

# Choral concerts to touch on holiday favorites

By Penny Fairfield

As winter approaches do you find yourself humming the old favorites “Jingle Bells”, “White Christmas”, “Silver Bells”, “Sleigh Ride”, and that song about chestnuts roasting on the open fire? You are not alone. We all love these joyful songs.

The more than 50 voices of the combined Tahoe Choir and the Lake Tahoe Community College choir have been singing these familiar songs, too, practicing for their holiday concert in early December. They will perform on Dec. 3 at 7:30pm at the Duke Theater on the Lake Tahoe Community College campus. The second concert is a matinee at St. Theresa Catholic Church on Dec. 5 at 3pm.

Accompanied by the professional Reno quartet, The String Beings, the singers will present the magnificent “Gloria” by Antonio Vivaldi. This soaring masterpiece is one of his most popular pieces for chorus and orchestra. A short piece by Mozart and a selection by Morten Lauridsen, “O Magnum Mysterium”, open the classical portion of the program.

Following intermission a select ensemble of chorus members will perform a few songs for your enjoyment from the Renaissance to the 20th century. The combined chorus will then sing some favorite seasonal melodies guaranteed to put you in the mood for winter and the holidays ahead.

The Tahoe Choir has presented 39 years of concerts to the community. It is our great pleasure to bring you this lovely seasonal music again in early December in anticipation of the upcoming holidays.

Please join us as we sing “A Song of Joy”. Tickets are being

sold by choir members and will be available at the door. General admission is \$10, student and senior ticket price is \$8, and children under 5 years of age are admitted without charge.

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