



## **Winter Reflections**

**December 8, 2018**

**Firehouse Arts and Events Center  
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## **Vox & Friends - Uncorked**

**February 9, 2019**

**Sylvia Center for the Arts  
205 Prospect Street  
Bellingham, Washington**

## **Spring Finale**

**May 11, 2019**

**Venue to be Announced  
Bellingham, Washington**

# Wendy Bloom

## Artistic Director, Vox Pacifica

Wendy Bloom's dedication to choral music began in high school and led her to Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa where she studied to become a choir director. During her senior year, she was offered an assistantship to teach voice and pursue an MFA in voice performance. She proudly stepped through that door, and feels grateful to have experienced a long career singing in choirs, operas, musical theater, cabaret, and as a soloist with symphonies.

Her singing appearances have included concerts with orchestras in Ann Arbor, Flint, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Baltimore and Toledo. In recent years she has performed as alto soloist in Prokofiev's *Alexander Nevsky*, Bach's *B Minor Mass* and *St. Matthew Passion*, Handel's *Messiah*, and Mahler's *Second* and *Third Symphony*. Her quartet, SATB, performed and toured extensively together for 15 years.

Wendy's pursuit of a freelance singing career continued in tandem with her passion for choral music and teaching. In Ann Arbor Michigan, she conducted middle and high school choirs, and was the director of music for a large church. She also served as the choir director and conducting professor at Concordia University. Her experience finally brought her to a large symphonic choir in Flint Michigan, where she prepared the chorus for many renowned orchestral works.

In her career as a vocalist, Wendy has curated two solo recitals, *The New American Songbook*, and *A Woman's Life and Love*. She has been a regular singer with professional choirs *Audivi Vocem* in Ann Arbor, MI, *Sounding Light* in Birmingham, MI, as well as the *Santa Fe Desert Chorale*. Additionally, her extensive work with *Conspirare* in Austin, TX included a televised PBS special in the spring of 2009. For fifteen years, Wendy was also the artistic director for a popular cabaret in Ann Arbor called *Wine, Women and Song*. She plans to recreate the cabaret as part of the *Vox Pacifica* season.

In her new home close to her two daughters in Washington, she sings with the *Bellingham Chamber Chorale* and the *Bellingham Threshold Singers*. She is delighted to be embarking on this new venture with *Vox Pacifica*!



## Director's Statement

During my Ann Arbor years, which have only recently come to a close, I imagined and produced an annual event called *Wine, Women and Song*. The program became increasingly successful over the 15 years that I was curating it. So much so that we eventually had to give six performances over two weekends and to sell tickets to our final dress rehearsal! That show is happily still happening in Ann Arbor, and *Wine, Women and Song XVII* just finished two weekends of sold-out performances. When I found out that *Allegra*, the former women's choir in Bellingham, had also performed an annual *Wine, Women and Song*, I was quite intrigued, of course.

*Vox Pacifica's* Board of Directors had also hoped to continue the tradition of having a cabaret fundraiser, so tonight we are delighted to present to you an unusual and wonderful evening of song. We had to change the name of course, since there still is another *Wine, Women and Song* here in our sweet town. And we invited some friends to join us for the ride. We hope this will be the first of many *Uncorked!* performances. You can say you saw the very first one.

Just to pique your interest, our May 11 performance is just before Mother's Day. We will be singing about lineage, the strength of our ancestors, and about some famous women, like Harriet Tubman and Malala. Featured composers are Joan Szymko, Stephen Hatfield, Andrea Ramsey, and the *Wyrd Sisters*. Hope you will join us for that concert, too!

**Thanks so much for your support! We appreciate it.**

## Pianist

Emily Gantt spent close to 15 years traveling throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico with the national Broadway tours of *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Mis*, *Miss Saigon*, *Mamma Mia!* and most recently *Annie*, and *Beautiful*.

Prior to moving to Bellingham last year, Emily served as the Senior Professional Accompanist at the University of Washington, School of Music. She is thrilled to be collaborating with Wendy and the singers of *Vox Pacifica*. Emily studied at the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music.



