

A Benefit for Vox Pacifica

Vox & Friends Uncorked!!



Wendy Bloom, Artistic Director

Emily Gantt, Musical Director

Saturday, February 15 @ 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 16 @ 4:00 pm

Sylvia Center for the Arts

205 Prospect Street, Bellingham, Washington

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Our Stories Go On...May 8th & 9th, 2020

First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall, Bellingham, WA

Wendy Bloom, Artistic Director

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 is reinventing this show in Bellingham as *Vox & Friends: Uncorked – A Musical Cabaret*.

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 the second season with Vox Pacifica!



Director's Statement

We are delighted to be able to present our second annual cabaret, *Vox & Friends, Uncorked!* I hope you will find this to be an unusual and wonderful evening of song and celebration. Our guest singers this evening (the aforementioned Friends...) are Cassidy Bloom, Naomi DeVries Pomerantz, Courtney Price, and Trillium, a trio featuring Beth Fuller, Laura Shelton, and Lesley Rigg. We are aided and abetted tonight by our leading man, Chris Moye. I'm sending a special thanks to all those folks for helping us to entertain you this evening.

I also want to give a special shout-out to Emily Gantt, who worked overtime in preparation for this event. She planned meetings and rehearsals with all of the soloists and coached them and cajoled them and made them feel supported by her beautiful playing. Hats off to you, Em, for all that you do to bring this concert into being. You are our rock, AND you rock!

Come see us May 8th and 9th for our Mothers' Day performances featuring female poets and composers. It would be a lovely way for you to celebrate the mothers, sisters, spouses, aunts, grandmothers, daughters, and special women in your lives.

Thank you for supporting us! And be sure to get a raffle ticket before the end of today's program.

Emily Gantt, Musical Director



Emily Gantt studied at the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music. She 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*.

She is thrilled to be collaborating with Wendy and the singers of Vox Pacifica.

VOX & FRIENDS - UNCORKED

Wendy Bloom, Artistic Director

Emily Gantt, Musical Director

Overture Delle Donne

Nine

Maury Yeston

ENSEMBLE

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Take Me Home

Kevin Olusola, Kirstin Maldonado,
Audra Mae
arr. Roger Emerson

HILDE MEADOW, CHARLOTTE PROS, CONNIE CAMPBELL,
PEGGY ALEXANDER, CATHY ARNOLD, MERIL DAVENPORT

Home

Phantom

Maury Yeston

ANNELIESE FLOYD

It Feels Like Home

John Bucchino

MINDY ZUCKERMAN

Let's Eat Home

Dave Frishberg

MATTIE WHEELER

**Any Place I Hang My
Hat is Home**

Harold Arlen & Johnny Mercer

SARA BENTLEY

Home

The Wiz

Charlie Smalls

KAITLIN DAVIS

TAKING FLIGHT

High Flight

Karen Linford Robinson &
John Gillespie Magee, Jr

VOX PACIFICA

I'm Flying

Peter Pan

Mark Charlap & Carolyn Leigh

LAURA SHELTON

Flight

Craig Carnelia

CASSIDY BLOOM & SARA BENTLEY

Defying Gravity

Wicked

Stephen Schwartz

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TRILLIUM

**I Won't Say I Will (but I
Won't Say I Won't)**

Little Miss Bluebeard

George Gershwin, Buddy DeSylva
& Arthur Francis

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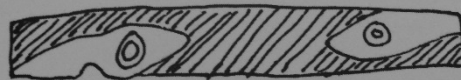
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- ★ Naomi DeVries Pomerantz
- ★ Courtney Price
- ★ Trillium - Beth Fuller, Laura Shelton, Lesley Rigg

The Voices of Vox Pacifica

SOPRANO 1

Kaitlin Davis
Molly Monahan
Laura Shelton
Cheryl Taylor
Hilde Meadow

SOPRANO 2

Peggy Alexander
Charlene Day
Charlotte Pros
Anneliese Floyd
Sara Bentley



ALTO 1

Connie Campbell
Meril Davenport
Amber Miller
Lesley Rigg
Mindy Zuckerman

ALTO 2

Cathy Arnold
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May May Gong
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Mathilda Wheeler

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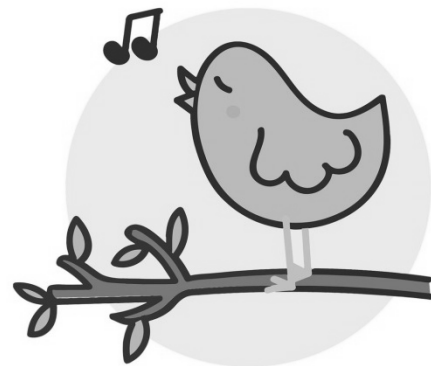
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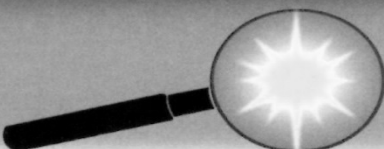
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