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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LETTER

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Dear Friends,

s I write this message, anticipating the final concert in this landmark season for the Los Angeles Master Chorale, I find myself reflecting on the events and emotions that propelled us all through this extraordinary time. An organization such as ours is presented with so many opportunities and challenges during a time of leadership transition, and yet none of us could have imagined how current events would inform and occasionally alter our approach to concerts

this year. We are grateful beyond measure to our faithful audience members who returned time and again to hear great choral music performed by the very best ensemble in Southern California. I know you will agree that Grant Gershon and the members of the Chorale have given us numerous moments of exceptional music making, as well as the promise of tremendous concerts to come.

The end of this season brings another transition, as Rae Macdonald, the Master Chorale's production manager for 16 years, leaves the organization. Some of you know that Rae has been affiliated with this ensemble since its inception, singing with the Roger Wagner Chorale as well as the Los Angeles Master Chorale, and then joining the administrative staff in John Currie's first year as music director. On behalf of the Board of Directors and professional staff, I extend heartfelt thanks for Rae's generous commitment and wish her good luck and much happiness in the future.

And now we look forward with great eagerness to the Los Angeles Master Chorale's 39th and final season in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, anticipating our residence in Walt Disney Concert Hall beginning in the fall of 2003. Opening on September 29 with a monumental program of Verdi, Schubert and Britten, next season once again showcases Grant's diverse and compelling vision for this remarkable ensemble. We are, of course, extremely excited to be the first professional ensemble to perform in the new Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in a November 10 concert of transcendent music that features the Cathedral's new Dobson pipe organ. March will be a milestone month for us when we perform a concert of Latin American music, including the world premiere of Tania León's *Rezos*, both in Los Angeles and New York, where we will also join the Los Angeles Philharmonic in performances of John Adams' amazing opera *El Niño*. We are proud to continue our partnership with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra when in April, under the baton of Grant Gershon, we offer two performances of the Mozart *Messiah*. And we say farewell to the Pavilion on June 7 with a program of film music, collaborating with renowned composer and good friend J.A.C. Redford.

We have boundless gratitude for the generosity of our donors and patrons, and we want you to feel a vital part of this organization's bright future. Your support makes it possible, and we thank you.

Sincerely,

Terry Knowles Executive Director

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ISRAEL IN EGYPT

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Listen Up! A pre-concert conversation at 6:30 p.m. with Alan Chapman and Music Director Grant Gershon.

Grant Gershon

Conductor

Tania Batson

Soprano

Holly Shaw Price

Soprano

Steven Rickards

Countertenor

Jonathan Mack

Tenor

Jinyoung Jang

Bass

Lewis Landau

Bass

Israel in Egypt

Part I

Recitative - Tenor

Alto Solo and Double Chorus

Recitative – Tenor

Chorus

Air – Alto

Double Chorus

Double Chorus

Chorus

Chorus

Chorus

Chorus

Double Chorus

Chorus

Chorus

Double Chorus

Chorus

Intermission

George Friederich Handel

(1685-1759)

Now there arose a new King

And the children of Israel sighed

Then sent he Moses

They loathed to drink of the river

Their land brought forth frogs

He spake the word

He gave them hailstones

He sent a thick darkness

He smote all the first-born of Egypt

But as for his people

Egypt was glad

He rebuked the Red Sea

He led them through the deep

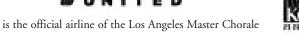
But the waters overwhelmed

And Israel saw that great work

And believed the Lord

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Israel in Egypt

Part II

Double Chorus

Moses and the children of Israel

Double Chorus I will sing unto the Lord

Duet – Two Sopranos The Lord is my strength

Double Chorus He is my God

Chorus

And I will exhalt Him

Duet – Two Basses

The Lord is a man of war

Double Chorus

The depths have covered them

Double Chorus Thy right hand, O Lord

Double Chorus And in the greatness

Double Chorus

Thou sentest forth Thy wrath

Chorus

And with the blast of Thy nostrils

Air – Tenor The enemy said
Air – Soprano Thou didst blow

Double Chorus Who is like unto Thee

Double Chorus The earth swallow'd them

Duet – Alto and Tenor Thou in Thy mercy

Double Chorus The people shall hear

Air – Alto Thou shalt bring them in

Double Chorus The Lord shall reign

Recitative – Tenor For the horse of Pharaoh

Double Chorus The Lord shall reign

Recitative – Tenor And Miriam, the Prophetess

Soprano Solo and Double Chorus Sing ye to the Lord

This concert is sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

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LETTER FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

srael in Egypt is the quintessential choral oratorio. Not only does it contain more choruses than any other Handel oratorio, but the sustained brilliance and virtuosity of the choral writing (mainly for double choir) clearly demonstrate that Handel's imagination and inspiration were enflamed by the subject matter.

