THE LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE AND SINFONIA ORCHESTRA ROGER WAGNER, MUSIC DIRECTOR

SATURDAY MATINEE, FEBRUARY 27, 1982 AT 3:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 28, 1982 AT 7:30 PM PREVIEWS ONE HOUR BEFORE EACH CONCERT BY KATHERINE CALKIN

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GOLDEN VOICES AND GLEAMING BRASS

PAUL HILL, Guest Conductor JEANNINE WAGNER, Assistant Conductor WILLIAM BECK, Organist

Fanfare for a New Theatre

Sing We Merrily
Two choirs and two brass choirs

Ola! o che buon eco
Large choir and echo choir

Ich lasse dich nicht
Two choirs

Canzon Toni #1
Two brass choirs

Psalm 100
Two choirs

Everyone Sang
Three choirs, two brass choirs

Igor Stravinsky (1882-1972) Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703)

Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

James Fritschel (b. 1931)

INTERMISSION

Mass Frank Martin (1890-1974) Two choirs From the Steeples and the Mountains Charles Ives (1874-1954) Four chime sets, trumpets and trombones Anton Bruckner (1824-1896) Inveni David Men's choir and trombone choir Benjamin Britten (1913-1976) Fanfare for St. Edmundsbury Three trumpets Heilig Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) Two choirs Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1613) In ecclesiis Two choirs, brass choir and organ

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PROGRAM NOTES

by Katherine Calkin

"Splendor" and "grandeur" are words generally reserved for the scenic beauties of nature. States of mind such as awe and wonder are provoked by the Grand Canyon or the forests of giant Sequoias. From contemporary accounts we know that a sense of the magnificent was also the treat of visitors and residents in Venice in the early 1600's. At this time, a happy marriage of music and architecture inspired a succession of prominent musicians to write motets and masses for multiple groups of voices and instruments.

The glory of polychoral music lies in the way it separates and at the same moment spans internal space, simultaneously spreading out and enclosing the listener. Paradoxically, we feel at once surrounded and freed. St. Mark's Cathedral, with its lofty balconies positioned at opposite sides of the sanctuary, inspired composers such as the Gabrielis to produce music of breathtaking power.

Of course, the practice of dividing choirs originated long before 1600. Evidence exists that the Jews used antiphonal singing to chant psalms as far back as biblical times. Later, the early Christians adopted the technique of antiphonal choral singing along with the chant for use in the Roman Mass. This chanting consisted of only a simple unharmonized melodic line sung by two alternating groups of voices.

The earliest works for two fourvoice choirs date from the late Fifteenth Century, when Josquin and his L-10 contemporaries produced a small number of polychoral motets for weddings and other important occasions. Even though at this time, the possibilities of multi-choir music barely had begun to be discovered, composers evidently recognized the "specialness" of this genre and its suitability for festive and significant events.

During the Sixteenth Century, the techniques of polychoral composition were developed and refined by major figures such as Palestrina, Victoria, Jacob Handl and Andrea Gabrieli. The term "cori spezzati" (broken choirs) came into use for music requiring two or more choirs to sing alone, in alternations, and jointly.

Andrea Gabrieli's most important teacher was the Netherlander, Roland de Lassus (Orlando di Lasso), one of the first composers to use cori spezzati in secular music. Of his many dialogues in the vernacular, this Italian echo song, Ola! o chè buon êco! makes the best union of text and music as we hear the small choir echo a larger group of singers like a call across the mountaintops.

The composer most closely identified with the antiphonal style of sacred choral writing is Giovanni Gabrieli, who explored the full range of possibilities for combining various groups of voices and instruments. His deservedly popular setting of *In ecclesiis* includes a dazzling variety of textures and effects featuring solo voices, alternating choirs and parts of choirs, and instrumental sections and organ. All of these sections are held together by a recurring *alleluia* refrain for the

combined forces. Fascinating (and atypical for this early period) are the unexpected changes in mood as introspective solo melodic lines give way suddenly to powerful choral outcries. Overall, an aura of melancholic dignity pervades this work, which on first hearing seems so joyously brassy.

On his deathbed, Andrea Gabrieli gave the ring he wore not to Monteverdi, but to his German pupil, Heinrich Schütz. Though Schütz did not concentrate exclusively on antiphonal music, he did write a significant number of pieces for two or more choirs including the early (1619) Psalms of David, which resulted directly from his studies with Gabrieli.

Psalm 100 is typical of the youthful exuberance of this collection. Though its dotted rhythms betray hints of the baroque, this setting is actually more conservative than some of Gabrieli's later works, because it relies heavily on choral echoes in strict alternation within balanced phrases.

