

Dear S&P Singers,

Next week is our final week before the concerts! You're sounding beautiful, I can't wait to spend all next week immersing ourselves in the music.

In preparation for that, please do a few things:

- Read through the translations of the non-English repertoire, so you know what we're singing about! I'm attaching the notes again here with translations to make that easier for you.
- Sing through the repertoire to make sure you're clear on all details. Also, please practice relaxing the vowels so they are more open (esp. in the English repertoire), and placing consonants lights and clearly. Practice the Lauridsen and Barber works with particular attention to the use of rubato (flexible tempo) so that you are prepared to look up and move as a unit.

Dates from here on out:

- Mon 2/9, 7:00-10:00 PM: Dress #1, St Mark's Episcopal, Berkeley
2300 Bancroft Way (at Ellsworth), Berkeley, CA 94704
- Wed 2/11, 7:00-10:00: Dress #2, St Francis Lutheran, SF
152 Church, San Francisco (btwn Duboce & Market)
- Sat 2/14, 8 PM (6:30 call): Concert #1: Concert #3: St Mark's Episcopal, Berkeley
- Sun 2/15, 4 PM (2:30 call): Concert #2, St Francis Lutheran, SF

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Keep spreading the word about those concerts! There is nothing more delightful than singing for a packed house of enthusiastic music lovers, and you are the best connection to making that happen.

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Remember that we still need ushers and items for the drawing. Let me and/or Katherine McDonald know if you have either or both for us.

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A reminder that we WILL rehearse on Monday 2/16, the day after the Sundayconcert. I'll keep that rehearsal light and fun, but I want to make sure that we have the time we need to master the music for our final concerts of the season in May.

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Some S&P related things to do this weekend:

Kit Young (Angela's partner) has a remarkable art instillation in the Mission Feb 2-28, 4-8 PM, Artists Television Access (ATA): 992 Valencia St, SF. The reception is this Fri Feb 6, 7-9 PM. Here's some info about the show:

<http://www.atasite.org/2015/02/ata-window-gallery-kit-young-believing-is-seeing-opening-reception/>

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Edna's a cappella quartet, The Dulcet Four, will be the featured performer this Saturday 2/7 at Cafe Yesterday's open mic in Berkeley. The show starts at 6:00, but she recommends arriving a bit later, as we won't be on until around 8:00.

Cafe Yesterday
1122 University Ave, Berkeley
Free

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George-Ann will be showing a piece in beautiful Pt Reyes Station through March 15, with a reception this Sunday 2/8 3-5 PM. I recommend combining the visit with a trip to the beach or go shuck-your-own oysters at Tomales Oyster Farm. It's lots of fun. Bring your own shucker and gloves - you can get them at most hardware stores, including the one in Pt. Reyes Station. They have picnic tables with grills. Cash only.

George-Ann's reception:
GRO/Gallery Route One
11101 Highway One, Pt Reyes, CA 94956

Tomales Bay Oyster Farm:
<http://tomalesbayoysters.com/>
15479 Highway One
Marshall, CA 94940
Open every day 9-5 PM

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday!