died in infancy. She is survived by one son, one daughter, three grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and five sisters. Four other siblings predeceased her.

The second loss was Kermit Hendrickson, who died May 28th. His memorial service was June 6th. His obituary will be in the next issue.

The third loss was Marjorie Amundson, widow of long-time member Almer Amundson. She died June 4th. She was 98. We have no other particulars to report at this time. We cherish the memories of these long-time Luren family members.

With the Norway tour, County Fair Stand and Nordic Fest, the summer is already fairly filled. Maybe we'll get a break in August! May all of our fellow singers and their families have a fun-filled and fruitful summer.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

HARMONY SINGING SOCIETY Rockford IL

Our chorus performed twice during the month of May! The Normennes Singing Society invited us to sing at their Spring Concert at the Estonian House in Riverwoods IL. This event took place May 2nd. Harmony sang *Turn Around, Look at Me. I'm Bound*

Away and then *Lil' Red Riding Hood*. Both choruses then joined and sang a few numbers. We sat down afterwards and enjoyed a delicious buffet. We are so appreciative that Harmony was invited to sing at their Spring Concert.

Well, besides singing we must also eat! May was the beginning of our steak cookouts at our club. Once a month up into the fall season we have a delicious New York Strip steak with all the trimmings. The men do a great job cooking the steaks to perfection! We appreciate the ladies and men that volunteer for this so that all runs smoothly.

Harmony Singing Society and Sveas Söner Chorus joined to perform a concert May 24th at Bethesda Covenant Church in Rockford. Each chorus sang individual numbers and both choruses joined together to perform a number of songs. Midway through the concert the Rock Valley Children's Choir entertained us.



Combined Harmony and Sveas Söner Choruses.



Rockford Valley Children's Choir.

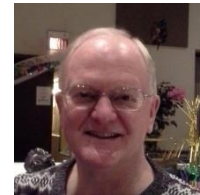
Harmony Singing Society was formed in 1923. This is a special year for the Sveas Söner Chorus. They were formed in 1890; so this is their 125th Anniversary! To celebrate we had a sheet cake and cookies for all. Many in the audience joined us. Many chorus members and spouses then went out for supper.

125th Year Sveas Söner



Spring Concert

Have a safe and wonderful Summer!



Steven James, Corr. Sec.

GRIEG MALE CHORUS Canton SD

(Note: the following report arrived too late to be in the previous issue. Ed.)

Greetings from the Canton Grieg Male Chorus!

The retail store where I have worked for the past 17 years has had one customer who comes to our store every day. No, it doesn't seem like every day; it is every day. If she is a bit late, our service desk people begin to worry.

She isn't bored. She has a large family, is now retired, but works part

time and volunteers at two local charities, each twice a week.

Typically she walks through the store, greets all of us and other customers, buys a couple items and is off to work. I have never asked why she stops every day, but recently she told me. Approaching my counter, she said, "Jerry, you will appreciate this."

A woman had stopped her and said every time she was in the store early morning she saw her. She told her she came every day, and the other customer seemed confused. Her reply was simple: "I could stay home, but the world changes right outside my door every day, and I don't want to miss a minute of it."

Now this story has nothing to do with our choruses, except I find myself so amazed at how fast time seems to go; we are filing away Christmas music and looking for spring concert music or patriotic selections for July 4th and suddenly those concerts will be past as well. Her comment has made me think how in music, relationships, and things right outside my door, I too "don't want to miss a minute of it."

Our chorus, along with the other member choruses, attended the first of four joint rehearsals in preparation for our Sioux Valley Sangerfest, hosted this year by the Nordic Male Chorus of Sioux City IA. Our first joint rehearsal was hosted by the Minnehaha Mandskor, Sioux Falls, and our next was hosted on April 20th by the Grieg Male Chorus, Canton.

Our chorus meets for our weekly rehearsals at the Canton Good Samaritan Center in a large public room they have at the back of the facility. The Center has been raising

funds for a new piano for the dining hall. On March 30th, the Center hosted a donor appreciation event, beginning at 6 p.m. with refreshments and dedication of the new piano. Our Chorus was complimented to be asked to provide a formal concert for the event. In addition to our chorus selections, our accompanist Claradith Kingsbury played several familiar and reminiscent selections on the new piano. The event was well attended by the community, and it was a privilege to be a part of this special program for the Center.

Hoping ALL of you are enjoying the changing season with a song in your heart and on your lips.

Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

Members of the Grieg Male Chorus had the opportunity to perform a spring concert April 23rd for the annual banquet and award ceremony of the Canton Kong Olav V Sons of Norway Lodge. With most of our members able to attend the Sioux Valley Sangerfest to be held June 13th, our chorus rehearsals have focused on preparing for this special event. The SVSA Sangerfest is hosted this year by Nordic Male Chorus of Sioux City, and we are looking forward to enjoying all the special events they have planned.

With wishes to all for a great summer!



