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Curtain Raiser Preview at 1:00 p.m. with Alan Chapman, Libby Larsen and Morten Lauridsen

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Paul Salamunovich Conductor

THIS AFTERNOON'S PROGRAM

Agnus Dei

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Beati Quorum Via

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Trois Chansons

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Dieu! Qu'il la fait bon regarder!

Lord! Lovely You have made my love

Quant j'ai ouy le tabourin

When I can hear the buzzing tambourine

Yver, vous n'estes qu'un villain

Winter, you are an evil man

Amy Fogerson, mezzo-soprano

Aftonen (Evening)

Hugo Alfvén (1872-1960)

The house lights will remain lit following intermission so that the audience is able to read the tranlations for *Madrigali* on pages 8 and 9. There will be supertitle translations projected above the stage for all other pieces.

Friede Auf Erden (Peace on Earth)

Arnold Schönberg (1874–1951)

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Madrigali Six "Fire Songs" on Italian Renaissance Poems (b. 1943)

Ov'è, Lass', Il Bel Viso?
Alas, where is the beautiful face?
Quando Son Più Lontan
When I am farther from your beautiful eyes
Amor, Io Sento L'alma
Oh love, I feel my soul
Io Piango
I'm weeping
Luci Serene e Chiare
Eyes serene and clear
Se Per Havervi, Oime
If, alas, when I gave you my heart

Charm Me Asleep

Henry David Leslie (1822-1896)

Sea Change

World Premiere

Libby Larsen (b. 1950)

Commissioned by Jeffrey W. Compton in honor of his brother William H. Compton, Jr.

A Maiden is in a Ring

Hugo Alfvén (1872-1960)

Die Erste Elegie (The First Elegy)

Einojuhani Rautavaara (b. 1928)

This afternoon's performance is made possible in part by generous grants from the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and the California Arts Council.

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> Songs of Love April 6, 2000

Madrigal Magic May 11, 2000

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by Peter Rutenberg

The first musical concoction called a madrigal bears little resemblance to what we generally understand by the term today. That madrigal evolved during the early 14th century, with its two- or three-line verse set to the same music, followed by a closing refrain. Extinct by the mid-15th century, the name was resuscitated in the 1530s to describe verse, tone and imagery modeled after the style of Petrarch and the musical form that embraced it. Initially serious in mood, with only three or four voiceparts, and preferring the French chanson and Latin motet styles over the flimsier frottola, the madrigal continued to develop over the 16th century, thanks to an infusion of creative impulses from the likes of Arcadelt, Willaert, Palestrina, Lassus, and Marenzio. Luzzaschi and Gesualdo explored the emotional netherworld through chromaticism, and Monteverdi advanced the genre with his "concerted" (accompanied) versions. The excitement spilled rapidly over the Alps and northward to England where Morley led the late-Elizabethan madrigal craze, together with Byrd, Gibbons, Wilbye, Weelkes and many others, leaving a lasting legacy of clever delight that suffuses our choral culture today. Even Gilbert & Sullivan saw fit to include "A Merry Madrigal" in The Mikado. Renewed interest in a cappella part-singing over the 20th century has further expanded its definition.

Nevertheless, not all the works on this program fit neatly into the madrigal category, for an entire concert of such works would invariably amuse the performers more than the audience. Madrigals were originally sung around the table after dinner, as the evening's self-made entertainment. Indeed, the published part-books had each voice-part facing a different direction so that all could sing from one source. Even so, the same intimacy, harmonic inventiveness, melodic whimsy, "moodiness," and rhythmic vitality — all hallmarks of the genre — inform the balance of today's selections in one way or another.

Samuel Barber — a singer's composer — worked closely with his publisher, G. Schirmer, to produce different versions of his most popular works, such as a choral version of his popular song, Sure On This Shining Night, and his own arrangement for chorus of the ever-popular Adagio for Strings known as the Agnus Dei. The tightly wound melodies and astringent harmonies offer a

Samuel Barber

profound musical setting for the closing text of the Mass Ordinary, their tensions aptly portraying the cleansing of sin and the prayer for peace.

