



A TRIBUTE TO GORDON RYE

Often it takes a near tragedy to make us realize what one of the people in our lives mean. This man has profoundly influenced the lives of many of the people in the PCNSA through his work within the Forbund and by his promotion of the Scandinavian culture on the Pacific Coast, in the Midwest and in Norway, Sweden and Finland. The Thorsmen Norwegian Male Chorus is proud to dedicate this souvenir program to Gordon...and that includes *she who must be obeyed*, Sherry Rye.



SANGERFEST

1999 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 23, 1999

Annual Golf Tournament – Santiam Golf Course, Stayton, (Directions to course at registration table)

Thursday, June 24

All day - Registration. Lobby, Quality Inn

3:00 p.m.	PCNSA Board Meeting
5:00 p.m.	Flag Ceremony (in front of
-	Quality Inn)
5:30 p.m.	Attitude Adjustment Hour
6:30 p.m.	Welcome Dinner
	(After dinner, Choruses
	will perform)

Friday, June 25

8:00 a.m.	Registration continues
9:00 a.m.	Chorus Rehearsal
12:00 noon	Chorus Luncheon, Quality Inn
12:00 noon	Ladies Luncheon, Quality Inn
1:30 p.m.	Chorus Rehearsal, North Salem
	High School Auditorium
7:30 p.m.	Grand Concert, North Salem
	High School Auditorium
9:30-10:30 p.m.	Afterglow, Quality Inn

Saturday, June 26

9:00 a.m.	PCNSA Business Meeting,
	Quality Inn
12:00 to 5:00 p.m.	FREE TIME
6:00 p.m.	Attitude Adjustment Hour,
	Quality Inn
7:00 p.m.	Banquet, Quality Inn
9:00 p.m.	Dancing

TUSEN TAKK to Ray Berg and daughter Diane for all their hard work on this booklet.

JOHN A. KITZHABER, M.D. GOVERNOR



June 1999

Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association Sangerfest '99 Salem, Oregon

GREETINGS:

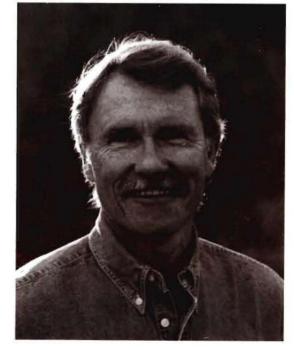
As Governor of Oregon, I am pleased to welcome participants and guests to the annual Sangerfest celebration sponsored by the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association. I invite you to enjoy the hospitality and scenic beauty Oregon and the city of Salem have to offer.

This is a unique opportunity to enjoy Norway's music and the talents and accomplishments of the Norwegian Men's Choir. I applaud these artists for their dedication and commitment to the wonderful heritage of Norway. I know the performances presented today will provide memories for years to come.

Best wishes for an exciting musical experience.

Sincerely,

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.



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June 1999

Welcome to Salem!

On behalf of the Salem community, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all of you. We are very pleased to be your host city for the annual Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association's "Sangerfest." We are indeed fortunate to have a musical group of such high caliber perform for our citizens.

While you are here, we hope you will take advantage of all that Salem and the surrounding area have to offer. I hope your busy schedules will allow you to enjoy one of our many parks, and in particular, our newly developed Riverfront Park along the Banks of the beautiful Willamette River. You may also wish to visit some historical sites or shop in our downtown area. Salem also has many fine restaurants. We are a friendly community and enjoy sharing all that we have with visitors.

Again, welcome to Salem! Thank you for providing us the opportunity to enjoy your wonderful music. We hope you enjoy your time with us and take home fond memories.



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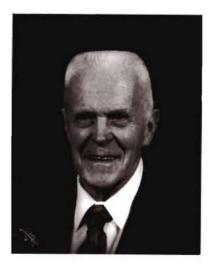
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a distinct pleasure to extend to our fellow singers, wives and friends a warm welcome to the 90th annual Sangerfest of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association being held in Oregon's capital city.

I hope sincerely that all of you enjoy your stay in beautiful Salem and return to your homes with good memories of your visit here.

Special thanks to fellow members of the Thorsmen Chorus and the Auxiliary for the many hours they have devoted in preparation for this annual event.

