

Religious News & Events

Gospel Extravaganza At PLU Features Seven Choral Groups



Mt. Zion Mass Choir

Seven of the Northwest's finest gospel music singing ensembles will perform during a Gospel Extravaganza at Pacific Lutheran University Sunday, January 23.

The 3:30 p.m. concert in Olson Auditorium is a benefit for the BERG minority scholarship program at PLU.

Sponsored by BANTU, the PLU Black Student Union, the gospel concert features Tacoma's Martin Luther King Singers, St. John's Baptist Church Chapel Choir and Voices of Victory.

Seattle-based ensembles include The Chanticleers, Rondel and Carmel Harvey, Mt. Zion Mass Choir and The Total Experience.

The latter five groups presented the first Nor-

thwest Gospel Extravaganza at the Moore Theatre in Seattle on Valentine's Day last year.

Not quite a decade old, the Martin Luther King Singers from Fort Lewis Chapel No. 9 have been widely praised at performances throughout the Northwest. The St. John's Chapel Choir is one of several at St. John's Baptist, one of the oldest and largest Black congregations in Tacoma.

Voices of Victory, a five-member ensemble from Tacoma's Bethlehem Baptist, has recorded their work and has been acclaimed during tours of the entire West Coast.

Like Tacoma's St. John's, Seattle's Mt. Zion Baptist is a large congregation with a long history. The Extravaganza

will feature Mt. Zion's combined Inspirational, Sanctuary and Chapel Choirs.

The 16-member Chanticleers are one of the most sought after gospel groups in the Northwest. Rondel and Carmel Harvey from Beacon Hill First Baptist Church have been singing together for five years and hope to become a professional gospel husband and wife team.

Sixty-five young people from age five to 19 are members of The Total Experience. During its nine-year history the choir has performed in 22 states, British Columbia and Nassau, Bahamas, and has recorded two albums.

The Extravaganza is scheduled the week



The Chanticleers



Martin Luther King Singers

following the birthday of the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and precedes an African heritage lecture-film program at PLU Jan. 26. It is

also a fitting prelude to PLU's observance of Black Awareness Month in February.

Tickets for the concert are \$5 for adults and \$3

for students. They may be obtained at the PLU Information Desk, Ted Brown Music Company, and from participating choirs. Call PLU at 535-7457.

CHURCH BRIEFS

SECOND ANNUAL REVIVAL AT BETHEL CHRISTIAN

The Brotherhood auxiliary of Bethel Christian Church presents its second annual revival, Tuesday, Feb. 1 through Feb. 6, 7 p.m. nightly and 11 a.m. Sunday. The theme is "The Power of Love." Guest speaker is Dist. Elder Gary Hunt, pastor of the Greater Apostolic Faith Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and District Elder of the 10th Episcopal Southern Tri-State Council. Hear testimonies, special singing, and special ministry of healing. Don't miss this opportunity to hear this man of God, and you will find that "Love" Does Work.

Dist. Eld. Nathaniel Davis, is pastor of Bethel Christian. Call 324-2141 for more information. The church is located at 208 - 24th Avenue.

FORMERLY MARRIED CATHOLICS HOLD 5TH ANNUAL DINNER

The Seattle Archdiocese Formerly Married Catholics is holding their 5th annual mass and dinner celebration at St. Vincent De Paul Parish, 30525 - 8th Avenue South in Federal Way, Sunday, Feb. 5 at 3 p.m. Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen is the principle celebrant. The theme is "In His Name." The Seattle Archdiocese Formerly Catholics consist of 20 groups from Vancouver, Wa. to Bellingham. It is a support group for divorced, widowed, and separated persons. Call Beverly Sines at 522-7138 or Bea Newlun at 365-4230 for reservations and more information.

NONDENOMINATIONAL HEBREW CLASSES

Ulpan Shalom, the nondenominational, non-profit Hebrew learning center, is offering two new 10-week series of classes, beginning February 2. The beginners' series is designed for those with no prior study of Hebrew; the advanced beginners' classes are for those with some reading knowledge of Hebrew and minimal vocabulary. Both classes will meet for a term of 10 weekly two-hour sessions, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at the Seattle Hebrew Academy, 1617 Interlaken Drive East. Registration is at 7 p.m. February 2. Call Alice McLerran at 323-5750.

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

"Exploring Relationship & Intimacy" is the theme of the 5th Annual Young Adult Conference, sponsored by Archdiocese of Seattle's Office of Campus & Young Adult Ministry, Feb. 4-6 at Warm Beach Camp-Stanwood, \$40 pre-registered - \$45 after Jan. 21. Scholarships available. Call 382-4882.

EXCITING SOUNDS OF JOY IN CONCERT

The Exciting Sounds of Joy, a group of young men will sing God's praise in concert at Ebenezer A.M.E. Zion Church, located on 23rd and Olive. Rev. Dr. William R. Griffin, pastor. The concert is Sunday, January 23 at 3 p.m.

GOSPEL MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA

A Gospel Music Extravaganza will be held at Pacific Lutheran University, Sunday, January 23, at 8 p.m. in Olson Auditorium. Scheduled guests include the Chanticleers, Total Experience Choir, Mt. Zion Baptist Church Mass Choir, St. John's Baptist Choir, Rondel and Carmel Harvey, Emmanuel McAuley, Martin Luther King, Jr. Singers and others.

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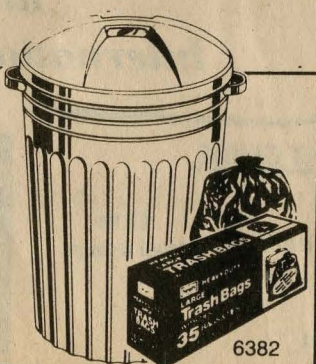
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Biblical Words Of Wisdom

PSALM 87

His foundation is in the holy mountains.

The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Se-lah.

I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with E-thi-o-pia-a; this man was born there.

And of Zion, it shall be said, This, and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Se-lah.

As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee.

PSALM 88

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee:

Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine

ear unto my cry;

For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the GRAVE.

I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength:

Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.

Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Se-lah.

Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

Mine eyes mourneth by reason of affliction: Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead?

shall the dead arise and praise thee? Se-lah.

Shall thy loving-kindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

But unto thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

Lord, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me?

I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

They came around about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

PSALM 89

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant.

Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Se-lah.

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

NOTICE TO CENTRAL AREA PARENTS

A meeting will be held on Saturday, January 29, at 1:30 p.m. at the East Madison YMCA - 23rd and East Olive, for any Central Area parents who have lost children to "SIDS" (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). This is the first meeting of this newly formed Chapter and it is vital and important that you attend. Your support is needed. For further information call John or Phyllis Yasutake, 322-1650.

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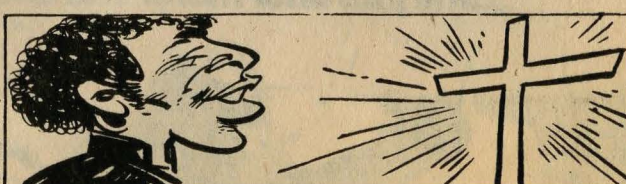


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