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Our Mission

Soromundi comes together in song to create a visible expression of Lesbian pride. We strive for musical excellence and embrace our commonalities and differences. Through the power of music and inclusion we effect positive change in our community.

Our Membership Statement

Chorus membership is open to anyone over the age of 18, who identifies as a woman. We welcome members of all orientations, races, ethnicities, abilities, economic statuses, and religions. We embrace a broad definition for self-identified women, which includes lesbian, straight, bisexual, cisgender, individuals with non-binary gender expressions, and gender expansive individuals who find home within women's spaces. This can include gender non-confirming, a-gender, two-spirit, butch, femme, and many other identities. We intend this membership definition to be as inclusive as possible while honoring and reaffirming our history and identity as Eugene Lesbian Chorus.

Summertime

It was good weather at PK Park for the Eugene Emerald's Pride Night on June 17th. The match up was the Vancouver, British Columbia's Canadians versus the Ems. Having been asked to sing the National Anthem, Soromundi chorus members gathered on the field. During the time prior to the event starting time, there was a bit of fun with Sluggo, the Ems's mascot. Music Director Lisa Hellemn invited Sluggo to direct the chorus, and he stepped up to the challenge as he directed a segment of "Pink Pony Club."

The two teams took the field and Soromundi sang the National Anthem to an enthusiastic crowd. After a hard-fought battle, Vancouver won 12-8.



TAKE Me Out to the ball game...





Eugene Pride Festival

Eugene's annual Pride festival was held on Saturday, June 28th. Organizers moved this year's festival from its longtime location of Alton Baker Park to the Lane Events Center. As a result, attendees enjoyed more security, parking, and an air-conditioned hall. It was reported that over 12,000 people attended this year's festival.

The day began with a rally in Kesey Square. Following several speeches, attendees marched through downtown Eugene to the Lane Events Center, where the bulk of the day's events were planned. The festival featured nearly 300 vendors and a mix of indoor and outdoor activities, including several performance stages.

In support of the Eugene/Springfield LGBTQ+ community, Soromundi hosted a large booth and performed on the main stage inside the Events Center. Their first song, "Everyone is Gay" had the crowd cheering. Next up was "Quiet," a protest song with a powerful message; it was followed by "Where is the Love," made famous by the Black-Eyed Peas, and featured 2 soloist rappers. "Bridge Over Troubled Water," written by Paul Simon, featured several soloists and concluded in a gospel rendition. The show ended with "Pink Pony Club" which had everyone on their feet singing and dancing. What a fun day!



2025-26 Season Starts Strong

This year's season started in June with Song Selection, an all-day session devoted to selecting the songs for this year. The number of songs to be selected was half of the number as in the past. This is because the songs selected will only be performed at Holiday Market and the Winter Concert. This season's concert at the Hult Center, *Soromundi the Musical*, is all original music. Chorus members submitted songs for consideration during the previous few months. The morning began with listening to song tracks and reviewing lyrics. After a few hand votes and lunch, came the hard work. The afternoon was full of hand counts, discussion, and sticker votes. The session ended mid-afternoon when the approved song list was presented to the Music Director.

The first rehearsal for returning members was on August 25. Open rehearsals (rehearsals for members and those who think they might want to join the chorus) began the first week of September and continued throughout the month. There were over 50 guests who visited during the month! A new record!

The first rehearsal in October was both a rehearsal and a New Members Potluck celebrating the 79 returning members and 43 new members for a total 2024-2025 chorus membership of 122! The potluck is a social event allowing new and returning members to visit over dinner and get to know each other.



Song Selection, Hard at Work



Song Selection, Sticker Votes



First Open Rehearsal

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Where Soromundi pooches go to play!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Market. December 7th, 10:30 am, Lane County Events Center at the Fairgrounds

Winter Concert. Saturday, February 14th at the Lavendar Network. Time TBA.

Soromundi the Musical, Sunday, May 3rd, 2pm at the Florence Events Center

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