



Stockton to Host Four Concerts with Vocal, Jazz, Big Band and Classical Holiday Favorites

Something for Everyone with Shows on Dec. 1, Dec. 2, Dec. 6, Dec. 7

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Galloway Township, NJ - Whether you like jazz, big band, classical or holiday favorites, you can get in the spirit of the season with four upcoming concerts at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

"This is the first time that each of our four choirs is presenting its own holiday concert featuring four distinctive styles and selections - offering something for everyone's taste in celebrating the season," said Music Professor Dr. Beverly Vaughn, who directs the Stockton Vocal Jazz Ensemble, the Stockton Select Chorale, the Stockton Oratorio Society and the College Chorus.

The concerts feature singers from the Stockton student body, faculty and staff as well as singers from throughout the tri-state community.

"We can't wait to sing such an inspiring, uplifting repertoire," said Dr. Vaughn. "It's going to be awesome!"

On Monday, Dec. 1: Stockton's Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform with the Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band, Stockton's Jazz Orchestra-in-Residence at 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Theatre.

The Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band is a high-energy, 16-piece jazz ensemble comprised of some of Atlantic City's finest showroom musicians. The band, originally founded in 1982, plays jazz festivals and clubs in and around the tri-state area and has released three CDs.

Among the selections in the "Wishing You a Jazzy Holiday" concert will be: The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire); Santa Claus is Comin' to Town; O Christmas Tree; Winter Wonderland and a Christmas Medley arranged by Vezinho. The band will provide 15-20

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minutes of the big-band sound and the show will close with the Vocal Jazz Ensembles theme song: Route 66.

On Tuesday, Dec. 2: The Stockton Select Chorale will present “An Intimate Evening of Classical Holiday Cheer” at 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Theatre.

The performance will feature a variation on Jingle Bells, set to selections from Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker; the First Noel/Pachelbel’s Canon, by Pachelbel; A Vaughn Williams Christmas by R. Vaughn Williams; and Messe de Minuit pour Noel by Charpentier.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, The Stockton Oratorio Society, with special guests The Atlantic Chinese Community Choir and harpist Stephanie Sussmeier, of Somers Point, will perform “An Evening of Holiday Favorites” at 7:30 p.m. in the Alton Auditorium, second floor of the A-Wing on the college’s main Galloway campus.

Selections will include: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen; Silver Bells; White Christmas; The Christmas Song; The Holly and the Ivy; What Child is This; T’was the Night Before Christmas; 00 Carol of the Bells; Deck the Halls and the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel’s Messiah.

On Sunday, Dec. 7, the Stockton College Chorus will present “Just In Time for the Holidays” at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center on the main campus. Selections will include: Christmas Time is Here, Everyone’s a Child at Christmas, The White World of Winter, Home for Christmas, Sing a Christmas Carol, North Pole Live and Christmas Children.

Tickets for all the events are \$10 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors with ID.

Tickets may be ordered online at stockton.edu/pac or by calling the Box Office at (609)-652-9000.

The Stockton Box Office is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 90 minutes before each performance. All theatres are located on the campus of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, 101 Vera King Farris Drive off Jimmie Leeds Road in Galloway Township, NJ.

For patrons with special needs, the Campus Center Theatre offers wheelchair-accessible seating, listening-assistive devices, and large-type programs. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

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Caption for 2013 file photo:

Professor of Music Dr. Beverly Vaughn conducts the Stockton Oratorio Society, which will perform on Saturday, Dec. 6 in the Alton Auditorium on the college’s main Galloway campus.