> Med Sangerhilsen, Ken Thelin, President



Salem President Ken Thelin









THE THORSMEN NORWEGIAN MALE CHORUS of SALEM, OREGON

Founded in 1976, the Thorsmen have been very active in their community, singing in churches, retirement homes and for various civic functions.

The Thorsmen hosted Sangerfest in 1979, 1986, and 1991, and are currently hosting the 1999 Sangerfest.



PETE BUTLER, Director The Thorsmen of Salem, Oregon



THORSMEN LADIES AUXILIARY

Front Row - Left to right: Margaret Iverson, Karen Kropf, Dorothy Jurgenson, Florence Stensrud, Charlotte Holmes, Mildre Hippe Vivian Sletten, Margaret Johnson.

Second Row: Anna Marie Butler, Rose Lowery, Lutherine Strand, Marjorie Eggan, Phyllis Pederson, Opal Hansen, Myrtle Liudahl, Barbara Conahey, Maud Hanson.

Third Row: Donna Young, Jean Werner, Leslie O'Brien, Pat Johnson, Helen Huffman, Lou Johnson, Marian Kerr, Janice Berg.

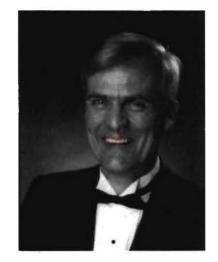
Top Row: Bernice Stangland, Carolyn Thelin, Barbara Flugum, Ruth Aas, Marjorie Vasend, Frances Frederickson, Dolores Blomberg, Helen Mae Hamilton.

Congratulations & Best Wishes ^{for a} Successful Sangerfest

in Salem, Oregon



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Jon Malmin Assistant Director



Steve Jensen Soloist

Directors & Soloists



Norvin Lowery Soloist



Jeff Highland Accompanist



Roger Vinyard Narrator





Fr. Steve Norcross Soloist





Joan Paddock

Special entertainment during both intermissions will be provided by Joan Paddock, trumpet soloist, who is Associate Professor of Music at Linfield College in McMinnville. She will be accompanied by Rebecca Jeffers, staff pianist at Oregon State University, Corvallis.

Mrs. Paddock is a native of Minot, North Dakota, and is the first woman to achieve a Doctor of Music degree in trumpet from Indiana University.

She has performed as a soloist in Europe, Japan, the Middle East, Canada and the United States. Dr. Paddock is director of bands and instrumental activities at Linfield where she also leads the brass choir and teaches applied brass.

She is particularly proud that she is a soloist annually at the Norwegian Christmas service at Central Lutheran Church in Portland.

Joan, her husband, Paul, and their two children live near Lafayette, Oregon.

