

JUSSI BJÖRLING

S O C I E T Y

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Introducing the first of two new publications of the Jussi Björling Society....

As you will recall from the previous (3Q00) issue of *Journal of the JBS-USA*, Mickey Dove has announced that she will step down as Editor of that publication. Now, after consultation with our Board of Directors and other advisors, we have decided to try something new: We'll produce a pair of publications, this *Newsletter* with publication dates of about June 1 and December 1 each year, and a new *Journal of the Jussi Björling Society* to appear in March and September.

Our *Newsletter* will have these functions:

- It will announce upcoming events—like the next JBS Conference, to be held June 28–July 1.
- It will discuss news events in our special world—like the fact that JBS-USA is contemplating closer cooperation with the UK's Jussi Björling Appreciation Society.
- The *Newsletter* will contain some of the other, shorter, features of our previous *Journal*, for instance news of recent or upcoming references to Jussi in the media. Thus, in this issue we tell you about some of the events marking the September 9 anniversary of Jussi's death.
- In particular, our *Newsletter* plans to feature profiles of people of special interest to our members.

And we will use this *Newsletter* to help introduce our Society to prospective new members, by distributing copies widely. (We welcome your suggestions about appropriate places to send copies.)

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Second JBS Conference Scheduled

Save the dates: June 28–July 1, 2001, in Minnesota

A report by Dan Shea, Mickey Dove, Bill Dove, Tom Hines and Bill Clayton

Our first JBS Conference in Washington, D.C., during early June 1999, was a happy success and we've been trying to find the right formula for our second. Now the JBS Board has decided to accept the warm invitation of Anders Björling to meet on

the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College in St Peter, MN, in the anniversary year 2001 and at a beautiful venue: the Jussi Björling Concert Hall, for four days during the last weekend in June.

Here are some of the plans we've already made, and some ideas that are taking shape rapidly:

- *Interesting talks by experts and enthusiasts.* We can already announce that Bertil Bengtsson will speak on the line of Royal Swedish tenors, from Jussi's distinguished predecessors to him (as nonpareil) and his

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by the JBS Board

Details of plans for the next international JBS conference, including speakers, contributions by young musicians, and much more

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by Dan Shea

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