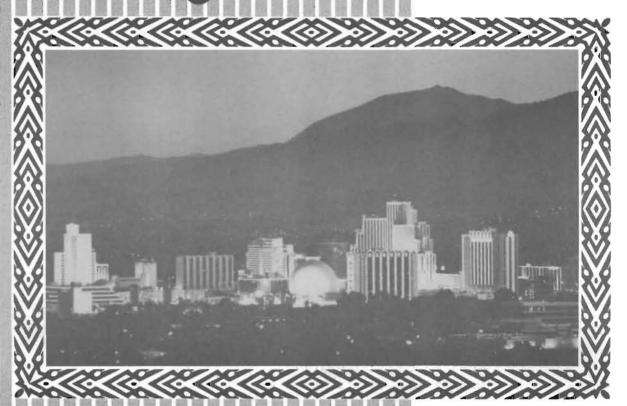
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Tuesday, June 16th

Golf Tournament at Wilderness Golf Course

Tee time 10:30 a.m. Cost \$56.00, cart and other fees included.

Coordinator: Bjorn Ravenstad (510) 932-1553

Wednesday, June 17th

Registration, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., location to be posted

Hospitality room location to be posted and announced

Coordinator/Registration: Earl Ness

Flag Raising, 5:00 p.m., location to be announced

Welcome Dinner, 7:00 p.m., banquet room near Rose Room...informal attire

Chorus Entertainment

Coordinators: Pete Butler and Steve Jensen

Thursday, June 18th

Registration continued

Rehearsal, 9:00 a.m., near Rose Ballroom

Coordinator: Marshall Dick Dale

Ladies Luncheon, 12:00 noon, Poolside Terrace

Coordinators: Sherry Rye and Monica Laxo

Men's Luncheon, 12:00 noon, near Rose Ballroom

Coordinator: Jeff Tremblay

Grand Concert, 7:30 p.m., Rose Ballroom...in uniform

Coordinator/Director: Alf Knudsen

Friday, June 19th

Business meeting, 9:00 a.m., location to be announced

Coordinator: Marshall Dick Dale

Free time

Coordinated by Sons of Norway Committee

Grand Banquet, no-host cocktail hour 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30 p.m...

dress attire

Coordinator: Jeff Tremblay

The hospitality room will be open for snacks, beverages and conversation between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Please use this area as your home away from home, to meet and greet others at Sangerfest '98.



Our Date

Our Reference

March 23, 1998

Your Date

March 12, 1998

HOU/ck Your Reference

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Dear Singers:

It is with the greatest pleasure I wish you all a very successful and enjoyable Sangerfest in Reno!

We Norwegians have always been music lovers, and it is truly wonderful that the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association is upholding the good old tradition of choir singing. The fact that you are having a yearly Sangerfest - and with such an impressive participation - reflects greatly on your success.

I had the pleasure of taking part in the festivities when held in San Diego two years ago, and certainly hope to participate in this year's event in Reno as well.

I wish you all an outstanding fest and a great time.

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Med sangerhilsen,

Consul General

Best Wishes from all of us at Sons of Norway

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Greetings



Jeff Tremblay Chairman

On behalf of the entire Sangerfest '98 Committee, I extend a cordial welcome to everyone who has come to join us in this 89th annual gathering of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Choruses. I sincerely hope that this festive event will bring back cherished memories of past Sangerfests, and will stir for each of us new and pleasant experiences long to be remembered.

When the Forbund accepted the responsibility to be this year's host, the task became remarkably alleviated when the Sons of Norway Reno Lodge graciously offered to sponsor us. To them and to our many talented, hard-working volunteers, a hearty tusen takk.

Jeff Tremblay, Chairman



Gordon Rye President

The Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association would like to welcome the singers, members of Sons of Norway District Six, and guests to the first Sangerfest held outside a chorus city. It's an honor for the P.C.N.S.A. to meet cooperatively with the District Six convention and display our Norwegian singing heritage to the people of Reno. We hope everyone at the Sangerfest will enjoy our music and take advantage of the opportunity to make new friendships.

