

Conductor's Comment

10/17/24

Time is short

This morning, Joe Brooks, has withdrawn from Chamber Singers due to health concerns....and we wish him well as he walks what can be a perilous path toward better health. I have sometimes joked with Joe that he was the “unicorn” I was looking for this fall to bolster the B2 section—and he has added a great deal with his robust voice. Thank you, Joe, you will be missed.

Our remaining five B2s will soldier on but will feel increased pressure with Joe's absence. I know they will work hard and give us their best.

I have just posted the [rehearsal schedule for next Tuesday](#) and invite you to use it in planning your preparation. At the GG Catholic Church concert on 11/3, we will sing what is listed on the [Draft Program](#). There are only two rehearsals remaining and the *time is short*.

Last Friday I was hiking a sandstone slope shown in the pic below—in the Zion NP back country, between the tunnels north of highway 9. It turned out to be too steep for me to negotiate, and I lost my grip and slid down about 25 ft....first on my stomach and then back. Fortunately, I caught a small ledge and arrested my downward fall; otherwise, another 30-50 ft of descent would have added to my injuries.



After applying first aid, the hardy group I was leading completed another three miles of the strenuous route. This photo in front of the “Star Wars—Acclamator” rock shows me with a somewhat pained expression along with my bandages and scrapes. I am putting on gloves to cover the loss of skin on my fingertips! *Time is short!*