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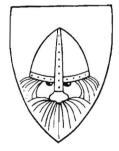
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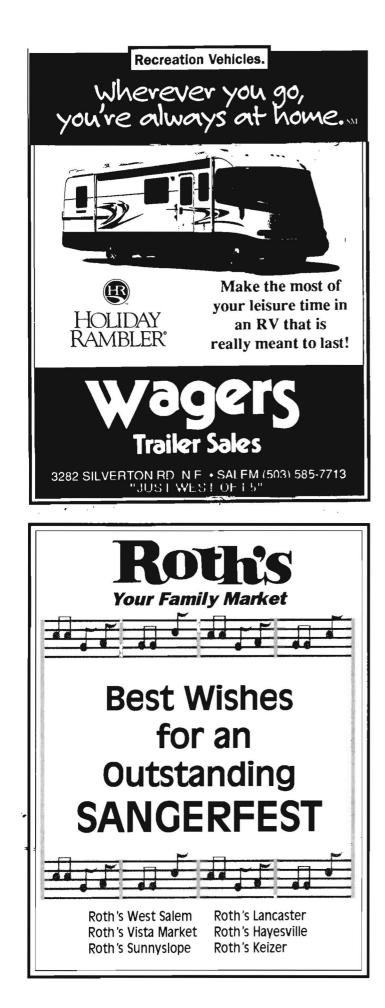
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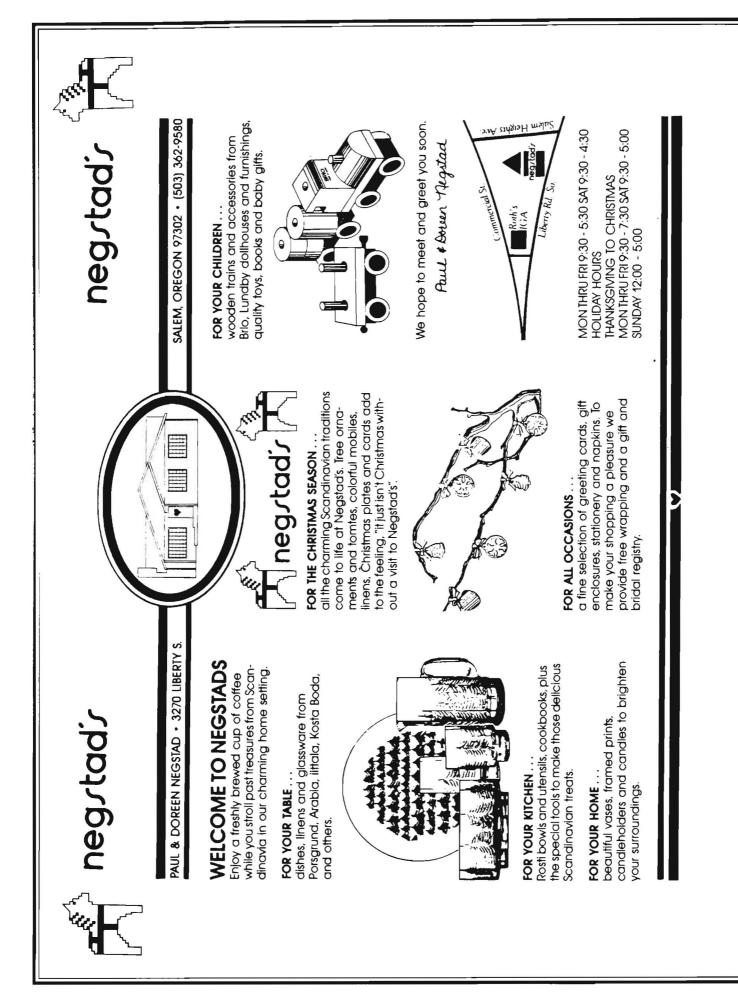


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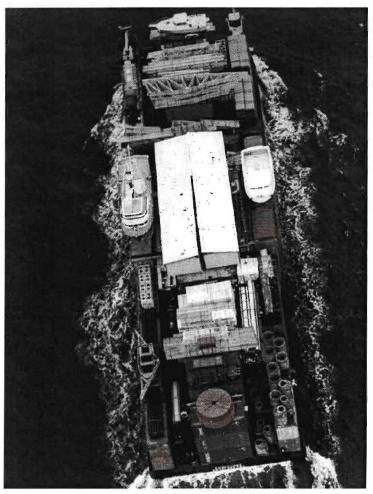






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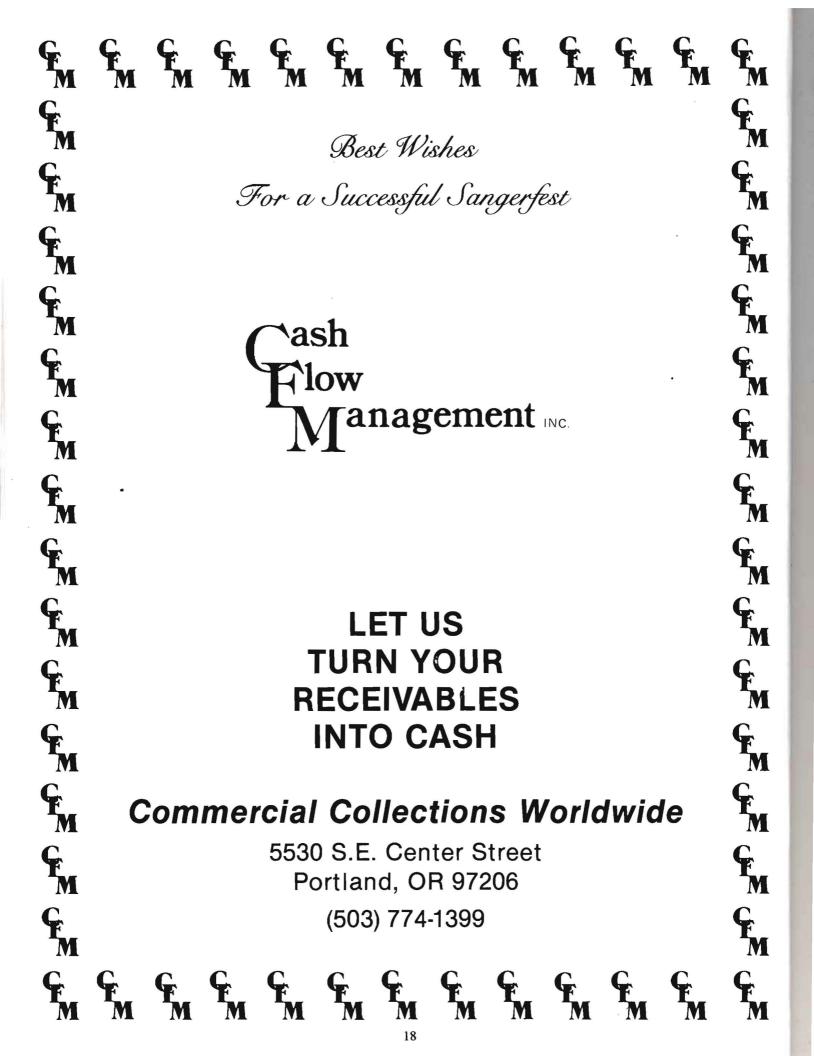


