

Forty-First Annual

SANGERFEST

PACIFIC COAST NORWEGIAN SINGERS ASSOCIATION



OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 29-30, JULY 1st, 1950

BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE PACIFIC COAST NORWEGIAN SINGERS ASSOCIATION

In Norway, singing and in particular, male chorus singing, has a large part in the daily life. Nearly every small community has several of its own singing societies, and Sangerfests with choruses numbering several thousand voices are realities.

Norwegian composers of music such as Grieg, Kjerulf, Selmer, Sindig, Reissinger, Borg and many others have given us male chorus compositions of great and lasting beauty that rightfully are among the finest the world has produced.

This great musical inheritance the Norsemen brought with them to America. In this, their new home, they have carried on the rich traditions of their forefathers and have contributed honorably to make America the greatest musical Nation in the world.

Norwegian Male Choruses numbering among them members of first, second and third generations are to be found invariably wherever Norwegians have settled in the United States. These choruses are again united in larger associations, of which the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association is one.

The first Sangerfest of the organization was held in Everett, Washington, in 1903. Since then, Sangerfests have been held in the principal cities on the Pacific Coast from Vancouver, B. C., to Los Angeles, California. The present Sangerfest in Oakland, California, is the forty-first in the history of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association.

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SONS OF NORWAY ON THE PACIFIC COAST GREETES THE SINGERS

When the Norwegian Singers of the Pacific Coast meet for the great Sangerfest in Oakland, California, June 29, 30 and July 1, 1950, my office as President of the Sons of Norway District No. 2 will have ended; but the proximity of the Sons of Norway District convention in Astoria, Oregon, and the Sangerfest in Oakland excludes my successor, on behalf of the Sons of Norway on the Pacific Coast, to offer the greetings and good wishes that should appear in the Singers program. I, therefore, take the liberty to assume that privilege, and it gives me a great pleasure to offer such a welcome and good wishes to the Singers.

Poetry and song hold a high place in the life of the Norwegian people. Through that medium we have expressed our highest ideals. Personal freedom, social justice, loyalty to country and love of nature are beautifully expressed in Norwegian poetry and powerfully rendered in Norwegian song. These ideals have marked the course that leads us to a free, harmonious and happy way of life and few people have reached as far on that course as the Norwegian people.

May I, therefore, hope and wish that Norwegian song may long endure amongst our people and that the ideals it expresses may become a treasure of tradition to the people that follow us.

Sincerely,
S. C. ROINESTAD.



June 8, 1950

To: Mr. Gerhard A. Astad and

The Officers and Members of the Pacific Coast
Norwegian Singers Association

GREETINGS!

On this occasion of the 41st Sangerfest of your Association, in behalf of the Administration and the citizens of the City of Oakland, as well as myself, I bid you a sincere welcome.

There are organizations of many kinds, but I can think of none which have a finer purpose than to gather together annually out of a pure love for good music and the great pleasure that their singing gives to themselves and their fellow man. We are indeed fortunate that you have chosen Oakland for this year's Grand Concert and I know that our city will enjoy your performances.

Once again, with heartiest welcome and best wishes,

Cordially,

CLIFFORD E. RISHELL,
Mayor.

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OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To Members and Friends of the Pacific Coast
Norwegian Singers Association:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this, the forty-first
Sangerfest of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association.

This is the first time that the Oakland Chorus has had the
honor of being host to a Sangerfest, and it is my sincere wish
that your visit here will be an enjoyable one, and that it will
encourage and inspire every one of us to plan and work for the
continuance of a bigger and better Pacific Coast Norwegian
Singers Association.

It is my hope that this Chorus will keep alive that most
sacred heritage from Mother Norway, her incomparable music.

The members of the Normanna Glee Club of Oakland,
and our Ladies Auxiliary join me in expressing the hope that
your stay here will be a pleasant one.

GERHARD A. ASTAD, President
Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers
Association.



