

Newsletter of the Jussi Björling Society-USA

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Help! – Hjälp! – Aiuto! Here's our urgent request for action, if you have not yet renewed.

This special edition of our Newsletter is intended to remind you that we have a new system for renewing your membership in JBS-USA: Since February 5, we are basing membership on Jussi's birthday each year (rather than the anniversary of your own date of joining), and to date about 40% of our membership has renewed. Here is the current status of your membership:

1. You already have renewed until Jussi's next birthday: February 5, 2004. **Thank you!**

2. According to our records, you have not yet renewed. Your membership renewal through next February 5 would be \$_____ for a Single Membership, OR \$_____ for a Family Membership, OR \$_____ for a Founder's Membership. **Please renew now!**

3. You are a Life Member and thus need not send annual membership contributions; OR, you are a new member of JBS-USA since November 2002 and so have membership covered through February 5, 2004. In either case, **Thank you!**

Or, if you have decided not to renew your membership, please tell us – we'll be unhappy but of course will respect your decision.

Remember: Your membership dues to JBS constitute a tax-deductible contribution in the USA.

Again, Thank You for sparing us -- your volunteer Membership Committee workers -- from having to spend unnecessary time on this essential task!

– Mickey Dove (860-623-9320, mdove9@cox.net), Dan Shea (608-231-3117, dshea@chorus.net)

Another Administrative Chore: We need to update our JBS-USA Membership Directory and want to be sure we have your NAME correctly spelled, with the TITLE you prefer (or none at all, if you wish), your CURRENT ADDRESS, EMAIL address and TELEPHONE.

Please send one of us this information as soon as possible, especially if it was incomplete or incorrect in our 2002 Directory.

Needless to say, we do not sell or give our membership data to any other organization.

(If you wish some of your data to be omitted from the Directory, just tell us.)

Thanks again! – Mickey and Dan

Special Announcements in this Newsletter:

1. The Vocal Arts Society of Washington DC presents Bertil Bengtsson in "An Evening with Jussi Björling" on April 29, 2003.
2. Videotapes of the October 2002 JBS Conference in New York: Available now!
3. Kultur's vhs/dvd video of "Three legendary tenors" is finally available.
4. JBS's CD of Jussi in 15 versions of one aria: Sold Out.
5. New reviews of recent CD releases of interest to JBS members.
6. Issue #14 of our JBS Journal is slated for Spring 2003.
7. JBS-USA website is updated.
8. JBS has new Honorary Advisors Plácido Domingo and Neil Shicoff.
9. Invitation to JBS members: An excursion to Glyndebourne in June 2003.