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EUGENE, OREGON

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Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association

SANGERFEST 1999



Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association Salem, Oregon

PROGRAM NOTES

- I GUDS FRI NATUR: In God's free nature. . .Here, yes, here it is good to be. . .here we can take life easy and rest. Praises we sing to our heavenly home and all around us is evidence that God is great!
- KLARA STJÄRNA (Serenad): Clear stars, you that are scattered, shining in the purplish heaven, conceal your eyes only for me! To the swelling, there you show off, I long from earth's habitation to come up to you, gentle stars.
- DEN FYRSTE SONG: The song I first ever got to hear, my mother sang by the cradle, her soothing my heart came near and always my weeping abated. So wonderfully they lulled my mind, so soft and sweet into sleeping, they let me see a rising trail away from our homely keeping. (Translation by Ranveig Mossige, Sandnes, Norway)
- JEG HAR ET HJEM, ET HIMMELSK HJEM: A Norwegian folk song of hope and faith in which the speaker declares, "I have a home, heavenly home where my hope lies."
- FANGEKOR FRA NEBUKANEZAR (Nabucco): From Verdi's opera "Nabucco" and probably one of his most popular melodies, the *Chorus of Hebrew Slaves*. They sing of longing for their homeland, the land of milk and honey.
- SKÖNA MAI (Mai-sång): Beautiful May, welcome to our countryside again. Beautiful May, welcome, friend of fun and games! Radiance awakens the senses. Earth and skies mutter of love and enchantment. Sorrow flees from spring and tears turn into joy.
- AFTENRØSTER: Evening voices. Green forest, let your song softly whisper! Wave, slow down your movement now, do not roar! Little flower, you bow your cup to rest!
- SKOMVÆRVALSEN: A sea shanty written by Erik Bye, set to music by Bjarne Amdahl and arranged by Dag Kristoffersen. "The sailing ship's name was Skomvær from Porsgrunn, pull in the topsail, my boys, heave ho! It sings in the shroud and stay again, pull the topsail, my boys, heave ho!
- NAAR FJORDENE BLAANER: When the fjords turn blue, depicts the re-awakening of nature as yet another spring arrives in Norway. It is a praise, not only to the blue fjords, the beautiful and fragrant flowers, the rushing books and the singing birds, but to the working men and women as well.
- EN SANGERS BØN: A singer's prayer. . . "That the Spirit of the Lord shall guide us in giving praise to Him for all the treasures He has given us."
- LANDKJENNING: Landsighting. . . Olav Trygvason prays for solid faith and a spirit filled by the Creator, a prayer echoed by his men.

