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Bill Fried

### **Introducing**

our New NSAA President, **Bill Fried**, of the Luren Singing Society. Bill became a member of Luren in spring 2012 after invitations from fellow singers in the Spring Grove MN area. Spring Grove is about 20 miles north of Decorah. A large group of singers from Spring Grove sing in Luren. Bill was born in Marshall MN, where he sang in the high school Swing Choir and also played tuba. He graduated in 1980 from Minnesota State University in Moorhead MN with a major in speech, theater and English. Bill took voice lessons as a student at Moorhead State.

Bill has lived and worked in Moorhead and Spring Grove as a

teacher of speech, theater and English. He has appeared in many roles at *Ye Olde Opera House* in Spring Grove and *New Minowa Players* in Decorah, and has been a long-time member of church choir. Bill is retired from full time teaching, but has been teaching grade school children in Reading Corps (under Americorps) for 6 years.

Bill's wife Karen is past president of the Sons of Norway Lodge in Spring Grove. They have two children: Chris and Kjersti.

Bill loves to sing and currently sings First Bass. He is concluding a year as president of Luren.

### **Sangerfest 2022 in the Rear-View Mirror**

Wow! What fun it was to meet again for a celebration of heritage and song. We waited so long for this reunion, and it's gone in a flash. Sangerfest 2022 is now in the rear-view mirror, and it gives us opportunity to reflect.

Sangerfest 2022 looked different than previous Sangerfests. The late start allowed those within easy driving distances to cut hotel costs. With

some trepidation the Parade of Choruses was replaced with pop-up presentations. The buffets provided quick and efficient dinners. Events were provided in which participation by singers and their companions was encouraged. And the stars were aligned when the district meeting of the Sons of Norway arranged to meet at the same time and place, a win-win situation for NSAA and the Sons of Norway.

One of the biggest surprises for me was the response to the post-concert sing-along. It was fun to see that after the Grand Concert there was more fuel in the tank, and songs to be sung. And the talent was amazing!

The highlight of Sangerfest of course is the Grand Concert. We are thankful for the superb leadership of our directors, and all the other excellent guest musicians. After the usual worrying about attendance, we were pleased to have a full house with additional chairs being added at the beginning of the concert.

A special thank you to those who made Sangerfest 2022 possible: committee chairs, volunteer workers and all the special ladies who support the Edvard Grieg Chorus. And a BIG thank you to the major financial supporters who made Sangerfest 2022 possible: the Beckum Fund and the Bryant Foundation.

Enough of the rear-view mirror. Now we embrace the future and look forward to Sangerfest 2024.

Godspeed.



Paul Larson, Chair  
Sangerfest 2022

### **EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS Madison WI**

Our Chorus was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Steve Christenson on May 29, 2022. Steve was a long-time member of the Chorus and served as our past President for 10 years from 2005 to 2015.



Steve Christenson

Steve was born in Stoughton on May 19, 1943. He graduated from Stoughton High School where he was a member of the Norwegian Dancers. He attended Milton College and graduated from UW Whitewater with a degree in Business Administration. Steve served as a senior manager with a number of State of Wisconsin departments during his 33-year career in Human Resources. Music and community service were an integral part of Steve's life, and he was involved in numerous philanthropic and service-based organizations. In addition to the Grieg Chorus he was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church, Stoughton Lions Club, and

the Dane County Friends of Scandinavian Culture. Our Chorus was honored to sing for his service on June 14. We sang *öDan Store Hvide Flokö* and *öFor the Fallen,ö* and member Jim Svanoe sang *öBeautiful Saviorö* accompanied by our Director, Linda Svanoe.

Obviously our major activity in June was hosting the very successful Sangerfest 2022. On July 29 several members of the Chorus sang the American Nation Anthem at the Madison Mallards and Wausau Woodchucks baseball game. Our next event will be the annual family picnic in September and we will begin practices shortly thereafter.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

#### **NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls SD**

##### **Obituary**



Noel Egan

Noel H. Egan, age 90, of Sioux Falls, passed away on May 3, 2022, at Prairie Creek Memory Care in Sioux Falls in care of hospice. Funeral services were May 7, 2022, at First Lutheran Church, Colton.