A special thanks to the P.C.N.S.A. Board and the other volunteers who worked to put on the Reno '98 Sangerfest. When Reno '98 finishes, it's time to make plans for Salem's '99 Sangerfest.

Gordon Rye, President





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April 23, 1998

Greetings To The Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association and District 6 of the sons of Norway!

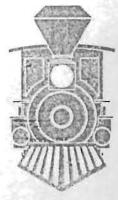
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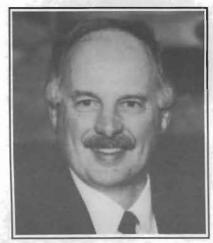
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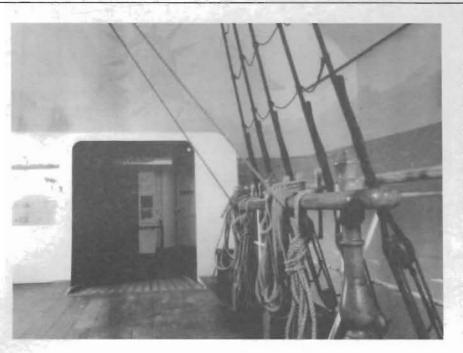


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HIL DIG. NORGE ...

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I MIDNATTSOLEN...

...In the Midnight Sun. Out there stands fiery-red a flaming wheel, blazing on the sea toward land. It swarms with birds from hidden crevices and under the sea runs along the shore. The rustle of wings, now they land, — look, birds on the cliffs like snow. Midnight sun! Rookery sleeps. Visions. Midnight sun!

NORGES FJELDE...

...Norway's Mountains. Norway's best defense and fortress are her old mountains; eerie death hides in the caverns, beacons scouting day and night from the tops.

NORGE, MITT NORGE

...Norway, My Norway. Theodor Caspari's (1853-1948) most famous poem, actually entitled Vinter i Norge (Winter in Norway), very aptly describes the country sleeping during the winter months and the longing for a sunny spring. However, when summer departs — and life with it — "then teach me to wither, oh Norway my mother and make me a bed in your sacred soil." The poem was set to music in 1911 by Alfred Paulsen (1849-1936), Norwegian-born organist and choral director in Chicago, IL.

SONNER AV NORGE...

...Sons of Norway. Proclaimed Norway's national anthem in 1821 — replaced by Bjornson's Ja, vi elsker in 1864 — the lyrics were written by Henrik Anker Bjerregaard (1792-1842) and the melody by Christian Blom (1782-1861). Sung in both Norwegian and English.

HILS FRA MEG DER HJEMME...

... A Sailor's Greeting. A Swedish song — adopted as, and translated to the Norwegian — conveying the feelings and thoughts of a lonesome sailor at the wheel of his ship under the sky's abundance of stars, listening to the migrating birds again flying north: Greet those at home, greet my mom and dad, greet

the green hillsides and the clear fjord! Had I wings I'd fly home with you to the light nights. Greet them! Say hello from me!

SKOMVÆRVALSEN...

...A "sea shanty" written by Erik Bye set to music by Bjarne Amdahl, arranged by Dag Christoffersen. The sail ship was named Skomvær from Porsgrunn Pull the topsail my boys, hiv ho! It sings in the shroud and stay again, pull the topsail my boys, hiv ho! For ten thousand salty miles she has plowed and the back of many a sailor she has bent and high we've lived and much we've endured, pull the topsail my boys, hiv ho! Hear the ship's bells ring! ... Once upon a time! ... Let's cast off to the old song: The world is small when the wind is good, pull the topsail my boys, hiv ho!

EN GLAD TRALL...

... A Happy Tune. This Swedish tune describes how three maidens stroll in the sun on the road by Lindanele; they pivoted, they swirled their dresses and all three sang: tra-la-la-la-la ... They "marched" in step like soldiers and then they waltzed and played "the odd one's out" and all three sang: tra-la-la-la-la-la...

LANDKJENNING...