1999 SANGERFEST Concert Program Friday, June 25, 1999, 7:30 pm North Salem High School Auditorium

PETER BUTLER Director-in-Chief

DR. JEFF HIGHLAND Accompanist

> JANET JENSEN Flute

DR. NORVIN LOWERY Soloist GUNNAR MALMIN Director Emeritus

DR. JOAN PADDOCK Trumpet, Lur

FR. STEVE NORCROSS Soloist

> LESLIE O'BRIEN Accompanist

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GRAND CONCERT

I Guds fri Natur	L. Hofgaard/F.A. Reissiger
Klara Stjärna	H. Wetterling
Den Fyrste Song	
Jeg har et hjem, et himmelsk hjem	Norsk Folk Song
Fangekor fra "Nebukanezar"	Giuseppe Verdi

Peter Butler, Director

Musical Selections Dr. Joan Haaland Paddock, Trumpet and Lur

Sköna Maj (Maj-sång)	L. Been
Aftenrøster	Oscar Borg
Skomværvalsen	E. Bye/B. Amdahl/Arr. D. Kristoffersen
Just A Closer Walk With Th	ee Arr. Ed Lojeski
	K.L. Bates/S. Ward/Arr. F. Wick

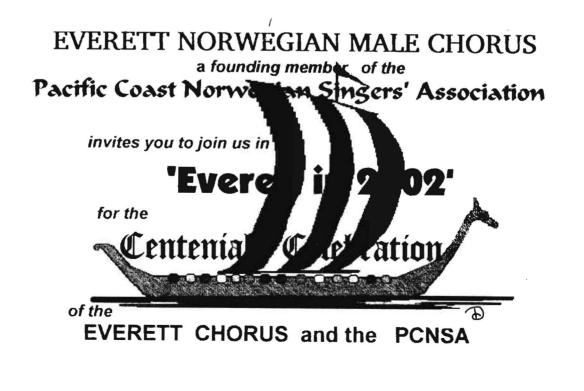
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Naar Fjordene Blaaner	J. Paulsen/A. Paulsen
En Sangers Bøn	F.A. Reissiger/Arr. J. Behrens
Soon and Very Soon	A. Crouch/Arr. J. Schrader
River in Judea	L. Marcus/K. Feldman/Arr. J. Leavitt
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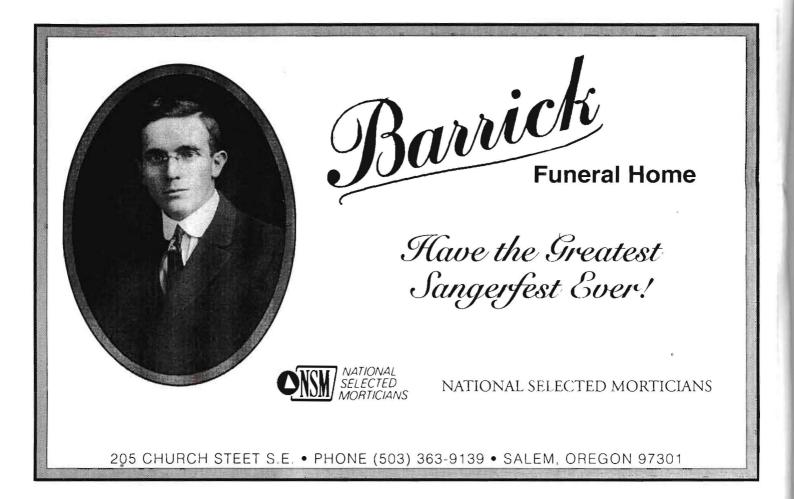
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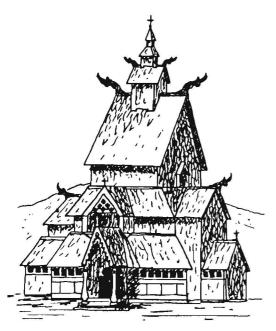
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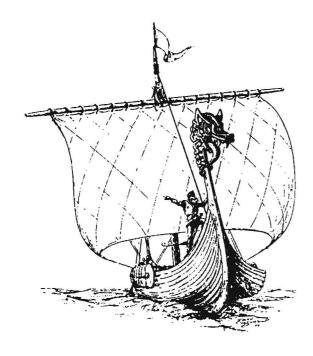
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SANGKOR Singers. Back row, left to right: Vic Persi, Rolf Owre, Daryl Goering, Gary Olson. Front, left to right: Walter Braafladt, director, David Wammer, Buz Rognlien, and Reidar Dihle.