By thie time of Johann Christoph Bach, cori spezzati had become only one of many devices for achieving contrast in textures, dynamics, and moods. Ich lasse dich nicht belongs to a hybrid genre, the chorale motet, which evolved during the mid to late Baroque. For the first half of the piece, two choirs alternate and combine in much the same style as Gabrieli and Schütz, except that the melodic material is based on a pre-existing Lutheran chorale. At the conclusion of this sec-

Schütz among his singers in the Schlosskirche of Dresden.



tion, the voices unite to form a single choir, weaving a polyphonic web around the chorale melody, which is sung in long notes by the soprano voice.

Those composers who made use of cori spezzati after the Eighteenth Century were imbued with the styles of previous eras. Double choirs appear occassionally in the neo-Baroque sacred music of Mendelssohn. His best-known antiphonal pieces are the double quartet "For He Shall Give His Angels" from Elijah and Heilig. In Heilig, Mendelssohn skillfully maintains the identities of the two choirs and a sense of spatial separation within the flowing romantic idiom of unequal phrases.

Bruckner's sacred music looks back even further to the spirit of the Renaissance. Many of his Latin motets partake of the awestruck reverance which haunts much of Sixteenth Century church music. Bruckner's few excursions into antiphonal writing seem more closely related to the extroverted Gabrieli motets reinforced by the power of brass. In his use of trombones and male voices for *Inveni David*, Bruckner chooses two groups with the same range, by greatly contrasting timbres.

Many composers even from our own time draw on the achievements of the past. Outstanding among these was the Swiss composer, Frank Martin. Along with Poulenc and Falla, he wrote for the harpsichord before that instrument regained popularity. He also ventured into the realm of the oratorio with Le vin herbé. His double choir mass setting has been mysteriously neglected. It certainly bears comparison with the masses of Stravinsky, Vaughan-Williams, Poulenc, and other composers of our century.

Multiple choirs continue to be used in contemporary music, mostly to enhance sorority (as in Walton's Belshazzar's Feast) rather than to achieve spatial effects. English composerorganist, Martin Shaw wrote Sing We Merrily in 1932 as a "fanfare for festival use."

James Fritschel is an American composer and choral historian who has published many liturgical settings for the Lutheran service. *Everyone Sang* incorporates some elements of chance (aleatory) composition as the individual singers are allowed to choose some of their own rhythms for the shorter musical phrases. *Everyone Sang* is a piece commissioned by The Paul Hill Chorale in 1979.

WHO'S



Music Director of both the Roger Wagner Chorale and the Los Angeles Master Chorale and Sinfonia Orchestra, ROGER WAGNER is known the world over as a symbol of the highest achievements in choral art. Dedicated to choral music since early childhood, his international reputation in that area has been enhanced by his work as a composer, arranger, and symphonic conductor, and he is a highly regarded authority on the religious music of the medieval and renaissance periods. He has been knighted twice for his contributions to sacred music. Radio, television, motion pictures, and recordings have all played an important part in his long and illustrious career. He has recorded over 60 albums and received the Grammy Award for his album, Virtuoso. In addition to directing the Los Angeles Master Chorale and Sinfonia Orchestra, Roger Wagner has been guest conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and has appeared with leading orchestras all over the world.

The LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE and SINFONIA ORCHESTRA, founded by Roger Wagner and the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, became a resident company of the Music Center in 1964. Dr. Wagner has been Music Director of the organization since its formation. Now embarking on its 17th season, the 125-voice ensemble is one of the finest in the United States and includes in its select membership the outstanding professional talent in the Southland.

The Master Chorale presented its first concert season at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in 1965, receiving significant critical acclaim. Under the leadership of Dr. Wagner, the Chorale has continued to present concert seasons of the world's choral masterworks at the Music Center,

giving Los Angeles a unique reputation as the only city in the country supporting its own professional resident chorus in an annual series of choral programs.

Two seasons ago the Master Chorale joined the Los Angeles Philharmonic for the inaugural concert of Music Director Carlo Maria Giulini, in Beethoven's Symphony No. 9. The performance was carried live on public television and transmitted via satellite throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Mexico.



PAUL HILL, Guest Conductor. Paul Hill, founder and director of the Washington D.C.-based Paul Hill Chorale and the Washington Singers, completed his undergraduate work at Loma Linda University under the tutelage of John T. Hamilton. He did his graduate training at USC. Mr. Hill is currently director of Choral Organizations at Georgetown University, and Chorus Master for The Royal Ballet at Kennedy Center. He has appeared in Carnegie Hall, the White House, with the Philadelphia Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Hill received the Emmy Award for the National Public Television Production of Gian Carlo Menotti's The Unicorn, The Gorgon, and The Manticore with the Washington Ballet in 1972.

