

Teach Your Children Well

Anchor Bay Children's Choir Concert and Photography by Bill Lange

Friday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.
Gualala Arts Center

Gualala Arts Local Eyes presents "Teach Your Children Well" on Friday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. The performance will be a combination Anchor Bay Children's Choir concert and a one night photography, multi-media gallery show of images taken of the children over the last two years by Bill Lange. This is a combination of live singing, projected images and slide show videos set to music. The multi-media show will include a projected slide show set to music by the choir. Sue Bohlin, director, will give a short talk about the choir program, which will be illustrated by projected photos taken by Bill Lange during the practice sessions.

A number of choral pieces and solos will be presented during the show, including folksongs (*Ca' the Yowes* from Scotland), classical pieces (*Abendlied* by Felix Mendelssohn), and songs from Musicals (Gary, Indiana from the Music Man) music sung by children between the ages of 5 (Bay Choir) and 15 (Anchor Choir). One or more pieces will feature students accompanying the songs with the piano or other instruments. Some alumni of the choir will join to sing In Anchor Bay, Bohlin's original composition which has now sold over 2000 copies since its publication 2 years ago.

Combining music and projected still images will be featured in the next section. These are images taken during the months of rehearsals. The slide presentation shows the personalities and the true inner spirit of the children. The final piece will be a live performance of Teach Your Children Well set to the portrait images of the children taken by Bill Lange.

A gallery display of black & white framed 11" x 14" portraits will be available for viewing and purchase before and after the performance.

The Anchor Bay Children's Choir was founded in 2004. This conservatory based music program teaches motivated children to read, appreciate and perform music. ABCC has appeared at Gualala Arts Center, St. Paul's, Cypress Village, Surf Super, Sea Ranch Lodge, Pt. Arena Schools, Blue Canoe Cafe, Arena Theater, Manchester Grange, Manchester School and at Piedmont Choir's Spring Sing in Oakland, California. Call 884-5477 or email suebohlin@gmail.com for more information.

Bill Lange, a portrait photographer from the Sea Ranch, met Sue Bohlin, director of the local



children's choir, in 2006 and a collaboration began between the art of music and photography. Anchor Bay Children's Choir, photo by Bill Lange Each has observed the other's process of engaging the muse. Of Sue, Bill says: "Sue has developed her teaching skills and interaction with the children so that it is simultaneously fun and an

enriching experience. The process of learning songs and music theory gives the children the self confidence to pursue other artistic performances such as theater."

"Bill has an amazing eye. He's taken thousands of shots over the years and can capture the soul of the person and the spirit of the moment," says Sue. "To me, these aren't your ordinary pictures. Everyone should see these gorgeous photos." If you want to find out more about Mr. Lange, please visit his website: www.LTAPhotos.com.

Tickets are \$10 adult in advance, Youth to 17 years are \$5. All tickets are \$5 more the day of the performance, if available. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and running time is about 1 hour. For advance purchase, go to BrownPaperTickets.com or call them at 800-838-3006. To purchase in person, visit the Gualala Arts Center or Dolphin Gallery in Gualala.