The Sangkor was formed in 1993 to assist the Sacramento Sons of Norway with music of that culture. We quickly expanded that goal to include community audiences. In June of 1998, our group was welcomed into the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association Congratulations to the THORSMEN MEN'S CHORUS HOSTS OF THE 1999 PCNSA SANGERFEST

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ROW 1: Alf Brudvik, Jerry Lysne, Sig Stautland, Robert Mendez, Bjarne Anthonsen, David Grandi. ROW 2: David Boe, Phil Overlund, Erling Nyhammer, Maury Lee, Jon Allen-Romberg. NOT PICTURED: Roger Adams, Erwin Knapp, Don Rye, Roy Tobin, Myron Walhood.

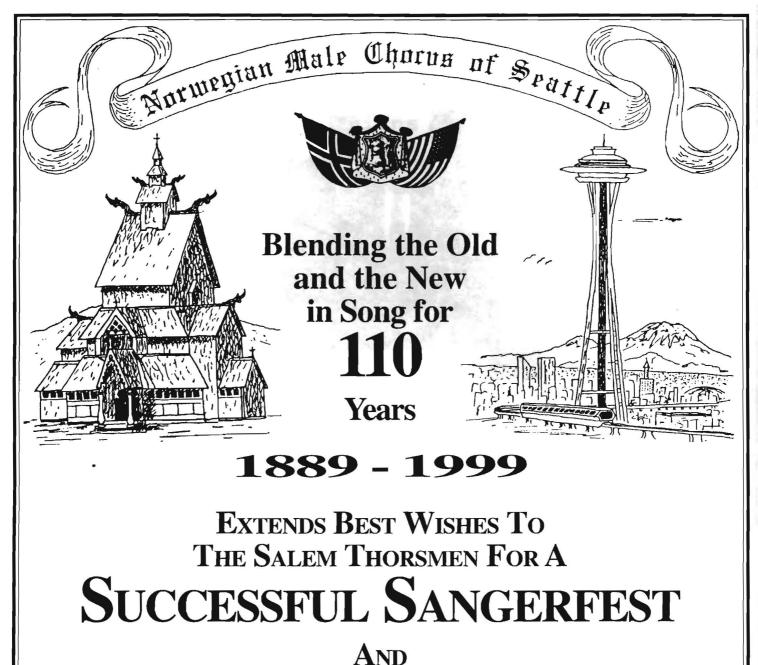
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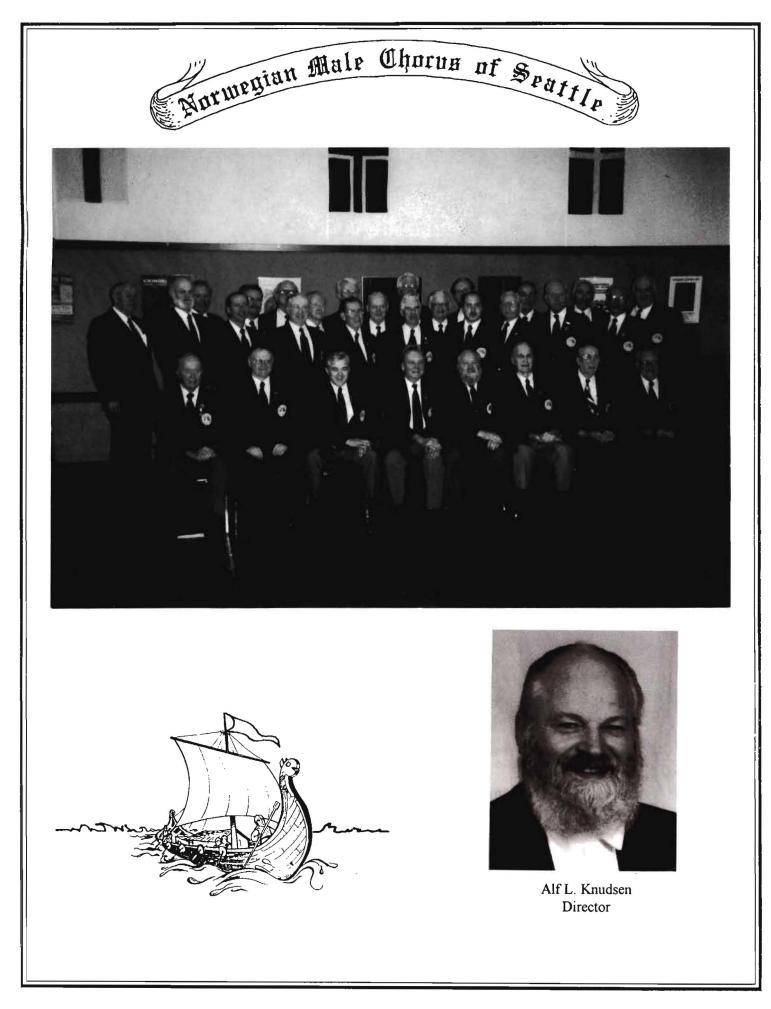
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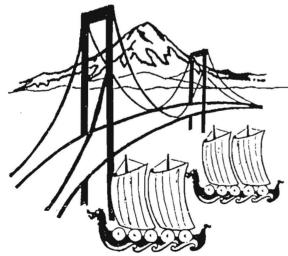