Noel was born November 21, 1931 on a farm near Colton SD to Luther Egan and Klara (Brattebo) Egan. The youngest of four boys, he was raised south of Colton and graduated from Lyons High School in 1949. Noel's studies at South Dakota State University were interrupted by the Korean conflict when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving three years on air bases in Rapid City and Sioux Falls.

He returned to SDSU after the war and earned a degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1956. Noel worked for John Deere Company for over 30 years in various management positions in the marketing field across Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas.

Noel married Colleen Ormseth August 31, 1958 at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Three children were born to Colleen and Noel: Teri, Murray and Lisa. Colleen passed away on April 13, 1999. Noel married Jane Hustrulid November 20, 2001 at Peace Lutheran in Sioux Falls SD.

Throughout his adult life, Noel enjoyed golfing, skiing, trapshooting, travel, reading, singing in choral groups and Toastmasters. He was active in his church, and a member of the American Legion.



Steve Espeland, Corr. Sec.

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**DEADLINE FOR  
Sept.-Dec. 2022 ISSUE  
Dec 13**

**NORMENNENES SINGING  
SOCIETY  
Chicago IL**

This is certainly a time of change and adjustment. Unlike years past only two singers, Frank Potempa and Richard Kline were able to attend and sing at Sangerfest in Madison. They were joined, though, by a number of other members, including Pete Peterson and his daughter, Barb Musson, and Janet and Bob Wold, and other long-time members and friends.

Here is Frank's report from Sangerfest-Madison 2022, and our outlook ahead:

After four years since our last Sangerfest, it was so good to get everyone together once again. Although the Mass Chorus was smaller, the festival was certainly everything one would like to see, including a standing room only Grand Concert. We need to congratulate the Dane County Grieg Male Chorus Singers for a very fine Sangerfest, not to mention carrying the responsibility twice as long as normal.

Together with the Regional Skjold Lodge Gang, the true heritage of Norway has been shared by many in Song, Arts & Crafts, History as well as commerce.

We were pleasantly entertained by the new Chicago Male Chorus the "Chicago Norsemen" as well.

Locally we are looking forward to the great outdoors once again at the annual Picnic and Vendor Fair along with great Scandinavian entertainment at this year's Scandinavian Park festival in Elgin IL. For more information click on:

[Scandinavian Day - Home \(scandinaviandayil.com\)](http://Scandinavian Day - Home (scandinaviandayil.com)) Plenty of food, games, music dance for the

young and not so young. A church service will be planned for Sunday morning as well. Plenty of Parking and assistance from your car to the gate is available.

Sending our care and concern to all NSAA members facing health challenges.



Frank Potempa

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Potempa, President

Dan Boyle, Corresponding Secretary



Dan Boyle

**MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR  
Sioux Falls SD**



Gospel Gold Quartet entertains at the *Syttende Mai* Banquet. Dennis Wollman, Bill Schoep and Bob Viet are Mandskor members, joined by Doug Kraayenhof, accompanied by Terry Walter. Photo by Tom Nelson

All is quiet on the choral front. The Mandskor has been recessed for the summer months. Just before that, the chorus rendered a beautiful performance at the Sons of Norway Syttende Mai banquet.



Three members participated in the June 2022 Sangerfest in Madison, WI. They are Ray Schnabel, Bruce Duncan and Ben Tokheim.

There has been no summer picnic, no participation in the Sioux Empire Fair and there are no plans for a fall bus trip. Though voices are strong, it is difficult to staff a concession stand with a membership comprised largely of senior citizens. Travel also becomes more challenging. Hence, the organization must focus on that which is most important---singing. Rehearsals will resume September 12, at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Terry Walter, Corr. Sec.

#### **NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN**

We hope you, your family, and friends are well and safe.