In a somewhat lighter vein, the English symphonist, part-song author and prolific church composer **Charles Villiers Stanford's** motet for six voices, *Beati Quorum Via*, builds on the interplay



Charles Villiers Stanford

between light and dark, using high and low trios of voices echoing the same music to draw the fine line between good and evil. The gentle triple meter pulses its subtext of "trinity" beneath the soaring melodies and velvety harmonies. 199 200

Thoughts of Claude Debussy as a composer of vocal music turn naturally to the voluptuously undulating music of his opera *Pelléas et Mélisande*. A more intimate side is

seen in his *Trois Chansons* after the Renaissance poetry of Charles d'Orléans. These texts *become* the music, acting as canvases awash in imagery and mood, first in the gently

swaying homage to a beautiful woman, then in the evocative May dance, with its wordless chorus supporting the melodic text, and finally, in the French equivalent of a Bronx cheer for Winter — that most disagreeable season!

Swedish composer **Hugo Alfvén** is highly regarded for the moodimagery of his musical "paintings." *Aftonen* is no exception, as here he captures the tranquil stillness of a



Claude Debussy

Scandinavian evening with unaffected simplicity. The measured rhythms and subtle harmonic shifts continue through a texture that alternates approaching darkness (suggested by the bass drone) with the last rays of filtered light (portrayed by the upper voices, in close chords and flickering arpeggios). Later in the program, Alfvén's frolicsome triple-dance A Maiden Is In A Ring bubbles with accordion-laced folksiness and the fiddler's fiery flair.



Arnold Schönberg

Friede auf Erden, Op. 13 from 1907 is an early work of Austrianborn composer Arnold Schönberg, scored for eight-part choir. Its tortured text proffers bleak images of a crime-infested, war-torn world, symbolized in the music by densely-wrought counterpoint and anxious harmonies verging on the dissonant in their complexity. "Still it is an eternal hope that the weakest shall not fall victim to every

robber and shameless murderer," it declares, concluding, "A royal race will blossom forth with sturdy sons whose shining horns will trumpet bravely: Peace on earth!" The triumph is symbolically reflected in the broad D major harmony of the final chord.

Morley, Monteverdi and Gesualdo all steep in the font of inspiration for Morten Lauridsen's Madrigali — Six

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"Fire Songs" on Italian Renaissance Poems. The burnished texts and resonant echoes from Italy's Golden Age form the close-packed layers of the songs' translucent fabric. Like a crystal ball peering back across the ages, unanchored to any time, the composer summons forth all manner of revelation. These evocations, seemingly random in prospect yet laboriously and ingeniously assembled in retrospect, capture the essence of that time with simultaneous utterances in the parlance of today. Everything hinges on the first sonority — what Lauridsen calls the "fire chord": it is at once the hitching post and germinal womb which (a thorough analysis would show) informs virtually all that follows. Ultimately transformed, or rather forged in passion's fiery furnace, the "fire chord" also sizzles as the final sonority.

To accomplish this, Lauridsen draws on an armory of compositional techniques, not simply in skillful display, but because — like the 16th century composers whose stile rappresentativo he memorializes — the texts and their adequate expression require it. A prominent feature of the harmony is polytonality. Ives used it to represent separate musical happenings converging on one location. In the Madrigali, it likewise portrays a confluence of memories that coexist in the consciousness. The listener's balanced attention brings these multiple images into clear, audible focus. Many of the cycle's explosive climaxes rely on the compounding of harmonic tension through density and dissonance. The cadences, both sectional and final, recall and replay the ubiquitous closing suspension of the madrigal period with great interpretive variety.

Melodically speaking, there are the bouncy, light tunes of an Orazio Vecchi or Giovanni Gastoldi, along with Morley's English take on these Italianisms; there are Gesualdo's defiant departures; Monteverdi's soaring, almost Romantic, fantasies and his sharp, snappy turns in equal measure; in places, there is even evidence of Heinrich Schütz's Opus 1, with the ferocity of melodic leading found in his Italian Madrigals (written in Italy while the composer studied with Monteverdi). With respect to rhythm, a number of dance patterns are represented in duple and triple meters, and the resultant hemiola from playing both simultaneously.

