

SFWE



SANTA FE WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE



Fall Notes



What's New?

We are excited to announce our **new website**, redesigned and updated by Nancy Brown and her team at Studio X Santa Fe. Still at sfwe.org, the website is a gorgeous new image for the Ensemble, and we invite you to browse through it, listening to our music and enjoying the photos. On the bottom bar of each page, there are links that connect you to our Facebook page and YouTube channel, and allow you to donate and sign up for emails.



The Ensemble board is initiating a new policy for our newsletter. Printing and mailing costs have become a significant budgetary issue so we are transitioning to digital delivery. This will be the **last newsletter** sent via the U.S. mail.

Future newsletters can be accessed on our website or will be sent to you via email. But, to send you a newsletter, we need your email address, so please sign up for our email list on our website. Click on "Subscribe to News" in the blue bar at the bottom of any page. Either method will allow you to view the newsletter in full color.

We promise not to inundate your inbox and will never share your address with anyone.



Songs of Light and Enlightenment

The days are getting darker outside, and we seek light! Please join the Ensemble for our concerts as we celebrate our 36th season. As the winter solstice approaches, the Ensemble will sing songs that strive to "enlighten" us. From medieval poetry of England, to an inscription left on a concentration-camp wall during World War II, to poems of the Inuit-Yup'ik (Eskimo), you will find that the music expresses a gamut of emotions. And that's only in the first half. We also will be singing a glorious new set of carols by James Bingham accompanied by Sheila Schiferl on the harp.

Please allow our voices to surround and touch you this holiday season. Thank you for always being a part of our special Santa Fe winter tradition!

Our Concerts

In Loretto Chapel, 207 Old Santa Fe Trail:
December 9, 10, 13, and 15; all at 6:30 p.m.
Tickets: Reserved seating, \$35 to \$20

In Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, 50 Mount Carmel Road:
Saturday, December 17, at 3 p.m.
Tickets: General admission, \$25

For tickets, please visit the Lentic Box Office, order online at ticketsantafe.org, or call (505) 988-1234.

Student and military discounts available.



Come and Sing!

On Friday, December 2, don't miss the Ensemble and the SF Symphony Brass and Chorus at a *free* community holiday celebration at the St. Francis Cathedral Basilica. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the *Carols and Choruses* concert starts at 7 p.m. With performances, fanfares, and caroling sing-alongs, this festivity is always a crowd favorite. Get there early to get a good seat!

Il Vicino Day



You'll be tired of leftover turkey ... so come for SFWE Day at everyone's favorite pizza restaurant, **Il Vicino!**

On **Tuesday, December 6**, join us for lunch and/or dinner, or take out a snack or pizzas for the office. When you order, mention you're there to support the Ensemble and Il Vicino will generously donate 20% of your total check to our group. Thank you, Il Vicino!

The restaurant is located at 321 W. San Francisco, with convenient parking behind the restaurant. Call 986-8700 for takeout or info.

Tasty food!



Spring 2016 Raffle Winners

Huge congratulations to Sue Katz and Mickey Bond for winning the grand prize: a weeklong stay in a cave house in Santorini, Greece! The first prize, the instant wine cellar with two cases of wine valued at over \$500, was won by Jim Fouch. Second prize #1—a \$650 gift certificate to Inn of the Turquoise Bear, plus gift certificates to Cafe Pasqual's, L'Olivier, Harry's Roadhouse, Santa Fe Bar and Grill, Sweetwater Harvest, and Dinner for Two—was won by John Scanlan! Second prize #2—Inn on the Paseo gift certificate, plus gift certificates to Mu Du Noodles, Izanami or Ten Thousand Waves, Andiamo, the Ranch House, La Choza, and Toyota of Santa Fe—was won by Michael Scarborough.

Thank you for your support, and thank you to all the generous sponsors who donated the prizes.

