



# GLAD TIDINGS

The Newsletter of the Jubilate! Sacred Singers

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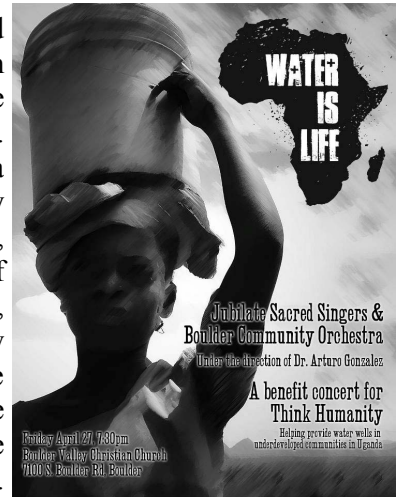
## Successful Benefit - It Is Well!

On April 27, the Jubilate! Sacred Singers and the Flatirons Community Orchestra collaborated to perform a benefit concert for Think Humanity. Both groups are under the direction of Arturo Gonzalez. The orchestra is a newly formed group based in Boulder, and Arturo has them off to a fine start. For Jubilate, this was the first of several special events that are being planned for 2012 to observe the group's tenth anniversary.

The purpose of the event was to raise funds to drill wells to provide clean water for refugee camps in Uganda. Jubilate's own Pat Troeltzsch was the organizer of this event that was held at Boulder Valley Christian Church in Boulder. She has visited Uganda several times and knows firsthand the need that exists for clean water, something that we take all too much for granted. Typically, it costs about \$3500 to produce a new well, and this event raised over \$2600 for a new well in the village of Buhanika.

Think Humanity, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization, was created by Beth and Jim Heckel of Loveland after

elephants, and crocodiles - were shown as a prelude for the African music to follow. Arturo led the orchestra in foot-tapping music by Gustav Holst. Next, Beth Heckle, CEO of Think Humanity, presented a slide show demonstrating the benefits of accessible water wells within the Ugandan refugee camps. Chorale members wore



bold brightly colored sashes to emphasize the African motif as they sang many African-American spirituals.

We thank Dan Reifsnnyder for creating the graphics for the concert fliers as well as the program. Dan, a man of many talents, provided a piano interlude on *Wade in the Water* just after Jubilate finished its rendition of this new piece.

Many people combined to make this event happen. Special thanks go to Bruce Rose for coordinating publicity, the Jubilate Social Committee, and all who helped in making this event a very successful one.

submitted by Pat Troeltzsch

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
AUGUST 10**

**TENTH ANNIVERSARY  
CONCERT**



Pat Troeltzsch

visiting Uganda with their daughter Aimee Heckel, a reporter for the Boulder *Daily Camera*. After seeing the appalling conditions of refugees, they were moved to found an organization that would provide health and educational solutions within the Ugandan refugee settlements. Water projects are one of their top priorities!

Prior to the concert, slides of African animals - hippos,



Above is the latest group picture of the Jubilate! Sacred Singers, taken last April. Thanks to Bill Rawsky and Dan Reifsnnyder for lending their photographic expertise.

## **Faure *Requiem***

On Sunday, June 3, Jubilate collaborated once again with the Flatirons Community Orchestra to perform the Faure *Requiem*. This was the second of several special events being planned to observe Jubilate's tenth anniversary.

The performance was held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Boulder. Both the orchestra and Jubilate were under the able direction of Arturo Gonzalez. A sizeable crowd of 150 or so attended the concert. Among them were many of our alumni.

The orchestra led off with a fine rendition of Felix Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 5*. After a brief intermission to get the choir on stage, the *Requiem* was performed. The performance was well received by the audience. Soloists Grandin Hammell, Jamela Reifsnnyder, and Doug Hofmeister, along with the orchestra, acquitted themselves nicely. The performance was followed by a reception.

Four extras joined with the choir to perform this piece. There had been an open invitation made to anyone who wanted to sing the *Requiem* with us. Among them was our dear friend and alumna, Natalie Bentzen, who bolstered the tenor section. At least one of the others, Deb Haverland, has decided to join us on a permanent basis.

Our thanks to everyone who pitched in to make this event successful.

## **Coro de Camara - Great Sound Comes to Metro Denver**

Capping off a busy June, Jubilate joined with Coro de Camara Juvenil de Mexico in concert at Central Presbyterian Church in Denver on June 30<sup>th</sup>. These eleven talented singers, ages 20 to 28, are part of the El Sistema musical program in Mexico. Vocally trained from an early age, these folks had a brilliant sound, sharing a program largely of Mexican selections from 1600 to the present.

El Sistema has branches all over the world including Colorado. Economically disadvantaged children and youth are given vocal and instrumental training three to five times per week. To keep their places in the program, students must be successful in continuing auditions throughout the year. Gustavo Dudamel, conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, was a product of El Sistema in Venezuela. Our director, Arturo Gonzalez, was in Mexico's program for many years as an instrumentalist and singer.