The texture varies constantly among the historical possibilities, with imitative counterpoint yielding chordal movement and just as soon drifting back into counterpoint, or brief canonic activity between momentarily rival factions in the choir. Vertically, one or two voices may expand rapidly to four or as many as eight. The formal structure follows a variety of older models, although each piece is distinct within the cycle. In brief contour, they are: I — AABBAA; II — ABABCCAB; III — ABBA; IV — ABBA; V — AABBAA; VI — AABBAA.

In all, the *Madrigali* are a tour de force of 20th century a cappella writing whose inventiveness and attention to detail honor their 16th century paragons. Vocally demanding in the best *bel canto* tradition, they are rewarding to perform and will surely take their place among the great choral works of the preceding century. They are dedicated to and were first performed by the USC Chamber Singers under the direction of Rodney Eichenberger on 10 April 1987.

Partsongs in the 19th century — like the 16th century madrigal — were usually for the purpose of light entertainment, and were sung at weekly musical soirées and

matinées, and at larger public concerts. Mendelssohn, Schubert, Schumann and Brahms all wrote avidly in this genre. Following on the tradition of the glee song and the clubs that proliferated in its service, their colleagues in Victorian England, such as Stanford, Elgar, Parry and later Delius, were equally in tune with this elevated form of pastime. Henry David Leslie, a London-born conductor and composer, was an active exponent. At the age of 33, he formed an a cappella choir that took his name, grew in renown over its 25 years, and won first prize at the Paris Exhibition in 1878. Despite holding many teaching and conducting positions, Leslie maintained a special interest in the development of amateur musicians. Later in life, he moved to the west country to train village choirs, founding the Oswestry School of Music as well as a festival there. In addition to symphonies, much of what Leslie wrote was vocal or choral in nature, including oratorios, opera, cantatas and partsongs. 17th century English poet Robert Herrick has proved fertile ground for many composers in search of classically-rooted texts. The brief verse from his Charm Me Asleep finds a lovely setting in the comforting music of Leslie. Like the Madrigalists, he paints pictures with each of the words: "charm me asleep" plays to a catchy theme, "melt" drifts airily and chromatically into lush chords, and "ravish'd" undulates sensuously through its tuneful pattern — all passed imitatively from voice to voice. The spell they cast would weaken the eyelids of even the fiercest insomniac.

Finnish composer Einojuhani Rautavaara, long popular on the European scene, has steadily and deservedly gained in reputation in this country. Like Morten Lauridsen in Les Chansons des Roses, Rautavaara has found great inspiration in the poetry of Rainer Maria Rilke — in this case, from his "seminal" work the Duino Elegies. "Over the years," the composer writes, "I would take it out, finding myself particularly drawn to the first elegy, whose angel figure took on the role of a personal 'animus.' My orchestral works Angels and Visitations, Angel of Dusk and Playgrounds for Angels are all musical personifications of this figure. Only as recently as 1993, however, when the international choral body 'Europa Cantat' wanted to commission a large-scale choral work from me, did I feel that the time had come to set the angel elegy. It had evidently matured in my subconscious in the interim, since the process of composing the work was swift, eager and fluently self-assured. The basic pitch material is derived from four triads which together form a twelvenote row. The way this material is applied, however, stands in considerable contrast to methods usually used for atonal music. In consequence, the tone of the work is mellow even at its most dramatic; poetic, yet expressive." (Translation by Andrew Bentley; Helsinki: Edition Fazer)

Peter Rutenberg is producer of the Master Chorale's LAURIDSEN LUX AETERNA CD, and, together with Fred Vogler, owns RCM records. He is also producer of THE FIRST ART national radio series, now in its eighth year, and is founding music director of Los Angeles Chamber Singers & Cappella. He works closely with the Master Chorale as Program Annotator and member of the Programming Committee.





