

# VSA Musician Newsletter – Week of 2/5/23

Hello VSA musicians!

Congratulations on a fantastic concert weekend! I have heard so many great comments about how professional and high-quality both the chorus and orchestra sounded, particularly during Sunday's concert. Also, thank you for facilitating a life-changing experience for all of the children who toured backstage and conducted the Ice Cream Sundae Composition! I'm told the bus was buzzing with excitement all the way home.

## Conductor Evaluation Survey

Below is the link to provide your feedback on Charlotte Ruth Harrison as our most recent conducting candidate. The link is the same as it was for Troy Raper's survey, so please take extra care to answer the first question about which conductor you are reviewing accurately!

<https://forms.gle/jPfN5po2mcWSbm5W8>

If you didn't fill out the survey for Troy, you can still do so using the same link. Again, just be clear about which director you are reviewing. Thank you for taking the time to help our selection committee with this process!

## Concert Program, Slideshow, and Radio Interviews

In case you missed them, the [program](#), [slideshow](#), and radio interviews from this weekend's concert are available on our website. The interviews include insightful interviews of Charlotte and Katy, as well as a fun, 1.5 minute TV spot on Anwen that will probably make you miss her. These materials are always available on the website at <https://valleysymphony.net/concerts-and-tickets> below the corresponding concert listing. We also have a few extra paper copies of the program that will be available at the next rehearsal for both groups. If you can, please consider using the coupons and other materials in the programs and slideshow to support the businesses and organizations that support us!

## Rehearsals this week

The **Chorus** will have their first (very chill, food-forward) rehearsal for the Pop Stars and Superheros concert this week at the usual time, 7:00pm on Tuesday.

The **Orchestra's** next rehearsal will be with our final Music Director candidate, Steven Arguilo-Arbuez, on March 9 at 7:30pm. Everyone should now have parts for the following:

- Avengers Theme arr. L. Moore,
- Highlights from Jurassic Park
- Beatles Medley
- Led Zeppelin Reunion arr. Roszell
- Havana arr. Lopez
- Best of Michael Jackson arr. Lopez
- Nimrod, Enigma Variations Elgar
- The Empire Strikes Back Medley

If you plan to play and are missing any of these pieces, please email Anne Clayton at [annemclayton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annemclayton@sbcglobal.net)

## Housing for Steven

We still need housing for Steven for the following dates:

3/23/2023

3/30/2023

4/6/2023

4/13/2023  
4/20-23/2023

These are becoming critical! Please let Hartland know if you are able to host. Call or email Hartland: 970-275-8676, [info@valleysymphony.net](mailto:info@valleysymphony.net).

### **Call for Tuba**

Our Tuba player, Austin Reed, is looking for a new instrument on a budget. This could be an inexpensive, high-quality instrument, a loaner, or a benefactor for updating his current tuba. If you have any leads or ideas, please reach out through our VSA email at [info@valleysymphony.net](mailto:info@valleysymphony.net).

### **Music library rehoming**

The VSA music library is still looking for a new home in Delta or Montrose. The library consists of 12 office-style file cabinets and a few boxes. A clean, dry place with reasonable lighting would fill the bill, possibly a local business with a little extra space. We could provide some tickets and certainly a thank you in the program for their support. If you know of any possibilities, please call Hartland at 970-275-8676 or email [info@valleysymphony.net](mailto:info@valleysymphony.net).

### **Get to know your fellow musicians!**

Answers to these weekly questions can be found on the About Us section of our website under either [Chorus](#) or [Orchestra](#) in the Meet the Members area. The answer will also be posted in next week's email, so you can get to know a little more about the people you are sharing the stage with.

Last week's featured musician was tenor **Bonnie Horn Koehler**. Bonnie grew up on a registered Holstein farm in northwest Iowa where her family played classical music to calm the cows. Read Bonnie's whole story at <https://valleysymphony.net/chorus-features-season-50>.

**This week's musician question:** Which orchestra member holds approximately 20 patents for analytical instruments used in various biological sciences?

Happy music-making!

Stephanie Helleckson  
Board Member, VSA