...Landsighting. Bjornstjerne Bjornson's collaboration with Edvard Grieg was to include an opera, Olav Trygvason, the Viking king; however, when Grieg started composing the music to Henrik Ibsen's Peer Gynt, a 16 year break developed between Bjornson and the composer. The opera was never completed, by Landkjenning still remains alive. The original score calls for male chorus, baritone soloist, band and organ. May 17, 1872 was a memorable day as the world premier of Landkjenning took place at the Akershus Fortess in Oslo. The occasion was a fundraising bazaar held for the restoration of the Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim. Bjornson had written the poem for this occasion basing his text on Snorre Sturlason's account of Olav Trygvason's plan to build a church in Nidaros - the medieval name for Trondheim — upon his return to Norway in AD 995. Young Olav had become a Christian in England and wanted to bring Christianity to Norway. In his solo Olav expresses his faith in the Almighty and his men reiterate his prayer in a rousing grand finale.

SANGERFEST 1998 GRAND CONCERT PROGRAM

I

Grand Chorus Dr. Alf Lunder Knudsen, Director

Sivle/Forwald Hil dig, Norge Odd/Wold I midnattsolen Wergeland/Kjerulf Norges fielde Norge, mitt Norge - Soloist: Inge Aarseth Caspari/Paulsen Bjerregaard/Blom/arr Werner

Sønner av Norge

Guest Artist: Dr. Jeffrey Highland, Piano Selections

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Grand Chorus David Grandi, Director

River in Judea Hils fra meg der hjemme Steal Away Skomværvalsen Battle Hymn

Marcus/Feldman/arr Leavitt Brandstrup/arr Wick Spiritual/arr Dennard Bye/Amdahl/arr Kristoffersen Howe/Steffe/arr Wilhousky

IV

Guest Artists: Anna Marie Butler & Peter F. Butler Selections

V

Grand Chorus

Dr. Alf Lunder Knudsen, Director

This is My Country Raye/Jacobs/arr Ringwald En glad trall Fröding/Körling Ride the Chariot - Soloists: Steve Jensen & Robert Mendez Spiritual/arr Smith Red River Rose arr Meyer Landkjenning - Soloist Peter F. Butler Biørnson/Grieg



"Et syngende folk - et lykkelig folk." A singing people - a happy people, is the motto of the Norwegian Singers Association ("Norges Landssangerforbund). In 1984 it was estimated that there were over 70,000 active singers in Norway belonging to several Singers Associations, and according to Ame B. Christiansen, President of Norges Landssangerforbund, the interest is on the

Song and Music are a birthright which has been entrusted to all nations in a greater or lesser degree.

The beauty and grandeur of Norway, with her lofty mountains, deep blue fjords, green clad valleys and forests, have inspired such great Norwegian writers as Bjornson, Garborg, Moe, Munch, Vinje and Asen, among others, to produce a wealth of stirring poetry. Composers like Borg, Grieg, Kjerulf and Paulsen, to name but a few, equally inspired by the same nature and the poems, have contributed compositions of lasting beauty that rightfully belong among the finest ever produced.

From the days of the Vikings to the present time, singing has been considered a national heritage of the Norwegian people. Virtually every town and village in Norway has a Singing Society, with Male Choruses having an especially important place in the musical life of the nation.

In 1845 Den Norske Studentsangforening, Norway's first Male Chorus, was organized by Johan Didrik Behrens, and already in June of 1851 the first Sangerfest was held in Asker, Norway.

In America, as in Norway, the characteristic Norwegian love for singing and the ability to organize has manifested itself. This has forged a strong link in the bond between those of Nofwegian birth, ancestry and affiliation with the homeland.

As early as 1858, the first Norwegian Male Chorus was organized in America, and by 1886 there were enough choruses established to organize a "Sangerforbund", Singers Association, and in 1887 the first Sangerfest was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In 1878 Portland, Oregon, organized the first Norwegian Male Chorus on the West Coast. Cities up and down the coast soon followed suit, and a "Forbund" was soon needed:

PACIFIC KYSTENS NORSKE SANGERFORBUND

was organized at Seattle August 26th, 1902 and comprises, at the present time, the Norwegian Singing Society of Portland, Oregon, Tacoma, Seattle, Ballard and Everett. It was decided at that time to celebrate the first annual Sangerfest in Everett in the summer of 1903. Acting upon this decision, the Everett singers have made preparations for the reception and entertainment of their fellow singers from the cities of the Pacific Northwest during a three-day festival, the climax of which will be the grand concert to be given at the Everett Theatre on Sunday afternoon, August 2nd, for which event the best musical talent on the coast has been secured besides the various singing societies themselves.