Sea Change, World Premiere

Text: "Sea Change" by Martha Sherwood: "Beannacht" by John O'Donohue

Martha Sherwood's beautiful poem reflects a deeply personal journey of loss and recovery. In it, self as sea creature is gripped by the ocean and tossed about in hurricanes, floods and tsunamies (a wonderful word!) until, washed ashore and grounded in a lonely place, self begins to breathe deeply: to see, hear, laugh and live. In my setting of Martha Sherwood's poem, I want to place the listener close to the journey and the emotions of the words.

I divided the poem into two sections. The first section is made up of wordless dissonant chords, suggesting the murky world of the storm tossed ocean. I've set the words of the first section so that, like the storm-tossed sea creature of the poem, we hear the words over and through these chords. The second section begins with a choral fanfare, setting the words "Aware at last, I took my place." This is followed by a joyous choral dance built around the words "barefoot and breathing air, free of the undertow." The dance grows in brilliance and intensity until the exclamation "Free", set in the tenor's top register and supported by the basses. At this point in the music I added four verses of John O'Donohue's profound Celtic blessing "Beannacht." The quiet music enhances this gentle benediction, a blessing of recognition and protection of self and soul. In the final statement of the piece the music exalts.

The Los Angeles Master Chorale thanks the following for their part in the commissioning and creation of Sea Change:

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Sea Change

There were storms — hurricanes, tsunamies, and floods. I was porpoise, dolphin, whale, shark, a mad mermaid tangled in kelp wearing leeches and barnacles as jewelry and skin.

Then, shed of them by stronger storms, dashed upon lava, ground into sand, I rested where small creatures scurried and mated upon my lonely shore.

Old, I was before time, before my time.

Then, suddenly I was new, a surge of spring tide breaking over shallow coral reefs.

Aware at last,
I took my place,
barefoot and breathing air,
free of the undertow,
seeing brilliant color
where only a murky world
had been;
hearing the varied notes
of flying things
and calling back,
laughing like ripplets
over smooth stones

at nothing
at normal
at life
at the real around me.

Free.

On the day when the weight deadens on your shoulders and you stumble, may the clay dance to balance you.

When the canvas frays in the curach of thought and a stain of ocean blackens beneath you, may there come across the waters a path of yellow moonlight to bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours, may the clarity of the light be yours, may the fluency of the ocean be yours, may the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow wind work these words of love around you, an invisible cloak to mind your life.

(barefoot and breathing air, free of the undertow,)

Still tied to the waves, the storms, the floods and flotsam but only the oldest memories held by the ancient sea and a distant me.

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MADRIGALI

OVÈ, LASS', IL BEL VISO?

Ov' è, lass', il bel viso? ecco, eì s'asconde.
Oimè, dov'il mio sol? lasso, che velo
S'è post'inanti et rend'oscur'il cielo?
Oimè ch'io il chiamo et veggio; eì non risponde.
Dhe se mai sieno a tue vele seconde
Aure, dolce mio ben, se cangi pelo
Et loco tardi, et se 'l signor di Delo
Gratia et valor nel tuo bel sen'asconde.
Ascolta i miei sospiri et da' lor loco
Di volger in amor l'ingiusto sdegno,
Et vinca tua pietade il duro sempio.
Vedi qual m'arde et mi consuma fuoco;
Qual fie scusa miglior, qual magior segno
Ch'io son di viva fede et d'amor tempio!
Text from a madrigal by

Henricus Schaffen

Alas, where is the beautiful face? Behold, it hides. Woe's me, where is my sun? Alas, what veil Drapes itself and renders the heavens dark? Woe's me, that I call and see it; it doesn't respond. Oh, if your sails have auspicious winds, My dearest sweet, and if you change your hair And features late, if the Lord of Delos Hides grace and valor in your beautiful bosom, Hear my sighs and give them place To turn unjust disdain into love, And may your pity conquer hardships. See how I burn and how I am consumed by fire; What better reason, what greater sign Than I, a temple of faithful life and love!