The Glee Club celebrated *Syttende Mai* on Sunday morning, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Mindekirken Norwegian Church in Minneapolis. Mindekirken is a wonderful church and always has an enjoyable celebration on *Syttende Mai*.

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Club members attended a Birthday Celebration for Ted Anderson. The world has been blessed for many years with this fine baritone. Ted was born the same year Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly a non-stop solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. How about that! Happy Birthday Ted and have many more!

The Edvard Grieg Chorus produced a very successful Sangerfest this year. Fifteen Club members and 9 companions attended the Sangerfest in Madison, WI. One of our members, Joe Champion, has sung at 33 Sangerfests since 1956, and never missed a single one! Way to go Joe!

Finally, on July 19, we celebrated a farewell Luncheon for our director Carsten Slostad. Carsten is retiring after directing the Club for sixteen years. Much respect and thank you Carsten. Don't be a stranger.



Carsten Slostad RETIRED!

**Just for a laugh:** Why did the picture go to jail? He was framed. Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants? In case he got a hole in one. What kind of music should you listen to while fishing? Something catchy.



Gene Willms, Corr. Sec.

#### **GRIEG MALE CHORUS Canton SD**

Summer greetings from the Canton SD Grieg Male Chorus. On behalf of all the members of our chorus, our sincere Thanks and Congratulations to

the Edvard Grieg Chorus of Madison, WI. for hosting a successful 2022 NSAA Sangerfest! Unfortunately only two from our chorus were able to attend, but both men reported an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Thank you!!!

I am always intrigued by the history of our organization and what brought us to where we are today. I recently located a Norwegian-Danish Singers Association program booklet (below) from the 9th Biennial Festival in 1908.



Full pictures of attending choruses from Mpls., Decorah, Sioux Falls, Canton, Kenosha, Chicago, Duluth, Fargo, Fergus Falls, Benson, Albert Lea, Madison (SD), St Paul, La Crosse, Ashland, Grand Forks, Fort Dodge, Moorehead, Nasser, and Beloit. Each chorus displaying large banners, and every member in white singers hats.

Two grand concerts were performed on Friday and Saturday, each with 16 different selections, except both concerts concluding with Landkjending!! Of personal interest to me is the organization's Corr. Sec. was my Great Grandfather's first cousin, Axel Holter, from Ashland, WI. I recently located this book, and I hope one of you can advise where it can be given for preservation.

Before summer break, our chorus concluded with two special events. On May 2nd, we enjoyed the opportunity to perform an evening concert at Touchmark at All Saints, in Sioux Falls SD.



Grieg Male Chorus at Touchmark.

Our thanks to chorus member Geritt Van Den Top for arrangements for our concert. Touchmark is an ideal place to present a concert, with an always warm and receptive audience. Our final rehearsal of the season concluded with refreshments served by our ladies auxiliary, including a special cake to congratulate our Director, Jacob Huber, on his senior graduation from Augustana University. It was a privilege for our chorus family to help Jacob celebrate this milestone in his life!!



Bob Bergren

We were saddened by the sudden loss of longtime member, Bob Bergren. Bob and his wife Helen, attended their first NSAA Sangerfest in Decorah, in 1996. Bob was a

faithful, dedicated and enthusiastic member of our chorus, and held many offices through the years including twice, Assist Grand Marshall of the NSAA, and Grand Marshall in 2004.

Bob was very proud and honored that his family had three generations singing together in our Grieg Chorus; Bob, his son Guy, and Grandson Brandon. Bob said he couldn't quit because he needed to keep an eye on me!! Something tells me he still will. Bob's family honored our Chorus by asking us to sing at Bob's memorial service. Our director, Jacob, was working in northern Wi., but we were fortunate former director, Lane Karli, from Bennington NE., could be with us and direct. Our sincere sympathy to All of Bob's family.