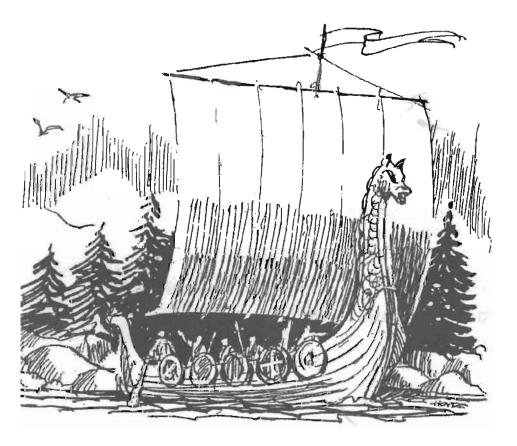
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Every Sangerfest is THE BEST ONE, however. since 1902 the "Forbund" has realized some Highlights which deserve special mention. In 1926, forty-seven singers constituted the first Norway Chorus which undertook a very successful Concert Tour. In 1962 the two Norwegian American Singers Associations joined forces at Sangerfest for the first time in Salt Lake City, Utah. The thrill of the over 700-voice Grand Chorus performing in the Mormon Tabernacle defies description. In May of 1981, a chorus of 100 singers, wives and friends, totaling 400, again made an extremely successful Concert Tour of Norway, this time cruising along the coast aboard M/S. Funchal. The success of the last venture has inspired the upcoming Concert Tour of Alaska in 1986.

Since that first Norwegian Male Chorus in America was organized in 1858, over 400 choruses have come and gone, 104 on the West Coast. At the present time 25 choruses are still active, 11 of which constitute today's Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers' Association.



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We, his family, would like to express our cordial appreciation to the PCNSA and the Everett Chorus for the many years of fellowship and singing Idan enjoyed during his 66 years of participation. He had been eagerly looking forward to this Sangerfest -- his 55th. We miss him dearly, but we know that he has already joined the celestial choruses, and he wishes everyone a joyous Sangerfest in Reno.

Mildred Gilbertson and Family

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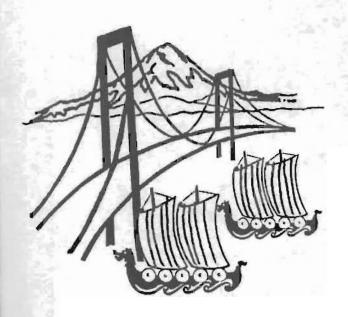
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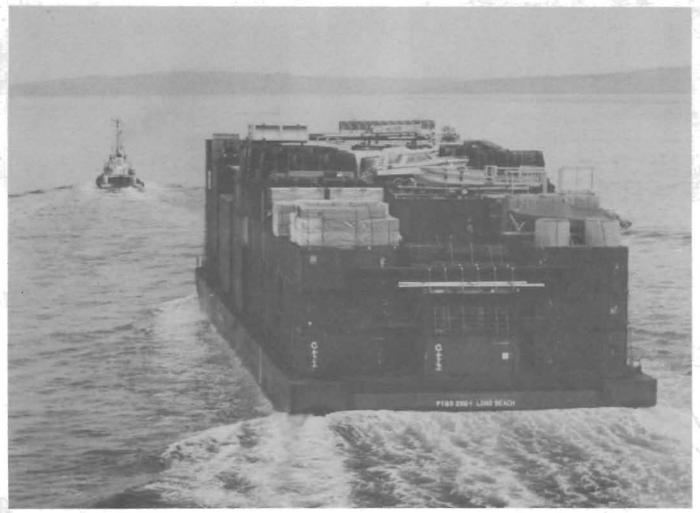
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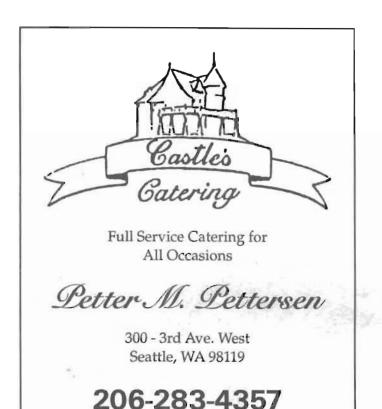