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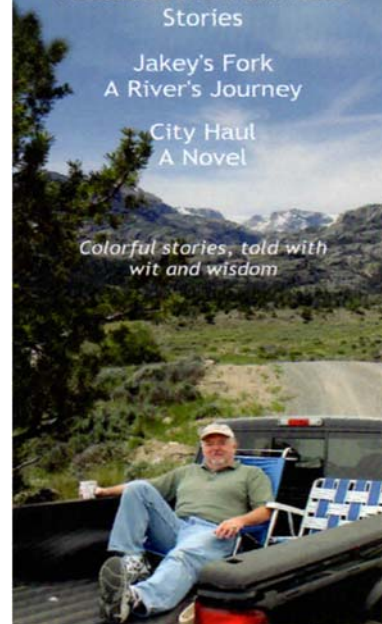
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Wendy Bloom, Artistic Director  
Emily Gantt, Piano

**Overture Delle Donne**

*Nine*

Maury Yeston

ENSEMBLE

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## GENDER BENDERS

**There's Nothin' Like a Dame**

*South Pacific*

Richard Rodgers &  
Oscar Hammerstein

ENSEMBLE

MATTIE, MERIL, MAY MAY, LESLEE, COLLEEN, COURTNEY, CHERYL, & PEGGY

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**How to Handle a Woman**

*Camelot*

Jay Lerner & Frederick Loewe

WENDY D.

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**Everybody Ought to Have  
a Maid**

*A Funny Thing Happened on  
the Way to the Forum*

Stephen Sondheim

TIFFANY & WENDY B.

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## GOSSIPMONGERS

**Pick a Little, Talk a Little**

*Music Man*

Meredith Wilson

COURTNEY, MOLLY, CHERIE, PEGGY, KATHY, & LAURA

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**Guess Who I Saw Today?**

CASSIDY

Murray Grand & Elisse Boyd

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**Girl Talk**

WENDY D., CHARLOTTE, & HILDE

Oscar Peterson

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## MOTHER - DAUGHTER ACTS

**My Mother is a Singer**

HEATHER

Ricky Ian Gordon

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**This is to Mother You**

WENDY B. & CASSIDY

Sinead O'Connor

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**Don't Put Your Daughter on  
the Stage, Mrs. Worthington**

LESLEY

Noel Coward

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**It's a Business**

*Curtains*

John Kander & Fred Ebb

TIFFANY with CAROLE, MERIL, MAY MAY, DIANE, & ELLEN

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**Mother, Darling**

*Grey Gardens*

Scott Frankel & Michael Korie

HEATHER & WENDY B.

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## WOMEN ON A SOAPBOX

**Sister Suffragette**

*Mary Poppins*

Richard Sherman &  
Robert Sherman

MAY MAY, DIANE, & CHERYL

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**God's Bottles**

ENSEMBLE

Randall Thompson

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**Ella's Song**

Bernice Johnson Reagon

KATHY, LESLEE, LESLEY, COLLEEN, LAURA, MATTIE, CHERYL, COURTNEY & MAY MAY

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**Make them Hear You**

*Ragtime*

Stephen Flaherty &  
Lynn Ahrens

ENSEMBLE

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## FINALE

**As Long as I Can Sing**

ENSEMBLE

David Friedman

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## THE VOICES OF VOX PACIFICA

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### Sopranos

Peggy Alexander  
Ellen Barton  
Kathy Bastow  
Cherie Little  
Hilde Meadow  
Molly Monahan  
Katherine Pearl-Levi  
Charlotte Pros  
Laura Shelton  
Cheryl Taylor

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### Altos

Colleen Childers  
Meril Davenport  
May May Gong  
Carole Hammond  
Amber Miller  
Leslee Probasco  
Lesley Rigg  
Mathilda Wheeler

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### Guests & Soloists

Diane Arvin  
Cassidy Bloom  
Wendy Bloom  
Wendy Donaghy  
Heather Dudenbostel  
Tiffany Fleming  
Courtney Price  
Lesley Rigg

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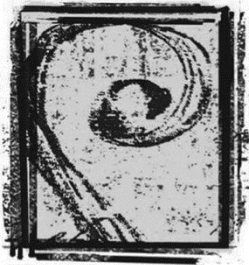


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