It is, however, that very subject matter that I find deeply troubling given the events of the past year, and particularly the present disastrous situation in the Middle East. It is certainly one of the most ancient and enduring ideas in times of war that God or 'the gods' are on our side exclusively. But the passages from the book of Exodus that Handel chooses to set go way beyond God helping the (self-acknowledged) righteous in battle. With the graphic depiction of the ten plagues visited upon the Egyptian people, and in particular the account of the slaying of the first-born of Egypt, we are presented with a disturbing narrative of blind vengeance and genocide visited even upon innocent children. There are other uncomfortable moments in this work. Given the events of September 11th, and the now familiar hate-filled invocations of the terrorists to an angry deity, it is difficult to hear the duet "The Lord is a Man of War" as pure musical entertainment.

So, how do we justify or at least balance our performance of this suddenly problematic masterwork? There are three aspects of the piece that for me become critically important in this context. First, the story of the Exodus has throughout history offered inspiration for innumerable peoples as the most powerful symbol of the struggle for liberation over oppression and slavery. It is Handel's epic depiction of sorrow and desperation in the opening chorus of the enslaved Israelites that becomes the catalyst for all that follows in this oratorio—the musical counterbalance to the ensuing choruses of the plagues. Second, as in most great works of art, there is a strong undercurrent of compassion and humanity in much of Israel in Egypt. One need look no further than the desolate postapocalyptic setting of "He sent a great darkness over all the land," or the alto's cradle song "Thou shalt bring them in and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance." Handel seems always to feel keenly the human dimension and human toll of this mythic series of events. Third and finally, I believe that one must simply approach this piece with eyes wide open to all of its contradictions and implications. By looking equally at both the beautiful and the repugnant in such works as Israel in Egypt, The Merchant of Venice or even The Magic Flute we are presented with an opportunity to fearlessly examine our own humanity and values.

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Grant Gershon, Music Director

PROGRAM NOTES

BY PETER RUTENBERG

srael in Egypt is the first chapter in a long story of freedom won by 600,000 Israelites during the Passover and flight from Pharaoh's oppression, about 3300 years ago. The book is still being written, for its object—in every age and with so many peoples—is still under contention.

George Friederich Handel arrived in England — a bright star of Italian Opera — in advance of the Hanover King George I who appointed him and was about to take the throne. There, a long-standing choral tradition held sway. Moreover, his adopted land's fortunes were in mild distress and a certain bishop was making trouble for the theater, so Handel obliged his producers by discarding the costumes, scenery and other costly indulgences to write "operas for the mind." The grand oratorio was born. He was just the one to do it, too, for nowhere else could one find music of such sweep, grace, depth and elegance but in his uniquely theatrical and creative sensibilities. Others may have needed the trappings of the stage, but Handel was able to dress his actors and scenery with the provocations of melody, rhythm, color, and form, not to mention a good deal of pomp and circumstance, accomplishing more with less. Such was his genius that the rest of it was hardly missed.

Hebrew Scripture provided just what the librettist ordered — narrative of the monumental kind. Handel's nearly 30 oratorios call on the heros of the Old Testament, including warriors and kings such as Saul, Belshazzar and Solomon, and not so infrequently, strong, brave and intelligent women such as Deborah, Rebecca, and Esther — that remarkable teenager who was to save the entire Jewish race during the later Persian captivity. Victor and villain alike enjoy exquisite arias, the occasional dramatic duet, the plotadvancing recitatives, and usually a chorus or two to sum things up and offer praise and thanksgiving to God. As the eminent musicologist Manfred Bukofzer asserted some 55 years ago, it was this form of choral drama rather than opera in which "The baroque ideal, the revival of the Greek tragedy, has been more nearly realized."