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Second Vice President



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 MRS. A. MOEN
 MRS. A. ANDERSEN
 MRS. M. EIKEBERG
 MRS. O. HAGEN
 MRS. K. EIKEBERG
 MRS. O. LOVETANG
 MRS. M. A. SUNDRY
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Middle Row:
 MRS. E. AANONSEN
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 MRS. B. LARSEN
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 MRS. H. MYKLEBUST
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Ladies Auxiliary of Normanna Glee Club

SANGERFEST CALENDER

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1950

- 12:00 Noon—Registration at Headquarters.
Assignment of hotel rooms at Hotel Leasington Headquarters.
- 8:00 P. M.—Sangerfest Reception.
Program and dancing at Headquarters.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1950

- 9:30 A. M.—Rehearsal at Norway Hall.
- 12:00 Noon—Luncheon for Singers at Norway Hall.
- 12:30 P. M.—Ladies Luncheon at Lake Merritt Hotel.
- 2:00 P. M.—Rehearsal at Scottish Rite.
- 8:15 P. M.—Grand Concert at Scottish Rite Auditorium.
- 10:30 P. M.—Social evening and stunts by visiting singers at Headquarters.

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1950

- 10:30 A. M.—Business meeting at Headquarters.
- 11:00 A. M.—Visiting ladies leave Headquarters by bus for luncheon at Cliff House, San Francisco, as guests of Ladies Auxiliary of San Francisco.
- 8:30 P. M.—Banquet and Grand Ball at Hotel Claremont, Berkeley.



HENRY W. RINGMAN
Director-in-Chief



GUNNAR MALMIN
Assistant Director

GRAND CONCERT . . .

PACIFIC COAST NORWEGIAN SINGERS ASSOCIATION
Friday Evening, June 30, 1950, at 8:15 P. M.

HENRY W. RINGMAN
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CLARA PLADSEN SANDVIG
Soprano Soloist

OLAF HIORTH
Tenor Soloist

CARL A. HAGUE
Barytone Soloist

GUNNAR MALMIN
Assistant Director-in-Chief

MILDRED RANDOLPH STRAND
Accompanist

JOHN JOHNSEN
Tenor Soloist

PAUL RALSTON
Organist

I
Per Gynt Suite Grieg
Paul Ralston, Organist

II
Star Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key
O Canada Arr. by Malmin
Ja, Vi Elsker (Yes, We Love) Rikard Nordraak
Ulabrand (The Pilots) Wendelborg
Grand Chorus

III
Aagots Fjellsang (Aagot's Mountain Song) Thrane
Eg Ser Dea Ut for Gluggin (I See Your
Shadow Yonder) Norwegian Folksong
Ved Rundane (By Rundane) Grieg
En Drom (A Dream) Grieg
Clara Pladsen Sandvig

IV
Hil Dig, Norge (Hail Thee, Norway) Forwald
Jegersang (Hunter's Song) Arr. by Werner
Dans Ropte Felen (Dancel Called the Fiddle) Heise
The Lost Chord Sullivan
Grand Chorus
Gunnar Malmin, Conducting

V
To Morning Grieg
Paul Ralston, Organist

VI
Beautiful Saviour Arr. by Wick
Den Store Hvite Flokk (The Great White Host) Grieg
Olaf Hiorth, Soloist
Stridsbon (Battlefield Prayer) Lindblad
The Lord's Prayer Mallotte-Dies
Grand Chorus

VII
The Lass with the Delicate Air Arne
Think On Me Scott
Night McArthur
Clara Pladsen Sandvig

VIII
Ostian Beschnitt
John Johnsen, Soloist
Gjeterjenten (Echo Song) Borg
Unge Gjenburdeliv i Norden (Danish) Stunta
Landkjenning (Land-Sighting) Grieg
Carl A. Hague, Soloist
Grand Chorus



