

Newly-formed Community Choir's First Concert Saturday, December 1, at 7 p.m.



The newly formed Gualala Arts Choir, under the direction of Renata Yardumian, will present holiday concerts in both Gualala and Point Arena this year. The Gualala Arts Choir is the successor to the South Coast Community Choir which has performed annual holiday concerts for more than three decades.

The program will include Daniel Pinkham's Christmas Cantata that was composed in 1957. Pinkham died in December, 2006.

The Choir will also perform "*Jauchet, Frohlokke*" from Bach's Christmas Oratorio. It was first performed at the Thomaskirche in Leipzig on Christmas, 1734, when Johann Sebastian Bach was their music director. Other works on the program include Monteverdi's "*Ah Dolente Partita*," the old Spanish songs "*Riu, Riu, Chiu*" and "*Ay Luna que Reluzes*," Roland Woehr Jr.'s "*Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place*,"

plus two 20th Century jazz-oriented holiday pieces – Ruth and Claude Thornhill's "*Snowfall*," and Steve Allen's "*Cool Yule*."

Admission is \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of performance. Ages 7 to 17 are free. Advance tickets are available at the Gualala Arts Center or the Dolphin Gallery in downtown Gualala. The Choir will also perform the same program on Sunday afternoon, December 2 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Community United Methodist Church, on School Street in Point Arena for donations.

Celebrate with the Christmas Concert on the Coast Saturday, December 22, at 2 p.m.

The Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers will be joined by the Anchor Bay Children's Choir for their annual Christmas Concert on the Coast.

The local bell ringers will be presenting a concert of beautiful holiday music, performed on four octaves of English handbells. This group also enjoys singing along with the bells. A highlight of the concert will be Sita Milchev singing "*Ave Maria*." Sita will be joined by Jeanne Jackson and Linda Bostwick in three-part harmony for "*Winter Wonderland*." Davina and Elise Allen will sing "*Santa Claus is Coming to Town*." The audience will be invited to sing along with the bells on several holiday pieces.



Interspersed with the bell ringing, the Anchor Bay Children's Choir will perform under the direction of Sue Bohlin. The choir will also join the bells on "*Jingle Bells*" and "*A New Year's Carol*."

Come join us for a fun, holiday concert. Admission is \$10 in advance or \$15 day of performance. Youth are especially invited to attend; 17 and younger are admitted free. Take this opportunity to see the talents, and opportunities, for music enjoyment in this small community.