OUANDO SON PIÙ LONTAN

Quando son più lontan de' bei vostri occhi Che m'han fatto cangiar voglia et costumi, Cresce la fiamma et mi conduce a morte; Et voi, che per mia sorte Potresti raffrenar la dolce fiamma, Mi negate la fiamma che m'infiamma. Text from a madrigal by Ivo When I am further from your beautiful eyes
That made me change my wishes and my ways,
The flame grows and leads me to my death;
And you, who for my fate
Could restrain the sweet flame,
Deny me the flame that inflames me.

AMOR, IO SENTO L'ALMA

Amor, io sento l'alma
Tornar nel foco ov'io

Fui lieto et più che mai d'arder desio.
Io ardo e 'n chiara fiamma
Nutrisco il miser core;
Et quanto più s'infiamma,
Tanto più cresce amore,
Perch'ogni mio dolore
Nasce dal fuoco ov'io

Fui lieto et piu che mai d'arder desio.
— Jhan Gero (parady of a ballata by Machiavelli)

Oh love, I feel my soul
Return to the fire where I
Rejoiced and more than ever desire to burn.
I burn and in bright flames
I feed my miserable heart;
The more it flames
The more my loving grows.
For all my sorrows come
From out of the fire where I
Rejoiced and more than ever desire to burn.

IO PIANGO

Io piango, chè'l dolore
Pianger' mi fa, perch'io
Non trov'altro rimedio a l'ardor' mio.
Così m'ha concio' Amore
Ch'ognor' viv'in tormento
Ma quanto piango più, men doglia sento.
Sorte fiera e inaudita
Che'l tacer mi d'a morte e'l pianger vita.
— Ruffo

I'm weeping, for the grief
Makes me cry, since I
Can find no other remedy for my fire.
So trapped by Love am I
That ever I lie in torment
But the more I cry the less pain I feel.
What cruel, unheard-of fate
That silence gives me death and weeping life!

LUCI SERENE E CHIARE

Luci serene e chiare,
Voi m'incendete, voi; ma prov' il core
Nell' incendio diletto, non dolore.
Dolci parole e care,
Voi mi ferite, voi; ma prov' il petto
Non dolor ne la piaga, ma diletto.
O miracol d'amore!
Alma ch'è tutta foco e tutta sangue,
Si strugge e non si duol, mor' e non langue.

- Ridolfo Arlotti

SE PER HAVERVI, OIME

Se per havervi, oime, donato il core,
Nasce in me quell'ardore,
Donna crudel, che m'arde in ogno loco,
Tal che son tutto foco,
E se per amar voi, l'aspro martire
Mi fa di duol morire,
Miser! che far debb'io
Privo di voi che sete ogni ben mio?

Text from Primo Libro de
Madrigali by Monteverdi

Eyes serene and clear,
You inflame me, but my heart must
Find pleasure, not sorrow, in the fire.
Words sweet and dear,
You wound me, but my breast must
Find pleasure, not sorrow, in the wound.
O, miracle of love!
The soul that is all fire and blood,
Melts yet feels no sorrow, dies yet does not
languish.

If, alas, when I gave you my heart,
There was born in me that passion,
Cruel Lady, which burns me everywhere
So that I am all aflame,
And if, loving you, bitter torment
Makes me die of sorrow,
Wretched me! What shall I do
Without you who are my every joy?

English Translations by Erica Muhl

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Paul Salamunovich

Paul Salamunovich, the Los Angeles Master Chorale's highly esteemed music director since 1991, has been associated with the Chorale since its founding and is just the third maestro to lead the chorus since its inception. Salamunovich was described recently by a Los Angeles Times critic as having

"sharpened and refined his choral instrument to a virtually unbeatable level."

Salamunovich's roots in the choral world run deep. A Los Angeles native, he was a charter member of the Los Angeles Concert Youth Chorus in 1946, which evolved into the Roger Wagner Chorale in 1949 and became the Los Angeles Master Chorale in 1964. Salamunovich served as the Master Chorale's Assistant Conductor under Roger Wagner until 1977.

During Salamunovich's years as music director, the Los Angeles Master Chorale released two widely acclaimed CDs under the RCM label, Lauridsen — Lux Æterna and Christmas, the Chorale's first recording. Lauridsen — Lux Æterna, a top-seller throughout the country since its release in 1998, received a Grammy® nomination from the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences.