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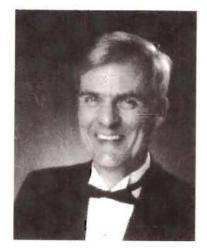
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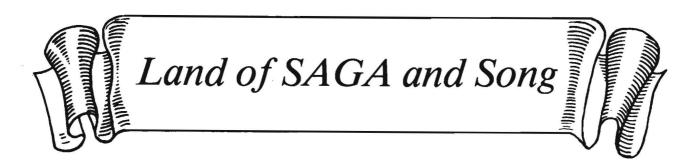
SANGER HILSEN FRA NORMANNA MALE CHORUS OF TACOMA

Ben Borson, President



Jon Malmin Director

Jean Malmin, Accompanist



The beauty and grandeur of Norway, with her lofty mountains, deep blue fjords and wood clad valleys, have inspired such masters as Grieg, Bull, Sinding, Paulsen, Kjerulf and many others, to express themselves n song and music. They contributed compositions of lasting beauty that rightfully belong among the finest the world has produced.

From the day of the Vikings to our present time, singing has been considered a national heritage of the Norwegian People. In virtually every town and village in Norway there is a singing society, with male choruses having an important place in the musical life of the nation.

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

For over eighty years, Norwegian singing societies have existed on the west coast. The Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association was organized in Seattle, Washington, in 1902, with the first Sangerfest begin held in Everett, Washington, in 1903. Since then, Sangerfests have been celebrated in principal cities of the Pacific Coast, in the states of California, Oregon, Washington, and Vancouver, British Columbia.

The present Sangerfest is the 90th in the history of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association and the fourth to be held in Salem, the capitol city of the state of Oregon.

The members of the Norwegian Male Chorus of Salem, which was organized in October, 1975, are proud to have been selected as host of this Song Festival.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH

By Dr. Alf Lunder Knudsen

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 Arne B. Christiansen, President of Norges Lanssangerforbund, the interest is on the increase.

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 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 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 Norwegian birth, ancestry and affiliation with the homeland.

As early as 1858, the first Norwegian Male Chorus (NMC) was organized in America, and by 1886, there were enough choruses established to form a *Sangerforbund*, Singers Association, and in 1867, the first *Sangerfest* was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In 1878, Portland, Oregon, organized the first NMC on the West Coast. Cities up and down the coast soon followed suit, and in 1902, a *Sangerforbund* - the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers' Association - was founded.

The first PCNSA *Sangerfest* was hosted by the one-year-old Everett NMC. Putting on *Sangerfest* is a challenge for any chorus, but even more so for one of the smaller choruses.

The Thorsmen singers of Salem (1975) have every reason to be proud of outstanding arrangements in 1979, 1986 and 1991. Hosting veteran choruses like the San Francisco NMC with roots back to 1885, the 111-year-old Normanna Male Chorus of Tacoma and 110-year-old NMC of Seattle, can be a challenge. Add the other PCNSA choruses: NMC of Everett (1902), Oakland Normanna Glee Club (1913), Bellingham NMC (1916), the Norsemen of Eugene (1958), San Diego Mannskor (1993) and Nordkapp Mannskor of Sacramento (1998). Still not out of contention are the dormant NMC of Los Angeles (1913) and Nordmaendenes Sangforening of Vancouver, BC (1910), both choruses hopefully ready to rejoin the ranks of active singers before too long.