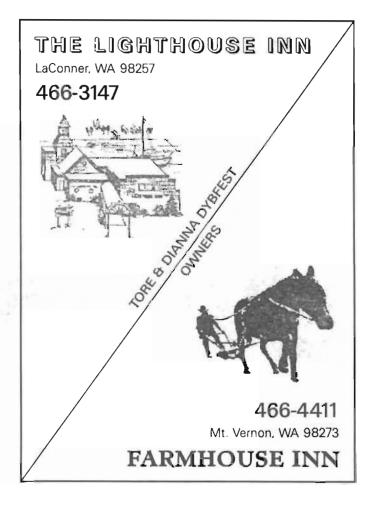
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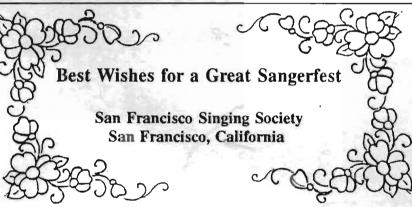
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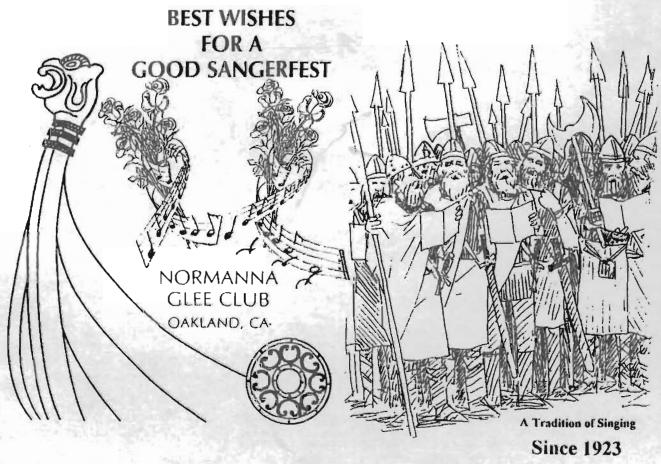
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2.	Seattle	1904	32.
3.	Portland		33.
4.	Tacoma	1906	34.
5.	Astoria	1907	35.
6.	Seattle	1909	36.
7.	Eureka	1910	37.
8.	Everett		38.
9.	Spokane	1913	39.
10.	San Francisco		40.
11.	Bellingham	1916	41.
12.	Seattle		42.
13.	Portland	1918	43.
14.	Tacorna	1919	44.
15.	Grays Harbor	1920	45.
16.	Astoria	1921	46.
17.	Everett	1922	47.
18.	Edison-Bellingham	1923	48.
19.	Seattle		49.
20.	Portland	1925	50.
21.	Tacoma	1926	51.
22.	Vancouver	1927	52.
23.	San Francisco	1928	53.
24.	Astoria	1929	54.
25.	Grays Harbor	1931	55.
26.			56.
27.	Vancouver	1934	57.
28.	Bellingham		58.
29.	Seattle		59.
30.	Portland		60.

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31.	San Francisco	1939
32.	Tacoma	1940
33.	Grays Harbor	1941
34.	Everett	1942
35.	Seattle	1944
36.	Tacoma	1945
37.	Portland	1946
38.	Vancouver, B.C	1947
39.	Los Angeles	1948
40.	Everett	1949
41.	Oakland	1950
42.	Seattle	1951
43.	Spokane	1952
44.	Tacoma	1953
45.	Portland	1954
46.	Bellingham	1955
47.	Los Angeles	1956
48.	Vancouver, B.C	1957
49.	Everett	1958
50.	Eugene	1959
51.	Seattle	1960
52.	San Francisco	1961
53.	Salt Lake City	1962
54.	Tacoma	1963
55.	Portland	1964
56.	Oakland	1965
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