A highly esteemed music educator, Salamunovich was on the faculty of what is now Loyola Marymount University for 27 years. Salamunovich holds honorary doctorates from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota and Loyola Marymount. He has also served as Conductor in Residence at the University of Western Australia in Perth and the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome and is the recipient of the first Lifetime Achievement Award from MidAmerica Productions at Carnegie Hall. As part of the Los Angeles Master Chorale's educational programs, Salamunovich leads a remarkable gathering of more than 1,000 high school students who come together under his direction at the annual High School Choir Festival.

In 1995, Salamunovich joined Placido Domingo and Judith Jamison as an honoree for the Distinguished Artists Award presented by Club 100 of the Los Angeles Music Center. He has also been honored by the Vatican for his outstanding contributions in the field of sacred music and performed for Pope John Paul II on three occasions.

Throughout his career, Salamunovich has guest-conducted more than 750 choral concerts throughout the world. He has also conducted choral segments on numerous motion picture soundtracks for Columbia, Paramount, 20th Century Fox and Warner Bros.

In addition to his work with the Los Angeles Master Chorale, Salamunovich serves as Director of Music as St. Charles Borromeo Church in North Hollywood, where he recently celebrated his 50th anniversary.



Morten Lauridsen

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Los Angeles Master Chorale, is
currently one of America's most
widely performed composers.
His four choral cycles, the
Mid-Winter Songs on poems
by Robert Graves, Madrigali:
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Renaissance Poems, Lux Æterna and Les Chansons des Roses on poems by Rilke have become standard works in the literature and are featured regularly by distinguished ensembles such as the Atlanta Symphony Chorus, Chanticleer, the Robert Shaw, Dale Warland and Elmer Iseler Singers, the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, I Cantori and Dessoff Choirs of New York, Chicago a cappella, the Pacific Chorale and both the Los Angeles and San Francisco Chamber Singers.

Lauridsen's O Magnum Mysterium has had well over three thousand performances throughout the world since its 1994 premiere by Maestro Salamunovich and the Master Chorale, including concerts at Westminster Abbey, St. Martins onthe-Fields and a tour of Russia by the Princeton Chamber Singers and at Carnegie Hall, the Spoleto Festival, U.S.A. and the recent New York Philharmonic's "American Choral Classics" program by the Westminster Choir, conducted by Joseph Flummerfelt. O Magnum Mysterium and Dirait-on (from Les Chansons des Roses) have become the all-time best selling choral octavos distributed by Theodore Presser, in business since 1783. Lauridsen's works are featured regularly on the nationally-syndicated radio program, The First Art.

The Choral Journal named his works as among the most outstanding contemporary choral compositions, devoting an extended article to them in a recent issue. His works have been widely recorded (over two dozen recordings of O Magnum Mysterium alone to date), including a Grammy-nominated all-Lauridsen CD by the Los Angeles Master Chorale on RCM records, conducted by Paul Salamunovich, containing the Lux Æterna, Les Chansons des Roses, Ave Maria, Mid-Winter Songs and O Magnum Mysterium.

Lauridsen's two solo vocal cycles, A Winter Come (Moss) and Cuatro Canciones (Lorca) have been performed by vocalists including Paul Sperry, Rose Taylor and Rosa Lamoreaux and numerous contemporary music ensembles. His compositions have also been premiered by Tchiakovsky Gold Medalist Nathaniel Rosen, the Pasadena Chamber Orchestra, Canadian Brass trumpeter Ronald Romm, the Viklarbo Chamber Ensemble and Geneva Gold Medalist Juliana Gondek, among others.

A recipient of numerous grants, prizes and commissions, including those from the National Endowment for the Arts,

the Board of Governors of the Los Angeles Music Center, Meet the Composer, Chorus America and ASCAP, Mr. Lauridsen is Professor and Chair of the Composition Department at the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music. A native of the Pacific Northwest, Mr. Lauridsen divides his time between Los Angeles and his summer home on a remote island off the northern coast of Washington State.



