



Bell Ringing in the Empty Sky

Sunday, October 30, 2:00 p.m.
Gualala Arts Center



"Bell Ringing in the Empty Sky" features singing, dancing, instrumental music, and a world premiere. Performers include Ancora of Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir, members of the Anchor Bay Choral and Dance Project, and the Anchor Bay Children's Choir, the Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers, and Karl Young on shakuhachi.

The highlight of the concert will be the world premiere of a new composition for shakuhachi, hand bells, treble soloist and children's choir by composer Marty Regan, who is known as one of the leading composers for combined ensembles of Japanese and western instruments. The lyrics of the new piece, "Homework", are from a poem of the same title by the Japanese poet, Tanikawa Shuntaro. Mr. Regan currently teaches at Texas A & M University.

Robert Geary's group Ancora, part of the award-winning Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir, will

give a special performance. The Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers, named after the composer grandfather of local resident Sita Milchev, plays in a wide variety of musical styles. Singing is an important part of the bell ringers' programs, as there are many excellent vocalists in the group. Local musicians Eric Kritz on clarinet and Karl Young on shakuhachi join the bell ringers. The shakuhachi is a Japanese bamboo flute originally played by the Komuso, priests of the Fuke-Shu sect of Zen Buddhism. The Anchor Bay Choral & Dance Project is a Gualala Arts singing and dance workshop for girls grade 3 to grade 12.

Tickets are \$15 advance, \$5 more the day of the performance.
Youth 7 to 17 admitted free.

stepping into the Light

Saturday, November 12, 5:00 p.m.
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Come join Laura and piano accompanist, Gloria Wood, in an evening of varied musical numbers that reflect the life and talents of this amazing woman. Songs tell a story, and Laura has a story to tell. She won't be bound by any one style, so expect a colorful journey.

Coastal audiences have watched Laura Leigh step onto the stage and captivate them in any number of roles. There is something about the woman that draws one's attention like a magnet. She has that "It" factor. No one can teach it or explain it. It's just THERE.

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Laura has lived on the coast since 1973. Recently she wowed audiences with her appearances in La Cage Aux Folles with Gloriana Opera Co. in Ft. Bragg, as well as a number of roles in the popular Art Center Theater (ACT) show Honk! at Gualala Arts Center. She stole the show as Widow Corney in ACT's Oliver in 2009, and brought both the roles of Glinda (the good witch) and Aunt Em delightfully to life in ACT's The Wizard of Oz in 2008.

Some performers are colorful. Laura Leigh is a rainbow. She's one of a kind. Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss this!