**VAE 2025-6 Concert Schedule, draft #1—VAE’s 49th Year**

**ALL VAE REHEARSAL/CONCERT DATES:**

**DEC. 2025 SERIES: MAY 2026 SERIES:**

SEPT. 9, 16, 23, 30 JAN. 13, 20, 27

OCT. 7, 14, 21, 28 [SAT. RETREAT 11th] FEB. 3, 10, 17, 24 [SAT retreat 21st]

NOV. 4, 11, 18; [plus tentative SAT. retreat] MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

DEC. 2nd APRIL 7, 14, 21, 28 [SAT retreat 25]

Dress rehearsals on Mon. & Tues. DEC. 8 & 9 MAY 5, 11, 18

Dress Reh. Mon. & Tues. 25 & 26

**CONCERTS** on Th, Sat, Sun, DEC. 11, 13, & 14 **CONCERTS** on Th, Sat, Sun, 28, 30, 31

**2025 FALL series**

**AUDITIONS for entire 2025-6 season for new & returning singers: Mon. & Tues. Aug. 25/26, 2025. Check website vocalarts.org for quartet signups and info RE new audition process.**

**First rehearsal:** Sept 9, 2025 @ 7 - 9:30 pm; meet in Wilson Hall at the SLO downtown First Pres Church on Marsh Street.

**Sept–Nov,** we’ll rehearse 7 to 9:30 pm every Tuesday, with **the exception of November 25,** Thanksgiving week. December **dress rehearsals** will run **from 7 to 10 pm**. **Attendance is mandatory during concert week.**

**RETREATS****:** 9 am - 3:30 pm; Potluck Lunch—time TBA

**First Fall Retreat**: Saturday, **Oct. 11, 2025 @ First Pres of SLO**

**TENTATIVE Second Fall Retreat:** Saturday, Nov.15**, 2025 @ First Pres of SLO**

**CONCERT WEEK: December 8-15; “Ring in the Season”**

**DRESS REHEARSALS:**

**Mon. Dec. 8th, 7 to 10 pm @ First Pres**

**Tuesday Dec. 9th, 7 to 10 pm @ venue TBA**

**CONCERTS:**

**Thurs. Dec 11, 7 pm concert | Nipomo Trilogy | Set up: 4:45 | Call Time: 5:00 pm**

 **Sat. Dec 13, 3 pm concert | UMC of SLO | Set up: 12:15 pm | CALL: 12:30 pm [maybe joint w/ CCYC]**

 **Sun. Dec 14, 3 pm concert | First Pres of SLO | Call: 12:15 pm**

**We will take a break from rehearsals December 15th to January 12th—Resume Jan. 13, 2026**

**A NOTE ABOUT OUR MIDDLE SERIES:** We will NOT have a full-choir concert in March as is usual. VAE will produce a fund-raiser in the form of a variety musical show to be held at a private residence or reasonably-priced venue. The show will tentatively be held on or around February 28th or April 4th. It will feature guest artists and a small-ensemble. I will select performers & may have auditions as well—more information forthcoming . . .

**2026 Spring into Summer Series**

**RESUME REHEARSALS [all singers] @ SLO First Pres.** Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026

**Jan–May,** we’ll rehearse 7 to 9:30 pm every Tuesday. May **dress rehearsals** will run **from 7 to 10 pm**. **Attendance is mandatory during concert week.**

**RETREATS:** 9 am - 3:30 pm; Potluck Lunches—time TBA

**First Spring Retreat**: Saturday, **Feb 21 @ First Pres of SLO**

**TENTATIVE Second Spring Retreat:** Saturday, **April 25 @ First Pres of SLO**

**CENTRAL COAST CHORAL FESTIVAL:**

**Thursday & Friday, APRIL 23 & 24, 2026...PAC Times TBA**

Participation is highly recommended but not mandatory.

Possible VAE Performance as part of the festival—TBA

2026 TENTATIVE Fund-raiser concert: February 28th or April 4th.

**2025 May series: “Sing, Come What May”**

**CONCERT WEEK: May 25 - 31**

**DRESS REHEARSALS:**

**Mon. May 25, 7 to 10 pm @ First Pres**

**Tuesday May 26, 7 to 10 pm @ venue TBA**

**CONCERTS:**

**Thurs. May 28, 7 pm concert | Nipomo Trilogy | Set up: 4:45 | Call Time: 5:00 pm**

 **Sat. May 30, 3 pm concert | UMC of SLO | Set up: 12:15 pm | CALL: 12:30 pm [maybe joint w/ CCYC]**

 **Sun. May 31, 3 pm concert | First Pres of SLO | Call: 12:15 pm**