The Paul Hill Chorale, now in its eleventh season, was formed when Mr. Hill noticed how many people learned to sing well in high school and college but did not continue after moving into the workplace. He began a small choral ensemble that sang mostly for the pleasure of its members and director. His leadership of the Paul Hill Chorale has since brought it to the very front rank of such ensembles in the nation.

Paul Hill and Roger Wagner first met in summer, 1958, during a conducting class Dr. Wagner was teaching at San Diego State University, and their friendship grew with the years. Their shared executive responsibilities in the Association of American Professional Vocal Ensembles (APVE) give them one more reason to continue their association.

Sing We Merrily

(Psalm 81, verses 1-3; Psalm 84, verses 4-7) Martin Shaw

Sing we merrily unto God, our strength. Sing, rejoice, make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Sing, rejoice.

Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute.

Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, Even the time appointed and upon our solemn feast day.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, They will be always praising Thee, One alway.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee

In whose heart are Thy ways, who, going through the

Veil of misery use it for a well; and the

Are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength.

Sing, make a cheerful noise, sing we merrilly unto God, Sing unto God

Ola! o chè buon êco! Orlando di Lasso

Ola! o chè buon êco! Piglia moci piacere! Ha, ha, ha, ha! Ridiamo tutti! O buon campagno, chè vuoi tu? Voria chè tu cantassi una canzona. Perchè? Perchè si? Perchè no? Perchè non voglio Perchè non vuoi? Perchè non me piace.

Taci dico! Taci tu! O gran poltron! Signor si! Orsù non più Andiamo! Adio, buon êco! Adio! Rest'in pace! Basta, Basta!

Ich lasse dich nicht J.S. Bach

Ich lasse dich nicht du segnest mich denn. Mein Jesu, ich lasse dich, lasse dich nicht. Weil du mein Gott und Vater bist, weiss

Dass mich nie vergisst Dein vater liches Herz.

Ich Staub und Erde,

Habe hier ja keinen Trost als nur bei dir. Dir Jesu, Gottes Sohn, sei Preis, Dass ich aus deinem Worte weiss,

Was ewig selig macht

Gib, dass ich nun auch fest und treu in diesem meinem Glauben sei.

Ich bringe Lob and Ehre dir, dass du ein

Heil auch mir durch deinen Tod er wearbst.

Herr, dieses Heil gewahre mir, und ewig dank'ich dir.

Psalm 100 Heinrich Schütz

Jauchzet dem Herren alle Welt Dienet dem Herren mit Freuden. Kommt für sein Angesicht, mit Frohlocken.

Erkennet dass her Herre Gott ist, Er hat uns gemacht und nicht wir selbst, Zu seinem Volk and zu schafen seiner

Gehet zu seinen Toren ein, Mit Danken zu seinen Vorhofen mit Loben Dankt ihm, lobet, lobet seinen Namen Denn der Herr ist freundlich und seine

Gnade wahret ewig. Und seine Wahrheit für und für. Ehre, Vater

Ehre sei dem Vater und dem Sohn and den heilgen Geiste,

Wie es war in Anfang jetzt und immerdar, Und von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit.

I will not leave Thee, for Thou blessest me, My Jesus.

Since Thou are my God and my Father, Thou will not abandon Thy child,

Thou Fatherly heart.
I am a poor clod of earth, on earth I know no consolation.

To Thee, Jesus, Son of God, be praised For having taught me by Thy Word That which makes me immortal Grant that I remain steadfast in my faith! I praise Thee and honor Thee for having Obtained eternal salvation for me through death.

Lord guard this salvation for me and I shall always, always thank Thee.

Shout and be joyful, shout and be joyful all ye lands

Joyfully sing to God the Lord, Serve Him with joy and with gladness. Come before the Lord God with singing. For know ye that the Lord is Our God, He hath made us all, not we ourselves We are His flock in His quiet pastures grazing.

Enter His gates to give him thanks, with thanksgiving.

And into His presence to praise Him. Thank ye Him, and sing and praise His name bless it.

For the Lord is gracious, His loving kindness everlasting.

His truth endureth ever more, Glory, glory to the Father and Song and to the Holy Spirit.

As in the beginning now and ever more shall be for evermore.



Everyone Sang James Fritschell

Every one suddenly burst out singing; And I was filled with such delight As prisoned birds must find in freedom Winging wildly across the white Orchards and dark green fields; on; on; and out of sight.

Every one's voice was suddenly lifted, And beauty came like the setting sun. My heart was shaken with tears, and

Drifted away. . . O, but every one Was a bird; and the song was wordless; the singing will never be done.

Mass Frank Martin

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
(Kyrie, eléison.)
(Kyrie, eléison.)
(Christe, eléison.)
(Christe, eléison.)