Our Grieg Chorus family is looking forward to our Grieg Family picnic to be held Aug. 28th.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

### **LUREN SINGING SOCIETY Decorah IA**

Greetings to all from Luren Singers. We had a wonderful time in Middleton at our 2022 Sangerfest. It was especially good to have the Dist. 5 Sons of Norway Convention meet at the same place so we could partake of some of their festivities. The standing room only final concert was enjoyed by many Sons of Norway participants too. They expressed such great pleasure to have our concert be the final touch of their weekend. Thanks

to the Madison Grieg Chorus for hosting the event. *Det vaer saa hyggelig!* The Luren Singers will be hosting the next Sangerfest in Decorah in June of 2024.

Luren Singers were very active with Nordic Fest in Decorah the last weekend of July with three singing opportunities. I was unlucky to misstep getting off of our Luren float in the parade and broke 9 ribs in my fall. I continue to heal slowly as is expected at my age.

We sang a concert in Rochester for the Flere Lag on August 5<sup>th</sup>. We will rest now until Sept. when we begin rehearsing for our Sept 25<sup>th</sup> concert in Winona for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sons of Norway there. It will be at Central Lutheran Church in Winona. Velkommen.

I am wishing all singers to have a wonderful Fall of musical happenings



Lee Grippen, Corr. Sec.

### **Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association Sangerfest 2022**

The 111<sup>th</sup> Sangerfest of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association was held in Lynnwood, Washington, on June 23-25. Hosted by the Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle, Sangerfest 2022 was the first *øsingersø festivalø* since June 2019, due to COVID pandemic restrictions. The Grand Concert, held at Trinity Lutheran Church, was presented by singers from six member choruses,



under the direction of Julie Parsons, Director-in-Chief, and Jon Malmin, Assistant Director-in-Chief. The chorus was accompanied by Steven Luksan on the piano and Jeff Highland on the organ. Special guest performers were the Seattle Ukrainian Childrensø Choir, *Svitanok*. Sangerfest 2023 will be held in June in Salem, Oregon, hosted by the Thorsmen Chorus.

Submitted by Jeff Highland, President  
Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers  
Association



Atrium of Middleton Marriott Hotel  
(NSAA SangerFest Hotel 2022.)

## MINUTES FOR NSAA BIENNIAL BUSINESS MEETING

June 18, 2022

Meeting called to Order by President Paul Larson at 8:24am. Copies of the Agenda were made and distributed to those *interested*.

1. **Roll call of Officers by the Recording Secretary** [Rich Leake] -- Leake called for Motion to waive reading of the List of Officers present. Officers signed in on the Delegates Worksheet. **Moved, Seconded and Passed [MSP]**
2. **Credentials' committee report** [James Slostad] -- Slostad reported 33 attendees from Delegates Worksheet including Officers and Directors.
3. **Action on the minutes of previous business meetings** [Paul Larson] -- Larson called for Motion to waive reading of previous Minutes and accept Minutes as previously printed in *Sanger-Hilsen* issues. Jan 6,2021 zoom [SH Jan-Apr 2021]; Feb 17,2021 zoom [SH Jan-Apr 2021]; July 8,2021 zoom [SH May-Aug 2021] **Moved, Seconded and Passed [MSP]**
4. **Action on applications of new choruses** [Paul Larson] -- Motion made by NSAA Board to Accept an Application for a new chorus: Chicago Norsemen. The NSAA Board recommended this action. [Minutes July 8,2021]. **Motion Seconded and Passed.**

**\*\*Reports submitted in writing are attached to the official minutes. Summaries of reports are provided in these Minutes\*\***

5. **Director-in-Chief report** [Dave Judisch] The music directors of NSAA choruses met for lunch and renewed friendships. Discussion focused on activities that help improve chorus situations. Some discussion of NSAA history, new choruses in IL and MN, and future Sangerfests. Covid and age of members has taken a serious toll on membership for most choruses. Judisch commended chorus directors for preparing their choruses so well for the Grand Concert this year. He also commended individual choruses for their presentations, and ended by thanking Paul Larson and the many committees for their hard work leading to a great Sangerfest 2022.