Libby Larsen

ibby Larsen, one of the most celebrated composers working today, has created an immense catalogue of works that spans virtually every genre and has established a permanent place in concert repertory. Consistently soughtafter as a leader in the generation of millenium thinkers,

Larsen's music and ideas have refreshed the concert music tradition and the composer's role in it.

Larsen's a cappella choral work, Sea Change, commissioned for the Los Angeles Master Chorale, is being performed today for the first time. This world premiere is Larsen's second premiere with the Los Angeles Master Chorale, the first being the West Coast premiere of Seven Ghosts in May of 1995.

Libby Larsen has been called "A mistress of orchestration (*The Times Union*)" as well as "the only English-speaking composer since Benjamin Britten who matches great verse with fine music so intelligently and expressively (*USA Today*)." *Gramophone* has called her Symphony: Water Music "the finest water music since Respighi's *Fountains*." "...her use of synthesized sound points to options that could help opera survive into the 21st century (*USA Today*)."

Larsen's awards and accolades are numerous; she was given a 1994 Grammy as producer for the CD The Art of Arleen Auger, an acclaimed recording that features Larsen's Sonnets from the Portuguese. Her opera, Frankenstein, The Modern Prometheus, was selected as one of the eight best classical musical events of 1990 by USA Today. Her music has been commissioned and performed widely by the world's greatest artists.

A Koch International recording of her orchestral/vocal works, performed by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra conducted by Joel Revzen and featuring soprano Benita Valente, is due for release in 2000. Libby Larsen's fifth symphony, Solo Symphony, was premiered and recorded by the Colorado Symphony in September of 1999. Larsen is published by Oxford University Press and E.C. Schirmer.

Los Angeles Master Chorale

he 120-voice Los Angeles Master Chorale, led by Music Director Paul Salamunovich, maintains a unique and distinguished position as the largest choral organization of its kind in the United States. Recognized not only as one of Los Angeles' cultural treasures but also as one of the world's premier choruses, the Chorale has played a leading role in the ongoing resurgence of interest in choral music. The Los Angeles Master Chorale is a resident company of the Los Angeles Music Center and will join the L.A. Philharmonic as a resident company of the eagerly awaited Walt Disney Concert Hall.

The first organization in the nation to offer a complete season of great choral masterworks, the Los Angeles Master Chorale has also presented seventeen world premieres, two American premieres, and four West Coast premieres, thirteen commissioned by and for the Chorale. The Chorale's 36th season (1999-2000) follows an unusually successful 1998-99 season that included a Grammy nomination from the National Academy of Recording Arts &



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Sciences for the critically acclaimed, top-selling compact disc recording Lauridsen – Lux Aeterna.

The Los Angeles Master Chorale, declared "a major cultural asset to Los Angeles" by the Los Angeles Times and lauded by conductor Sir Simon Rattle as "one of the finest choruses in the world," was founded in 1962 by world-renowned conductor Roger Wagner as the first "master chorale" in the country. The Chorale gave its first performance at the Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in 1964, presenting a full season every year since then with its own Sinfonia Orchestra. One of the Music Center's three original performing arts companies in residence, the Los Angeles Master Chorale will once again be a founding resident company upon the opening of Disney Hall. Over the years, the Master Chorale has hosted such distinguished guest conductors as Robert Shaw, Alfred Wallenstein, Helmuth Rilling, Margaret Hillis, Robert Page and Richard Westenberg.

Paul Salamunovich was appointed Music Director in 1991 as the third maestro to lead the chorus since its inception, and he has been associated with the Chorale since its founding. One of the countless accolades he has received throughout his tenure came recently from a Los Angeles Times critic who wrote, "[Music Director] Salamunovich has sharpened and refined his choral instrument to a virtually unbeatable level."

In addition to presenting its own season, the Chorale performs regularly with the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Music Center and the Hollywood Bowl. The Los Angeles Master Chorale has also recorded with the L.A. Philharmonic and has performed and recorded with such stellar artists as Zubin Mehta, Carlo Maria Guilini, Andre Previn, Pierre Boulez, Michael Tilson-Thomas and Roger Norrington, among many others.

