

Sister Singers Network 2012 Annual Meeting During the GALA 2012 Denver Festival

Greetings, Sister Singers!

The Sister Singers Network annual meeting of the membership is being coordinated this summer with the 2012 GALA Festival in Denver, Colorado. We hope this timing will make it easier for choruses to participate who are involved in both GALA and SSN. It also provides an unusual opportunity for SSN member choruses who aren't regularly involved in GALA to see what a GALA festival is like.

Sister Singers Network activities at GALA will be the SSN annual meeting (Saturday), an SSN workshop (Sunday), and rehearsal and performance of "Ode to Women" and "A Universal Dream," the two SSN-commissioned songs (rehearsal Sunday and Monday; performance Monday).

SSN Annual Meeting – Saturday 7/7 (9:30am-4:00pm, includes lunch)

As with all SSN annual meetings, our goal for Denver 2012 is to have at least 1 or 2 representatives from each SSN chorus attend the meeting. All members are welcome to attend. Meeting topics will include plans for the 2014 SSN Choral Festival, other future SSN events, finances, steering committee membership, and network communications. Please send meeting topic suggestions to ssnmeeting@sistersingers.net.

Workshop – Sunday 7/8 (Morning, time TBD)

SSN invites all women to a dynamic workshop to get a behind-the-scenes look at Sister Singers Network and the rousing and soulful affect it produces among women singers throughout North America.

Performance – Monday (7:30-10:30pm)

Sister Singers Network invites you to perform as part of a Sister Singers Network Chorus at GALA's "Women Singin' in the Round," featuring two songs commissioned for Sister Singers, [Ode to Women](#) by [Josefina Benedetti](#) and [A Universal Dream](#) by [Jenni Brandon](#). Jenni Brandon will conduct "A Universal Dream." *Two rehearsals will be available (one Sunday; one Monday—times TBD) to prepare for this exciting SSN Chorus performance.*

More – Saturday 7/7 – Monday 7/9

We encourage you to make the most of this unusual opportunity for non-GALA members to participate in part of a GALA festival. Attend performances and workshop; explore the festival village; join in the women's dance after Singin' in the Round; take some exuberant chorus energy home with you!

REGISTRATION

Please [register online](http://sistersingers.wufoo.com/forms/sister-singers-network-denver-2012-singers/) at <http://sistersingers.wufoo.com/forms/sister-singers-network-denver-2012-singers/> to participate in SSN Denver 2012 Activities. Additionally, each person who plans to participate in the SSN Chorus Performance and/or GALA Festival events, Saturday 7/7 – Monday 7/9, must send a copy of the SSN Registration form and payment to the GALA office: Robin Godfrey, GALA Choruses Inc., P.O. Box 99998, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. *(To attend GALA events after Monday, you'll need to register as a full GALA delegate; check the GALA website for details on that.)*

SSN Registrant Fee **Before February 28:** \$150 **After February 28:** \$175

Anyone traveling with you who will not be participating in the SSN Annual Meeting can register using this same registration process, to be able to attend all the events outlined above, or they can purchase tickets to individual concerts from the Denver Performing Arts Complex box office starting in the spring of 2012.

All cancellation and refund requests must be made by email to rgodfrey8@comcast.net. Registration cancellation requests received on or before March 1, 2012, will be entitled to a full refund. Registration cancellation requests received after March 1, 2012 will be eligible for a 50% refund.

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HOUSING

We suggest that **Sister Singers registrants stay at the [Magnolia Hotel](#), 818 17th Street**, so we're in close proximity to one another. The Magnolia is about 5 blocks from the performance venue. The festival room rate is \$165 and includes many great [amenities](#), including complimentary internet and breakfast service. We're hoping to be able to hold our Saturday meeting at the same location.

The GALA website shows all the hotels currently included in the [GALA Festival Housing](#) block and the room rates. These rates do not include taxes which are ~14%. The online system for booking housing will open January 30, 2012. Please do not contact the individual hotels as they are not able to take room reservations under the group rates.

Sister Singers registrants are welcome to book hotel rooms through the [GALA Festival Housing](#) block when it opens at the end of January. All of the Festival hotels are within a 5-block walk from the Denver Performing Arts Complex. The Festival Village runs on both sides of the 16th Street Mall, a mile-long pedestrian promenade lined with outdoor cafes, flower baskets and shops. Free shuttle buses leave either end as often as every 90 seconds and stop on every corner, making everything in downtown Denver easy to reach.

TRANSPORTATION

Denver International Airport is served by all major airlines. GALA is working on obtaining a discount through an airline sponsor and will post updates on their progress as soon as further information is available. Your ground transportation choices include taxi (~\$55 one way), [airport shuttle service](#), and [SkyRide](#) public bus service.

Find more information about the festival on the GALA website www.galachoruses.org/events/festival2012/. As more details become available about the Sister Singers Network Annual Meeting, it will be posted on the SSN website www.sistersingers.net.

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Schedule for Denver 2012

Friday, July 6

- Evening Arrivals

Saturday, July 7

- SSN Annual Membership Meeting during the day 9:30am – 4:00pm (lunch included)
- Opportunity to attend any GALA Activities in the evening

Sunday, July 8

- SSN Workshop
- SSN Rehearsal (2 commissioned songs) – for all SSN member chorus singers attending the GALA Festival who are available and individual SSN members
- Opportunity to attend GALA activities throughout the day

Monday, July 9

Daytime

- SSN Rehearsal (2 commissioned songs)
- Participate in tech, as needed
- Opportunity to attend GALA activities throughout the day

Evening

- SSN Choruses/Singers perform 2 commissioned songs during the Women's Chorus Singin' in the Round concert at [Boettcher Concert Hall](#).
- Late night opportunity to attend GALA Women's Dance (the last planned SSN activity)

Tuesday, July 10

- SSN Participants' Departure
- If you want to stay for the rest of the GALA conference, please register online as a full delegate.

See the [GALA Choruses Festival 2012](#) website for more detailed GALA Festival schedule and event information.