

Victor Valley College Press Release

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VVC Fall Choral Concert Features Hermitage Ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia

The Music Department of Victor Valley College will present its Fall Choral Concert along with a special guest appearance of the Hermitage Ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia, Saturday, October 14, 7:30 p.m. in Hansen Hall at the Church of the Valley in Apple Valley. Church of the Valley is located at 20700 Standing Rock Road, Apple Valley, California, next to the Apple Valley City Hall/Library complex.

The concert will feature the Master Arts Chorale, College Singers, and Women's Choir with Dr. Thomas E. Miller and Pamela Telgenhoff conducting. The first part of the concert program includes songs by Dvorak, Rheinberger and Rachmaninov.

The second half will feature special guest artists, Hermitage, a 4-voice male vocal ensemble. The classically trained singers draw on their country's rich heritage of sacred Russian Orthodox music and local folk songs, which they have performed throughout Europe and Australia for the past decade. This appearance is part of the group's first-ever tour of the western United States. The concert brings to the high desert a unique opportunity to participate in one of the world's more important musical cultures, without making the long trip to Russia. The acoustics of Hansen Hall are also similar in nature to the acoustics of many of the churches and performance spaces for which the Hermitage repertoire was originally written.

In a statement released by Program Coordinator, Natalia Aksuticheva, said, "We are very pleased to share our love of music with everyone who wants to learn more about our culture."

The appearance of the Hermitage Ensemble is jointly sponsored by the college and Church of the Valley.

Concert tickets are available at the door or through the college's ticket office by calling 245-4271, Ext. 849. Ticket prices are \$7 general admission, \$5 seniors/students and, \$3 for children 12 and under.

For more information, patrons are asked to call Dr. Thomas Miller at 760-245-4271, Ext. 2236.