(Christe, eléison.)

(Kyrie, eléison.)

(Kyrie, eléison.)

(Kyrie, eléison.)

The Gloria

PRIEST: Glory to God in the highest. PEOPLE: And on earth peace to men of good will.

We praise You. We bless You. We worship You. We glorify You.

We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father

Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You, Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

You, Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

You, Who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy. You alone are Lord.

You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRIEST: Glória in excélsis Deo.

PEOPLE: Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntátis. / Laudámus te. Benedicimus te. / Adorámus te. Grátias ágimus tibi / propter magnam glóriam tuam. / Dómine Deus, / Rex caeléstis, / Deus Pater omnipotens. / Dómine Filiunigénite, / lesu Christe. / Dómine Deus, / Agnus Dei, / Filius Patris. / Qui tollis peccáta mundi, / miserére nobis. / Qui tollis peccáta mundi, / sú scipe deprecatiónem nostram.

Qu sedes ad déxteram Patris, / miserére

nobis. / Quóniam tu solus Sanctus. / Tu solus Dóminus. / Tu solus Altissimus, / lesu Christe. / Cum Sancto Spiritu in glória Dei Patris. / Amen.

The Nicene Creed

PRIEST: 1 believe in one God.
PEOPLE: The Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God.

Born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God.

Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.

By Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven.

And He became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: and was made man.

He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried.

And on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the

right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the

living and the dead.

And of His kingdom there will be no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord

and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the

Son.
Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, and Who spoke through the prophets.

And one holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

And I await the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRIEST: Credo in unum Deum.

PEOPLE: Patrem omnipoténtem, / factórem caeli et terrae, / visibilium ómnium et invisibilium. / Et in unum Dóminum lesum Christum, / Filium Dei unigénitum. / Et ex Patre natum / ante ómnia saécula. / Deum de Deo, / lumen de lúmine, / Deum verum de Deo vero. / Génitum, non factum, / consubstantiálem Patri: / per quem ómnia facta sunt. / Qui propter nos hómines, / et propter nostram salútem / descéndit de caelis / et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto / ex Maria

Virgine: et homo factus est. / Crucifixus étiam pro nobis; / sub Póntio Piláto passus, et sepúltus est. / Et resurréxit tértia die. secundum Scripturas. / Et ascéndit in caelum: / sedet ad déxteram Patris. / Et iterum ventúrus est cum glória iudicáre vivos, et mórtuos: / cuius regni non erit finis. / Et in Spiritum Sanctum, / Dóminum et vivificántem: / qui ex Patre Filióque procédit. / Qui cum Patre, et Filio / simul adorátur, / et conglorificátur: / qui locútus est per Prophétas. / Et unam, sanctam, cathólicam / et apostólicam Ecclósiam. / Confiteor unam baptisma / in remissiónem peccatórum. / Et exspécto resurrectiónem mortuórum. / Et vitam ventúri saéculi. / Amen.

The Sanctus

PEOPLE:
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are filled with Your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PEOPLE:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, / Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. / Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. / Hosánna in excélsis. / Benedictus qui venit in nómine Dómini. / Hosánna in excélsis.

The Agnus Dei

PEOPLE:

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

PEOPLE:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Inveni David

Anton Bruckner

I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him. Alleluia. Psalm 89: 20-21 (A.V.)

Inveni David, servum meum, oleo sancto meo unxi eum. Manus enim mea auxiliabitur ei, et brachium meum confortabit eum. Alleluia.

Heilig

Felix Mendelssohn

Heilig, heilig, heilig ist Gott der Herr Zebaoth!

Alle Lände sind seiner Ehre revoll, Hosianna in der Höh! Gelobt seider da kommt im Namen des Herrn! Holy, Holy, Holy is God the Lord of Hosts! All the Nations are filled with Thy renown. Hoseanna sing on high!

And praised be he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hoseanna sing on high!

In ecclesiis

Giovanni Gabrieli

In ecclesiis benedicite Domino, Alleuia! In omni loco dominationis, benedic, Anima mea, Dominum. Alleluia! In Deo salutari meo, et gloria mea

Deus auxilium meum et spes mea in Deo

est. Alleluia! Deus meus in vocamu

Deus meus in vocamus te adoramus Libera nos, salvi vifica nos. Alleluia! Deus, adjutor noster in eternum, Alleluia!

In the congregation, bless ye the Lord Alleluia!

In all places of His dominion, Bless the Lord, my soul.

Alleluia!

In God is my salvation and my glory.
O God, my help and my hope is in God.
Alleluia!

O my God, we call upon Thee, we worship Thee.

Deliver us, save us, quicken us, Alleluial

O God, our refuge in all eternity, Alleluial

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