6. **President's report** [Paul Larson] With Covid causing a postponement of Sangerfest 2020, many changes were made including a move to Middleton and the Marriott Madison West. The move to this single-venue facility also facilitated a change [reduction] in the Sangerfest 2022 schedule and an opportunity to coordinate with a Sons of Norway conference taking place at the same time. The number of choruses and membership remain challenges moving forward.
7. **Vice-Presidents' report and State VP reports** [Frank Potempa, et al.] Covid caused irreparable damage to some choruses including those in South Dakota, Illinois, and Minnesota. Traditional rehearsal spaces were no longer available, and opportunities to perform were greatly reduced. Fundraising events and social events have also needed changing. Some choruses have had to search for new directors. The loss of members and a global pandemic have certainly challenged us. And yet, it has been great to participate when able and we are grateful to health workers. We need to look forward -- that is part of our history.
8. **Corresponding Secretary's report** [Rolf Svanoe] Medals and other items were inherited from Don Berg. If you are no longer using an older medal, consider submitting it back to NSAA for reuse. Thanks given to individual chorus Corresponding Secretaries for their stories and information submitted.
9. **Committee and Website reports** [Rich Leake] Thanks to the Center for Western Studies at Augustana University in Sioux Falls for continuing to archive NSAA documents. Leake also thanked Curt Hepner for filing our non-profit status documents with the State of South Dakota each year. The NSAA website [nsaaonline.org, nsaaonline.com] continues to attract digital visitors from around the world averaging 750-875 unique visitors per month, with some months peaking at near 2000. Google searches are most common (86%) and the most common pages visited are Sangerfest information, previous issues of *Sanger-Hilsen*, and translations of songs. Choruses are encouraged to send information for posting.
10. **Treasurer's report** [Rich Bjorlo] The good news is we are solvent. The Statement of Revenues and Expenses shows a small loss in fiscal 2019 and 2020, and a small profit in 2021 and 2022. Seed money was provided to Sangerfest 2020/2022, and a few choruses have not submitted current dues. Cash balances in bank accounts and CDs remain healthy. NSAA received \$4000 from the Bjornson Male Chorus upon their dissolution to be used to help establish new choruses. The Treasurer also maintains the subscription list and financial records for *Sanger-Hilsen*. The current cost of each issue is about \$3.18 per subscription.
11. **Auditor's report** [Jim Glesne, Frank Potempa, Jon Lewis] Glesne reported that the Audit Committee had reviewed the financial statements from the previous 4 years and all looked in good shape. They did note a lack of internal controls due to only one person handling all incoming and outgoing transactions, as well as reconciling bank accounts and preparing financial reports. No recommendations to change the Treasurer's duties were made. All questions by Delegates were answered and the Audit report accepted.

12. ***Sanger-Hilsen* Editor's report** [Dennis Barnaal] Thanks was offered to all Corresponding Secretarys for their vital articles about chorus activities. Long-time editor Don Berg passed away shortly after the Nov-Dec 2020 issue and Barnaal became Acting Editor. Although Barnaal had worked with Berg for nearly 15 years, there was an interesting learning experience. Since Covid there have been far fewer chorus activities and Sangerfest 2020 was postponed, and the number of *Sanger-Hilsen* issues was reduced to about 3 per year instead of 6 issues. The recommendation is that *Sanger-Hilsen* produce 4 issues per year in the future. Loss of choruses in SD, IL, and MN will impact subscription numbers.

13. **Review and determine the honoraria, membership dues, subscription rates, etc. as specified in the by-laws** [Rich Bjorlo] Honoraria for Corresponding Secretary of \$300 and Treasurer of \$300, Dues of \$5/yr, and *Sanger-Hilsen* subscription rate of \$20 was recommended. [MSP] Continuation of honoraria for Recording Secretary of \$300 recommended. [MSP]

14. **Unfinished Business** -- none identified from previous minutes

15. **New Business** -- [a] Veterans Chorus [Herb Nelson]: Discussion of Veterans Chorus. It will continue to exist, sing when asked, and continue to participate in Sangerfest events. Nelson recommended eliminating the formal organizational structure including officer positions. [MSP]; [b] *Sanger-Hilsen* [Barnaal, Bjorlo]: Discussed reducing the *Sanger-Hilsen* from 6 issues to 4 issues per year. [MSP] Also recommended continuing the compensation for the *Sanger-Hilsen* Editor at \$300/ issue [MSP]