Coro de Camara performed programs in Ft. Collins, Longmont, and Denver. We were fortunate to sing before this group, and later they joined us in the spiritual *Soon-Ah Will Be Done*. Standing next to these talented folks was a great inspiration and joy. Viva Coro de Camara!

Submitted by Bruce Rose

## The BIG ONE

The BIG ONE is coming, and we hope that all of you have circled the date – August 10, for Jubilate’s Tenth Anniversary Concert. The concert is one of several special events being presented during 2012 to celebrate the group’s first ten years.

It was on August 1, 2002, that the Jubilate! Sacred Singers met for their first rehearsal. There were about thirty or so people present. Since then, a total of 111 have been involved with the group, and nine of the charter members are still active. Little did we know at the time that the group would be blessed as it has, having enjoyed such great success over the years.

The concert will be Jubilate’s 351<sup>st</sup> formal performance. It will begin with selections from the Vivaldi *Gloria* with both past and present members of the group participating. The chorus will be accompanied by the Ft. Collins Youth Symphony, also under the direction of Arturo Gonzalez. This will be followed by ten pieces to be done by the existing group – three of which were chosen by Arturo with others being chosen by vote of the existing membership. This group of ten pieces will be punctuated by a piano interlude by Dan Reifsnyder during which a free will offering will be taken. For the finale, alumni will be invited to join the present group on stage for five numbers – four golden oldies and an exciting new piece pointing us to the future. David Harris will be on hand to direct two of these pieces.

We won’t just be singing. There will be a reception after the concert in the fellowship hall downstairs. Aside from the opportunity for everyone to reminisce and enjoy each other’s company, there will be a running slide show with lots of pictures from the past ten years. On Saturday, August 11, Eric and Toni Erickson will host a reunion get together for all Jubilate members past and present along with their significant others at their home in the hills west of Boulder.

We see this event as a family reunion, and we are urging as many alumni and friends as possible to join us for this celebration.

## A Great Honor Comes From Mexico

This spring Jubilate’s conductor, Arturo Gonzalez, was awarded an appointment from Felipe Calderon, the President of Mexico, to conduct a two-week orchestral program in central and southern Mexico. This is an exceptional honor for Arturo, and Jubilate is very proud of his achievement.

Working with 180 orchestral players ages ten to sixteen, Arturo will tour with them to perform eight programs. The final concert will take place in the Palacio de Bellas Artes, Mexico’s equivalent of Carnegie Hall.

The concert program will consist of selections from

Mexican composers, plus Tchaikovsky, and Mussorgsky. Serving with Arturo will be men and women principals from the National Symphony Orchestra of Mexico. Daily rehearsals will take place for a week followed by the tour.

Jubilate is delighted for our conductor. Several names were presented to the highest artistic authorities in Mexico. President Calderon reviewed these and chose Arturo. Fortunately for the students in the orchestra, they will have a chance to learn from Arturo’s talents.

Submitted by Bruce Rose

## A Word from the Artistic Director

We are getting close to our big celebration of our 10th anniversary. I don't know about you, but I'm getting anxious. We have had such a busy year with many events in venues that have been somewhat different from previous years. We did the Faure *Requiem* (including the second movement), we are finishing our new CD, we had a wonderful time singing with Coro de Camara, and we are only half way through the year. The BIG ONE is around the corner, the tour, and whatever else comes in the rest of the year.

So, what's next? I think we keep dreaming and planning new and exciting opportunities. We keep adding to our mix some really beautiful people that have been sent from heaven. So, again, what's next? The gospel of John says: “The wind blows (breathes) where it wills; and though you hear its sound, yet you neither know where it comes from nor where it is going.” So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3:8)

## North Carolina Tour

October 18 though 24, Jubilate will embark on its sixth tour. This one will take us to North Carolina. Jason Ching, who has joined us for the past two summers while on temporary assignment at NCAR, was the inspiration for the tour. The choir director at his home church in Chapel Hill heard our CD recordings and thought it would be great for us to come and sing.

## In Closing....

Jubilate operates on pledges from its members and the generosity of those who appreciate what we do. If you appreciate our efforts and would like to see our unique mission continue, we welcome and appreciate your financial support. Any donations can be sent to Jubilate at P.O. Box 3381, Boulder, CO 80307.

We have room for more singers, too, particularly tenors and basses. If you are looking for an exciting and unique musical experience, Jubilate might be for you.

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**Upcoming Events in 2012**

Sunday, July 15	9:30 AM	Chautauqua Cottagers, Chautauqua, Boulder
<b>Friday, August 10</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Tenth Anniversary Concert, Mt. View Methodist, Boulder</b>
Sunday, September 16	9:00 AM & 10:45	Calvary Church, Longmont
<b>Oct 18—Oct 24</b>		<b>North Carolina tour</b>
Sunday, November 4	10:30 AM	Erie United Methodist Church, Erie
<b>Friday, November 16</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Service, The Lodge at Balfour, Louisville</b>
Sunday, December 2	2:00 PM	Christmas Concert, Stanley Hotel, Estes Park
Sunday, December 16	5:30 PM	Christmas Concert, Covenant Village, Westminster