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

**BJORNSON MALE CHORUS
Chicago IL**

The year 2015 started out pretty slow. In January and February rehear-

sal attendance was scant due to snow and cold temperatures. Finally in March the temps got above freezing.

Our first official outing was in March when we attended the Singers Night Festival at Normennesø Club House in Lincolnshire. Six choruses were on the program: three Swedish, two Norwegian and one German. Each chorus had to sing one song in their native language and one in English. Fortunately, the German chorus didn't have to sing Norwegian or Swedish.

The highlight of the evening is the Grand Finale when all the singers (ca. 100 men) gather to wow the audience with five favorites, and they loved it! Our final song was *God Bless America*, which always earns an emotional, standing ovation. Coffee and ended a perfect evening.

Sunday, Apr. 19th, we sang at Bethesda Retirement Home in Chicago. We hadn't been there for a while, so it was good to see so many new faces. We sang a short program and ended with a song made popular by Louis Armstrong, *What a Wonderful World*. Well, when we sang and held the last note, Bethesda's pastor shouted out "Oh-Yeah!" Everyone broke up.

Friday, May 15th, we joined the service for *Syttende Mai* at *Minnekirken* in Chicago. The church was full. First, Grieg Ladies Chorus sang three beautiful Norwegian songs. Caroline Uhlig is director/pianist. Next the *Minnekirken* choir sang *Vi vandrer med Frejdigt Mod*. Dr. Yeeseon Kwon is the director. *Spelmanslag* Chorus of Chicago sang three rousing songs, accompanied by four violins, one bass fiddle and a piccolo, which

was played by their director. This had everyone toe-tapping.

A formal greeting was given by Honorary Consul General Paul Anderson

During the offering, Irine Durova Rosnes played *Sonata No.4 in E minor, Opus 27*. Fantastic!

Finally Bjornson was up. We sang *Fanevagt*, then *Ved Rondane* with Una Stroda on piano, Irine Rosnes on violin and Ed Kramer directing and featuring Ken Michaels as soloist.

The chorus ended with *Midsummerdans* and *Come to the Music*. Wonderful refreshments were provided and enjoyed by all.

Sunday, May 17th, our Nordic Parade formed and marched through Park Ridge. There were horses, dogs, tons of walkers, a Viking Longboat with a dragon smoking and flames shooting out of its nostrils. An impressive sight! Also a dozen Model A Fords, Normennesø and Bjornson marchers, and a large High School Band bringing up the rear. The parade ended in downtown Park Ridge where all the vendors were selling their wares.

Leve Sangen,



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

PCNSA SANGERFEST

A notice appeared in Norwegian-American Weekly that the 106th Annual Sangerfest is to take place at Salem OR on June 18th-20th, with the Grand Concert June 19th at 7 p.m. at West Salem High School Auditorium. The host chorus this year is the Thorsmen Male Chorus of Salem. Tickets \$10. A special guest artist will be Miss Alicia Baker, a world-

class singer and accordionist/entertainer.

For more information, call Paul Flora at (503)572-8330 or Roger Vineyard at (503)559-8831.

**NORMENNENES
SINGING SOCIETY**

Chicago IL

On Saturday, May 2, our chorus hosted our annual spring concert at the Estonian House near Lincolnshire IL. Also, we were honored to have the Harmony Singing Society of Rockford present as a guest chorus. Originally the Edvard Grieg Chorus of Madison was invited, but they had a scheduling problem and could not attend.

After the anthems were sung, our chorus started the program with a neat arrangement of the Whiffenpoof Song. We also introduced a new selection from Norway called *Barnsdom minne fraa Nordland*. With this song we featured both Karl Tanero and Henry Carlson as soloists and they did a great job! As part of our program, our accompanist, Michael Benschish, performed two solo selections. One of the numbers was a Joplin piece and he was wonderful!

The program continued with the Harmony Singing Society singing three selections under the talented hand of director Sherry Dreyfuss to the delight of our audience. As a conclusion to the program, both choruses combined as a mass chorus to sing: 1). Rise Up O Men of God. 2). *Fader i Himlen*. 3). Marching on. 4). *Hil dig Norge*.

After the program a buffet dinner was served and great sociability followed. *Tusen takk* to Lowell



Harmony and Normennenes combined choruses.

Hertsgaard and Judy for their organizational skills for the day!

I do have a bit of bad news for our chorus. We have lost our newest singer, Ole Birkelund. His wife Mary recently retired, and they are moving to Raleigh NC to be near her two daughters and five grandchildren. Good luck, Ole and Mary.

One of our singers, Clarence Peterson, recently had an experience of a lifetime. On June 6-7 he was involved with the Lake County Veterans Honor Flight to Washington DC. Clarence is a W II vet (Navy) and brother singer Dan Boyle was his sponsor. They had an outstanding trip, including the WW II Memorial and much more.

The Chorus is now on summer break. We will start fall rehearsals earlier than normal, on Aug. 18th, due to a special program Sept. 13th. Our Chorus along with other Scandinavian choruses will be part of the entertainment at the 36th Annual Scandinavian Day activities at Vasa Park in So. Elgin.

