

WOMEN'S VOICES RISING by the SEA

ChoralFest at the Ferry Beach Conference Center, Saco, ME



March 2019

ChoralFest is Inviting Women Singers to Try Us Out on Sunday, July 14

On Sunday, the first full day of our conference, we have decided to create our own special day for women singers to see what ChoralFest and Ferry Beach are all about.

Naturally, our **first** choice would be to have a singer come for the whole week. However, we all know singers who are just not sure whether they want to commit to signing up for ChoralFest. We are hoping that spending Sunday afternoon singing with us will encourage singers on the fence to take the leap and register for 2020.

Here are the particulars:

The cost to come will be \$30 and will include happy hour and dinner. This is a special reduced rate and we need to charge the \$30 whether they plan to stay for dinner or not. *Hint:* if you are attending this summer, you might "sweeten the pot" by offering to cover the cost for a fellow singer.

Our program will start in Dolphin at 1:30 pm. Our Music Director Jeff Lipton will spend some time teaching us the songs we will be singing for the week so guests can experience a typical rehearsal. We also plan to introduce some relatively easy and fun songs that we can learn quickly.

Between 4:00 and 5:00, we will have a short time to answer questions and then Cathy Stackpole will offer a tour of Ferry Beach.

At 5:00 we will gather for social time and then go into dinner at 6:00.

At the end of the dinner time, we will gather in parts and sing the songs we have prepared in the afternoon as an informal concert for the GAYLA brothers.

How can guests sign up?

Right now while we are working out the procedure, have possible attendees email me at sue@gndhome.com. I can welcome them and answer any questions.

Once the registration process is finalized, I will send them a link to register with Ferry Beach.

Spreading the Word

Whether you are attending ChoralFest this summer or not, we are hoping that you will continue to talk up the conference while you are at choir or choral group rehearsals or with friends. Now you can add the invitation to give ChoralFest and Ferry Beach a try for a short time.

Message from Jeff Lipton



I am so pleased to be returning to beautiful Ferry Beach again this summer and I'm looking forward to exploring music for women's voices with all of you in

July. I am hoping that 30 to 40 women will attend. This would go a long way to building a chorus with a quality sound, and bring meaning to our week's journey together. This summer will be a big change from the past, and we need to make a big splash.

I will be looking for music that is both homophonic and polyphonic, and that has great melodies. We want to celebrate the beauty of the women's voice in choral music. As a conductor, I am always looking at the time we have to rehearse and if we will be able to get everything learned to performance ready condition. We want to elevate everyone's choral experience, learn some new things, have fun being together, and sing music that motivates the heart and soul of the listener and performers.

Ferry Beach is a very special setting for this choral experience. I hope you will join us.

Notes on this summer's schedule

We'll devote mornings to learning repertoire for the Talent Show Thursday night and the five pieces we will present during the morning chapel service on Friday.

After lunch ends at 1:00 pm, attendees will have free time to go to the beach, talk a long walk or just sit on one of the porches and read or chat.

At 3:30 we will gather again to continue rehearsing.

All evening programming is optional.

- **Sunday** - we can join GAYLA for contra dancing and outdoor games.
- **Monday** - sight read pieces that some of our attendees have brought to share.
- **Tuesday** - Ellie Rolnick will lead a session on music as meditation.
- **Wednesday** - we're invited to join GAYLA for Karaoke and board games for both their and our attendees.
- **Thursday** - the Talent No Talent show.



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