Some of the PCSNA highlights deserving special mention include:

- The first Norway Tour of a 46-voice PCNSA chorus, 1926;
- The first joint effort of the two Norwegian American Singers Associations joint Sangerfest in Salt Lake City's Mormon Tabernacle, 1962;
- The second PCNSA Concert Tour Cruise of 100 singers, wives and fiends, totaling 400 sailing along the coast of Norway aboard the M/S Funchal, 1981;
- The Seattle NMC hosting Sangerfest during its Centennial with Breistein and Fana Male Choruses visiting from Bergen, Norway, 1989;
- The PCNSA Concert Tours of Norway/Scandinavia in 1990, 1992, 1993 and 1997 -

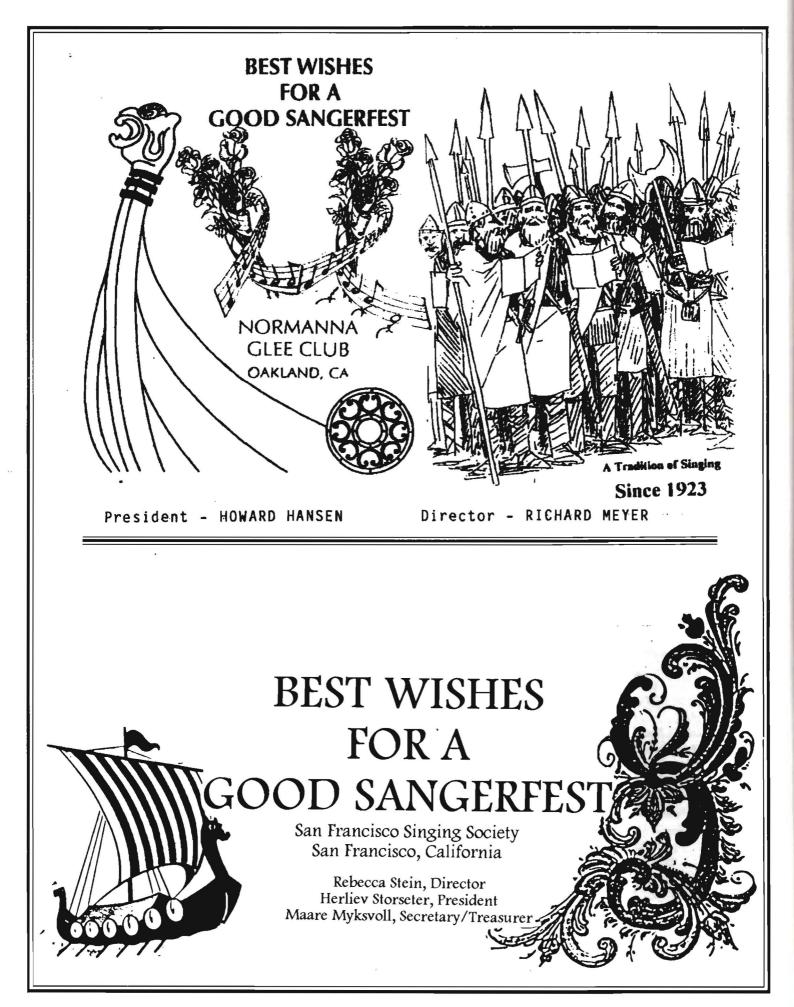
all arranged by President Gordon Rye.

Since that first NMC in America was organized in 1858, over 400 choruses have come and gone, 106 on the West Coast. At the present time 25 choruses are still active, 10 of which constitute today's PCNSA. In the last decade, two California choruses have been added to our roster: San Diego *Mannskor* and *Nordkap Mannskor* of Sacrament.

While the Norwegian Male Chorus movement has had its ups and down the past century and a half, it is encouraging that the PCNSA is riding high as we approach the 21st Century, still being infused with new singers.

This year we are celebrating the 90th Annual PCNSA *Sangerfest*, in Salem. In 2000, Seattle will host *Sangerfest* and Everett is looking forward to hosting the 2002 *Sangerfest*, celebrating its 100th anniversary and that of the PCNSA, which was organized August 26, 1902.

The singers may be getting older, the choruses may be getting small, but the spirit is there and "where there is a will, there is a way!" May the Norwegian Male Chorus movement in America prosper and keep going forever - *With a Song in Your Heart!* - it keeps everyone young.





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