The Chorale has released two widely acclaimed CDs under the RCM label, including Lauridsen – Lux Aeterna, devoted to the works of Master Chorale Composer-in-Residence, Morten Lauridsen. Lauridsen – Lux Aeterna, which has been a top-seller throughout the country since its release in 1998, includes three world premiere recordings, Lux Aeterna, Ave Maria and Mid-Winter Songs. Lauridsen – Lux Aeterna was preceded by Christmas, the Chorale's first recording, which features Lauridsen's classic O magnum mysterium, two other modern Christmas compositions, a selection of timeless Latin pieces, and traditional holiday melodies.

The Los Angeles Master Chorale has been featured on the soundtracks of many major motion pictures, including Air Force One, Batman & Robin, Dracula, Extreme Measures, First Knight, Flatliners, Grand Canyon, Independence Day, Intersection, My Best Friend's Wedding, Outbreak, Twister, and Waterworld, among others. The Chorale has also worked with such popular performers as Andrea Bocelli.

Extending its reach to young voices in the community, the Master Chorale stages a remarkable gathering of young voices when the choral talents of more than one thousand high school students are brought together under the direction of Maestro Salamunovich at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion during its annual Los Angeles Master Chorale High School Choir Festival. Additional educational outreach programs are offered by the Los Angeles Master Chorale's Chamber Singers, who appear at more than 35 Los Angeles Unified School district elementary and middle schools each season.

CALENDAR EVENTS

APRIL

2000

April 5 7:30 pm Glendale Borders Books and Music

Listen Up!, the Los Angeles Master Chorale choral music listening club led by Peter Rutenberg (free and open to the public). Session in connection with Made In L.A.

April 6 morning Walt Disney Elementary School

Los Angeles Master Chorale Chamber Singers Outreach: Interactive In-School Performances.

April II morning Riverside Elementary School

Los Angeles Master Chorale Chamber Singers Outreach: Interactive In-School Performances.

April I3 8:00 pm Dorothy Chandler Pavilion April I4 I:30 pm April I6 2:30 pm

Los Angeles Master Chorale performs Bartók's Miraculous Mandarin with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, Iván Fischer conducting.

April 14 morning Markham Middle School

Los Angeles Master Chorale Chamber Singers Outreach: Interactive In-School Performances.

April 14 8:00 pm Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Los Angeles Master Chorale presents Made in L.A.

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May 3 7:30 pm Glendale Borders Books and Music

Listen Up!, the Los Angeles Master Chorale choral music listening club led by Peter Rutenberg (free and open to the public). Session in connection with Hollywood Goes Classical.

May 7 7:30 pm Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Los Angeles Master Chorale presents Hollywood Goes Classical, followed by Voices and Views VII Gala.

May 25, 26, 27 8:00 pm Dorothy Chandler Pavilion May 28 2:30 pm Dorothy Chandler Pavilion June 2 8:15 pm

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Los Angeles Master Chorale performs Ravel's L'enfant

et les sortilèges with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, Simon Rattle conducting.

June 3, 4 daytime Loyola Marymount University

Los Angeles Master Chorale's Summer Choral Institute: Fauré Requiem and Lauridsen O Magnum Mysterium.

For more information on any of these events, please call The Los Angeles Master Chorale at 213-626-0624. When the Los Angeles Master Chorale and Sinfonia Orchestra step onto the stage, they do so because of the generosity of individuals, companies and foundations that are passionate about supporting this great music — individuals who realize that ticket sales alone will never begin to pay for this expensive and treasured art form.

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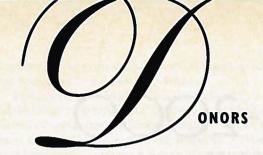
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Sign up now for this unique opportunity by sending your name, address, phone number, and donation of \$250 to LAMC (checks or credit card), 333 South Grand Avenue, Suite 480, Los Angeles, CA 90071. Please indicate your voice part. For further information, please call the Master Chorale office at 213-626-0624.

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