16. **Invitation for the next Sangerfest** -- Luren offered to be the host chorus for the 2024 Sangerfest. Brief discussion and many thanks offered. [MSP]

17. **Election of NSAA Officers** [Paul Larson] -- Most current officers agreed to continue in their current office, and nominations for all positions were requested from the floor. Nominees presented for election:

President: Bill Fried

Vice President at Large: Frank Potempa

Recording Secretary: Richard Leake

Corresponding Secretary: Rolf Svanoe

Treasurer: Richard Bjorlo

Grand Marshall: Jim Svanoe

Assistant Grand Marshall: James Slostad

Director-in-Chief: David Judisch

Assistant Directors: Ed Kramer & Linda Svanoe

Past President [appointed]: Paul Larson

**Motion to Elect All Nominees, Seconded and Passed.**

#### NSAA STATE VICE-PRESIDENTS

Nominees Presented:

Illinois: Frank Potempa

Iowa: Jim Glesne

Minnesota: Herb Nelson

South Dakota: Curt Hepner

Wisconsin: Jon Lewis

**Motion to Elect the slate of Nominees, Seconded and Passed**

**Announcements:**

- a. Luren Singing Society is preparing for a singing tour to Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Estonia from June 15-28, 2023. An invitation for NSAA singers to join was extended. Other travelers are welcome. Contact Luren if interested.
- b. President Larson extended thanks to Past-President Buhr for his guidance, and also to Past-President Jon Lewis for his organizational skills and assistance for Sangerfest 2022.
- c. Incoming President Bill Fried expressed that he was looking forward to the next couple of years and announced that Art Roseland would be the Coordinator for Sangerfest 2024.
- d. With an abundance of gratitude, the Delegates/Officers/Directors all thanked Paul Larson for leading us as the NSAA President for the past 4 years!! Thanks, Paul!!

18. **Adjournment** [Paul Larson] President Larson called for a Motion to Adjourn at 9:37am. **Motion to Adjourn [MSP]**
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**SangerFest 2022 Photo Album**



Thursday, June 16, 2022.

Opening welcome by the Edvard Grieg host chorus president Dick Johnston.



The Edvard Grieg host chorus sang a welcome from the far side of the group.



Luren Singers sing at Thursday evening Afterglow





Edvard Grieg Chorus sings at Thursday evening afterglow.



Svanoe brothers, Jim and Rolf, perform a skit at Thursday evening afterglow.



A view of the Friday evening Grand Banquet.



Chicago Norsemen Chorus performs at the Friday evening Grand Banquet.



Mark Everson receives single diamond medal from Corr. Sec. Rolf Svanoe.



Larry Lubbert received double diamond medal from Rolf S.





NSAA President Paul Larson received a rosemaled plate of appreciation.



Afterglow dancing Friday night to music by Wiscandia and Friends



Mass chorus gathers for the Grand Concert on Saturday night.



View of the Saturday night Grand Concert crowd from the mass chorus.



Saturday night Afterglow Sing-a-long event.

photos pp. 12-20 by Act. Ed. Dennis Barnaal



**Norwegian Singers Association  
of America, Inc.**  
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**Club Membership Index**

**ILLINOIS  
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**Normennes Singing Society**

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**The Chicago Norsemen**

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**IOWA  
DECORAH**

**Luren Singing Society**

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**Norwegian Glee Club**

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### SAN DIEGO

#### San Diego Mannskor

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### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Norwegian Singing Society of San Francisco

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### SALEM

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## WASHINGTON

### BELLINGHAM

#### Norwegian Male Chorus

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### EVERETT

#### Norwegian Male Chorus

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### POULSBORO

#### VestreSundMannskor

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### SEATTLE

#### Norwegian Male Chorus

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#### Skagit Valley Manskor

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### TACOMA

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