For those who won, congratulations! And for those who didn't ... perhaps this year will be luckier for you because this spring's raffle will be even bigger and better!

Celebration of Women Spring Concert Wrap-Up

What an inspiring and soulful journey of women's music! Performing with talented musicians Dave Anderson, Bill Epstein, David Solem, and Jeff Sussman was such a treat. A few comments from the audience:

"Very hard to choose a favorite—all were performed masterfully!"

"Thank you for the Women's Ensemble concert this afternoon. Oh, such an amazingly beautiful afternoon on so many levels—the beauty of your melded and intertwined voices, the poetry, the essential sense of wholeness. Wow. This music lifted my heart."

"I felt a wonderful sense of the voices together.

Fabulous performance."

"Awesome, but of course I was impressed and delighted with the range of selections and skill of presentation. I am so proud of you all."

Your favorite pieces:

Reina de la Noche ("Queen of the Night"), by Z. Randall Stroope, World Premiere

There Is No Rose, by Z. Randall Stroope

The Lake Isle of Innisfree, by Eleanor Daley

"This music lifted my heart."

Welcome!

We are pleased to introduce a few new Women's Ensemble family members to you:

Pam Culwell, board member, made her way from Arizona to New Mexico following a 30-year legal career in both private and public practice. Her choral-music experience ended during college when she came to understand that she needed to make a living and Broadway was not even a remote possibility. She fell in love with the Santa Fe Women's Ensemble while listening to a performance in Loretto



Chapel on a cold night in December 2015.



Karen "Candy" Elkjer, board member, was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in a military family. After graduating from the Univ. of Tennessee and receiving a master's from Va. Tech., she taught elementary grades and ESL, as well as served as a reading specialist and principal in Virginia and Colorado.

Sue Smithson joined the group as a singer in 2014 and became a board member this fall. She is the office administrator at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Santa Fe. Sue and her husband, Ken, enjoy traveling and appreciating the beauty of the Southwest.



Soprano **Nancy Maret** releases the stress of a corporate career in the electronic payments industry with singing and horses. Grateful for the joys singing brings, Nancy is thrilled to join the Ensemble. A longtime member of the Santa Fe Symphony Chorus and First Presbyterian choir, she also supports the choral arts in voluntary leadership roles.

Constance Romero, soprano, was born in Kansas and grew up in Albuquerque. Her parents' influence nurtured her early love of performing, as a singer, a dancer, and an actress. She taught music for 25 years, yet always found time for singing, whether as soloist or chorus member. Music is her passion.



Thank you for voting us one of the top three choral groups in Santa Fe!



Education/Outreach—

Throughout the month of October, Linda Raney and singers of the Santa Fe Women's Ensemble went to Girls Inc. to connect with the girls.

We had a great time singing fun songs, dancing around the room (Susan Phillips is a great dance leader), and laughing together with the girls, sometimes sitting on the floor learning rhythms and hand movements.

By demonstrating the joys of singing together, we hope to inspire these young girls to become future singers and musicians as well as to build interest in the performing arts.

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Save the Dates!

- **SFWE Day at Il Vicino:**
Tuesday, December 6,
all day
- **Carols and Choruses:**
St. Francis Cathedral,
December 2, at 7 p.m.
- **Songs of Light and
Enlightenment:**
Loretto Chapel, December 9,
10, 13, and 15, at 6:30 p.m.,
and Immaculate Heart of
Mary Chapel, December 17,
at 3 p.m.
- **Mother's Day Concert:**
First Presbyterian Church,
May 14, at 3 p.m.

Keep Us in Mind

The Santa Fe Women's Ensemble focuses its modest budget on the production of high-quality concerts. Ticket prices cover only a portion of our expenses, so your tax-deductible contributions are crucial to fulfilling our mission. We appreciate your generosity!

We always need volunteers to help us with fundraising, publicity, ushering, and concert-related activities. Please contact us at info@sfwe.org or call (505) 954-4922.

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