CLARA PLADSEN SANDVIG
Lyric Soprano



OLAF HJORTH
Tenor Soloist



CARL HAGUE
Barytone Soloist



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OAKLAND CHORUS

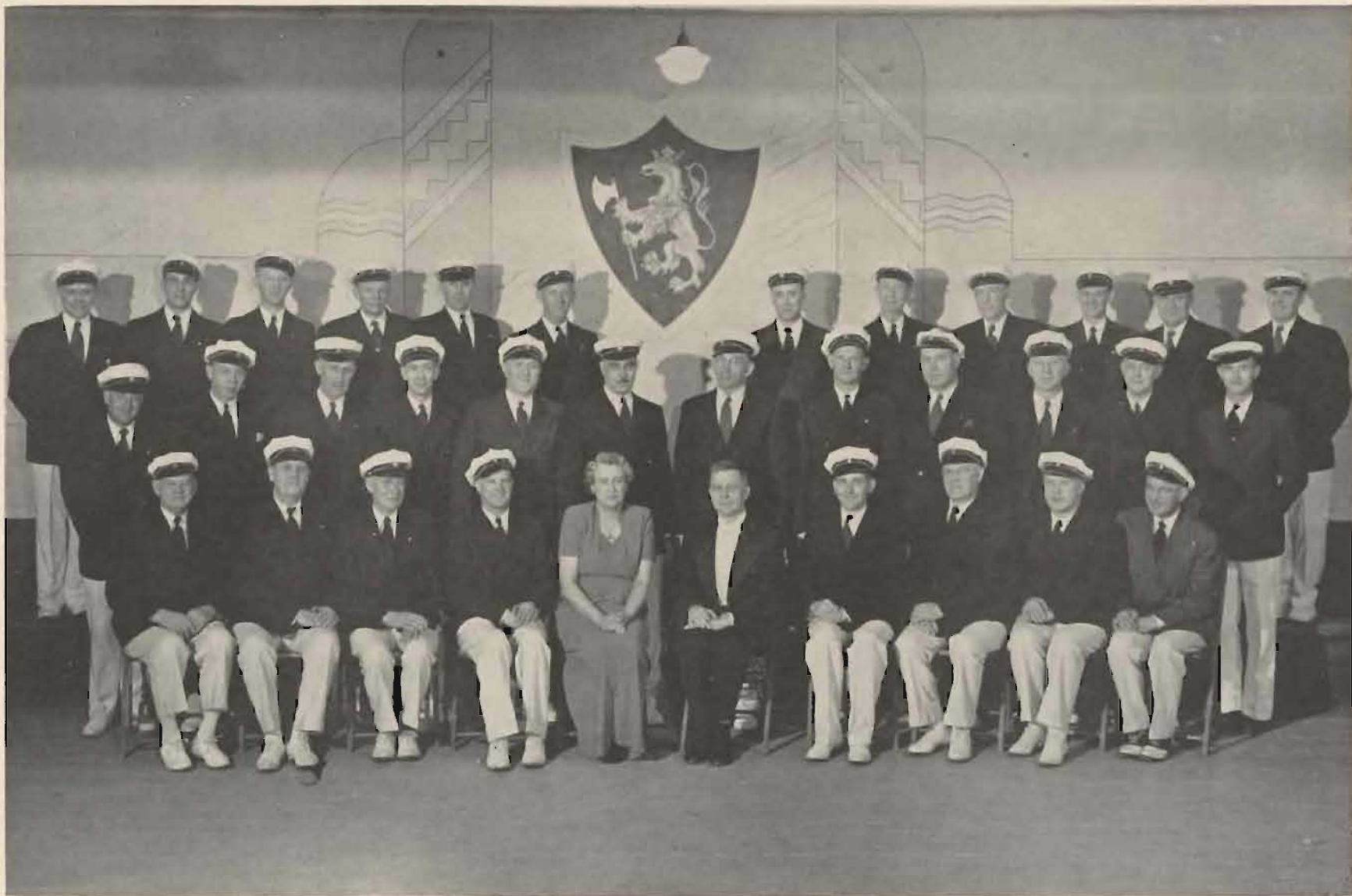


Norwegian Male Chorus
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ARNT SWENUM	OLAF STRAND	WM. WOLTHE	KARREN BJORNEN	ROY KURNBERG	OTTO SKAUG	JOHN JOHNSON	N. GUTTORMSEN		
OSNY STENDE	N. HETTERAN	OSNY STENBERG	WEN TRISTY	HENRY W. HINGREN	N. HETTERAN	A. BRUGLAND	JOHANNES WENNER	ALBERT SATUM	
T. STORWICK	J.W. TERDAHL	OLAF ALSTAD	ENAS STENDE	MATHEW ANDERSON	JACK WESTBY	E.H. HUNDERSED	M. OSTRO	NARON BERG	ROY HAUGEN
ALBERT OLAVSON	JOHN MOE	NORMAN HOLLING	J. SILBERTSON	JOHN ROSSAN	ALBERT HOLMO	OLAF RYTHO	CARL ENSTED	ROBERT LANGDAL	ERNAUD OLSON



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In Grateful Remembrance

To all our brother Singers who have passed
from our midst:

Their voices are now stilled

But not dead to us who love them;

Not lost, but gone before.

They live with us in memory

And will forevermore.

