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GREETINGS ALL,

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The Northwest Chamber Chorus is turning 50! Our theme for this memorable year is FIFTY IS THE NEW FORTE!! Founded in the winter of 1968, the NWCC has begun rehearsals for its 50th year of singing great choral music. To survive and thrive for 50 years—essentially two generations—is a remarkable achievement for any non-profit organization. As we begin rehearsals for this special concert season, we proudly acknowledge our past and the wonderful singers and friends who have come and gone, and we look forward with confidence and enthusiasm as the choir continues to recruit and keep talented young singers—the core of the future NWCC.

Recently retired alto, Dina Myers, attended the first rehearsal of the NWCC, nearly 50 years ago, and continues her involvement by serving on the board of directors. This season our long-time bass section leader, Fred Hoffer, moved away and left the choir at age 68, and has been replaced by a committed young singer in his mid-twenties, Eric Partridge. As the members get younger, the choir gets better, and our future is bright indeed.

This concert season begins with the fall theme of Mother and Child in December, followed in March by Out of the Deep—a concert where we acknowledge the difficulties in the world around us and seek the hope seen in the spring equinox. Clearly the highlight of the year will be our June concerts where we honor the past and celebrate the future with old favorites, and a premier piece written for us by the well-known composer, Eric William Barnum, who will be with us for the final rehearsals of this work and on hand for our 50th year celebration concerts on June 9 and 10, 2018.

At our spring concerts, alumni singers will be invited back and encouraged to join the choir on one special piece. Following the Sunday concert at Plymouth Congregational Church in Seattle, we invite all to stay around and join us for our 50th year celebration party at the church. We welcome you all to this event as an opportunity to thank you for your long and ongoing support of our choir. Without your financial help, and your smiling faces in the audience, and your hugs in the lobby after the concert, we'd not have made it 50 years! Help us make this year the best ever in the life of the NWCC!

It will be a special year of celebration and we hope to see you at our concerts. Words alone cannot express how grateful we are for your donations at any level you can afford. Your help makes it possible for us to buy music, hire guest musicians, tour and present community outreach programs. Your gifts make up a substantial part of our annual budget, and we would not be the choir we are today without your generous support.

Tuners (\$25-\$99) receive acknowledgment in concert programs and on our web site.

Hummers (\$100 to \$249) receive 2 tickets to your choice of season concerts (\$50 total value).

Singers (\$250 to \$499) receive all of the above and 2 admissions to our Benefit Auction on April 28, 2018 (\$180 value).

Divas (\$500 to \$999) receive two season tickets and 2 admissions to the Benefit Auction, April 28, 2018 (\$262 value).

Directors (\$1,000 or more) receive 4 season tickets and 2 admissions to the Benefit Auction on April 28 (\$392 value).

On behalf of all the members of NWCC, we thank you for all you do to keep us singing!

John Hushagen
NWCC Board President

P.S. Consider a Sustaining Gift. Simply arrange a monthly gift online at our website or through the enclosed form. Charged to your credit card on a monthly basis, a sustaining gift will make a tremendous impact while remaining affordable to you.

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