Have a great summer!
Leve Sangen,



Thor Fjell

NORWEGIAN SINGERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

GRAND CONCERT - 7:00 PM, June 11, 2016

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Ja, vi elsker dette landet

Star Spangled Banner

Rikard Nordraak

Francis Scott Key

I*Fanevagt* (in A flat major)

Ole Olsen

En Sangers Bøn

Friedrich August Reissiger

You Raise Me Up Solo: Ken Michaels

arr. Teena Chinn; Lovland-Graham

Stars I Shall Find

David Dickau

Vikingarne (small brass group accomp.) Solo: William Hoffman F. A. Frieberg**II**

Violinist

III*Hil Dig, Norge*

Rudolph Magnus Forwald

Stå opp, Guds menighet

Deanna Wehrspann

The Lost Chord

With orchestra

Arthur Sullivan

Tonerna

Carl Leopold Sjöberg

Salute to Our Patriots

Arranged by Terry Walter

IV

Male Choir from Norway

V

The Awakening (with orchestra)

Joseph Martin

Set Down Servant 2 soloists

arr. Robert Shaw

Climb Every Mountain

Richard Rodgers

Landkjending (with orchestra) Baritone Solo

Edvard Grieg

Veterans Chorus for Parade of Choruses:

Morgensang av "Elverskud"

Niels W. Gade

No Man is an Island

arr. Wayne Spies

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Bjornson Male Chorus

Rehearsals: Each Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at V.F.W. Hall; Camfield and Higgins Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068. President: John Lee, 738 Bent Ridge Lane, Elgin, IL 60120. tel. (847) 741-4210; Secretary: George Michals, 5236 Arlington Drive West, Hanover Park, IL 60103 (630)837-8615; Director: Edwin Kramer, 32600 East Lane, Grayslake, IL 60030, tel. (847) 546-2050.

Normenneses Singing Society

Rehearsal each Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. (except July and August) at the Estonian House, P.O. Box 95, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. tel: (847)537-8016. President: Thor Fjell, 1041 W. Ogden Ave. #118, Naperville, IL 60563. Tel: (630)369-4233, cell: (630) 479-4233, thorfjell@comcast.net. Recording Secretary: Frank Potempa, 1788 W. Sherwood Rd., fcpotempa@sbcglobal.net Director: Charles Kessell, 6042 W. Grace St., Chicago, IL 60634. Tel: (773)481-5941, cell (773)858-5325, perc55@juno.com.

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Harmony Singing Society

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Luren Singing Society

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Minnehaha Mandskor

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Grieg Male Chorus

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WISCONSIN

MADISON

Edvard Grieg Chorus

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CALIFORNIA

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Normanna Glee Club

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San Diego Mannskor

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SAN FRANCISCO

Norwegian Singing Society of San Francisco

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OREGON

EUGENE

The Norsemen

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Thorsmen

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WASHINGTON

BELLINGHAM

Norwegian Male Chorus

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EVERETT

Norwegian Male Chorus

Normanna Hall, 2725 Oaks Avenue

Everett, Washington 98201

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POULSBO

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Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsal: Every Monday evening 7:30 p.m. Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 N.W. 67th Street, Seattle, WA 98117. Officers: President: Jens Eysteinnsson, tel. (205)799-8000, JensEysteinnsson@AmmericanSeaffods.com Secretary: Rolf Federspiel, tel. (425)823-9080, farfarfed77@frontier.com. Director: G. Robert Johnston, 4707 NE 192 Pl., Lake Forest Park, 98155, tel. (206)362-1094, bobsings@gohuskies.com

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TACOMA

Normanna Male Chorus

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Ja, vi elsker Rickard Nordraak
 Star Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key
 Sangerhilsen Edvard Grieg
 O Come, Let Us Sing Cindy Berry
 Rise Up, O Men Kenneth Jennings
 Pie Jesu from Requiem A.L. Webber
 This little Light/Do Lord arr. Val Hicks
 One Faith, One Hope Craig Courtney
 Down to the River Lawson/arr. Gluth
 Morgensang of ðElverskudö N. Gade
 Betelehemu Wendell Whalum
 Iøm Gonna Sing arr. Howard Helvey
 Let There be Peace Miller/Jackson/Ades
 What a Wonderful World
 Weiss/Douglas/Gluth

What Shall We Do with the Drunken
 Sailor arr. Parker/Shaw
 Lilyø Eyes (from Secret Garden)
 Lucy Simon
 Donø Fence Me In Cole Porter
 O Susannah! S. Foster arr. Crutchfield
 Fergus anøMolly Vijay Singh
 Aftensang C.H. Rinck

Norway Concert Sites and Dates

18 June - Ørland Kultursenter, Brekstad
 19 June - Molde Domkirke, Molde
 21 June - VangKyrkia, Voss
 22 June - Emigrantkyrkia på Sletta, Radøy
 (Bergen)
 26 June - Eidsberg Kirke (Østfold)