The story of the Exodus is told from one perspective only — the Israelites, as represented by the chorus and spelled occasionally by unidentified narrators whom we may assume are random individuals from the populace. Indeed, what sets this oratorio apart from the others is the simple but dynamic fact that the *only* well-defined character in the story is the Jewish people. Moses' identity is mentioned only in passing while the emphasis is rightfully placed on the invisible but mighty author of the story's many miracles — God himself. Thus there are but seven arias and four brief recitatives assigned to soloists, while there are 20 full choruses! The sheer size of the population materializes in several numbers for *double* chorus, symbolizing the dialogue of various factions, and the thoughts and ideas uttered simultaneously by many people undergoing a life-change of epic proportions. All are accounted for in Handel's dense and assertive textures.

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Structurally, Israel in Egypt is divided into two parts, the first subtitled "Exodus" and the second, "Moses' Song." Handel himself selected the texts, mainly from Exodus XV and various psalms. The action picks up with the slaves' supplication to God for relief from their heavy burdens and Moses' storied request to Pharaoh. Pharaoh has already said yes, but his obsessive-compulsive tendency to "second thoughts" brings God's ire in a string of ten plagues - one more horrific and reviling than the last. Handel's richly descriptive music portrays each affliction in full character: the blotches and boils erupt with searing pain; there is no swatter big enough to contain the swarms of flies, as played by menacing strings; and the final coup — the slaying of the first-born Egyptian children including Pharaoh's own son — resounds with the drill-team precision of the angels' army of death. So terrifying is the imagery that we don't doubt the sincerity of the Egyptians' relief as the Israelites flee eastward. Part One concludes with the parting of the Red Sea and the people's recognition of the great miracles that have befallen them.

The celebration begins in earnest in Part Two: a brief, double-dotted rhythm in the orchestra stirs the sustained notes of the full chorus, followed by an uproar of glorious rejoicing. The famous gallop-theme (Handel's answer to the *William Tell Overture*) surges to the fore in its first appearance, and recurs occasionally as a joyous refrain. In contrast to the horror of the plagues, Handel paints equally stunning pictures of the triumph, as the stories of the escape are etched into legend one by one. The final sequence of numbers ebbs and flows with growing heroism until the final utterance of the text that follows us out the door: "the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea."

Like so many other of Handel's oratorios, *Israel in Egypt* was written in an astonishingly brief stitch of time — a single month — between the first of October and first of November, in 1738. It debuted in April the following year in the King's Theatre, Haymarket, London. The initial reception was lukewarm, owing in part to the public being unaccustomed to sacred words in a secular place, and in part to the unfamiliar balance of solo numbers with chorus. Subsequent performances and modern revivals — especially given this subject matter in the context of our own times — support this masterwork's place in the repertoire. Rendering an opinion to Gluck on the latter's new opera *The Fall of the Giants* Handel snapped, "You have taken too much trouble... What the English like is something they can beat time to, something that hits them straight on the drum of the ear." In *Israel in Egypt* as in all pursuits, Handel was true both to his subject and to himself and we are the richer for it.

Peter Rutenberg is producer of the Master Chorale's latest album, Argento • Duruflé, as well as their Grammy-nominated Lauridsen Lux Aeterna CD, and, together with Fred Vogler, owns RCM records. He also produced The First Art national radio series for nine years, and is founding music director and conductor of Los Angeles Chamber Singers & Cappella, now in its twelfth season. This is Mr. Rutenberg's fourth season as the Chorale's Program Annotator.

LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE

SOPRANO	Marie Hodgson	Vickere Murphy
Samela Beasom	Karen Hogle	Frances Pampeyan
Elizabeth Benson	Janet Hook	Theresa Patten
Deborah Briggs	Gina Howell	Shira Rogers
Vicky Brown	Carol Stickels Juhas	Linda Sauer
Renee Burkett Shulgold	Gloria Seunghee Kim	Stephanie Sharpe
Sara Camp	Hyun Joo Kim	Rachelle Skloff
Pamela Chapin	Emily Lin	Diane Thomas
Judi Domroy	Cindy Martineau	Inyong Um
Robyn Frey-Monell	Susan Mills	Nancy von Oeyen
Mirta Gasparri	Marnie Mosiman	Sun Joo Yeo
ALTO	Michelle Fournier	Helène Quintana
Mary Bailey	Akiko Fujimaki	Leslie Sabedra
Nicole Baker	Shin Han	Niké Simor
Helen Birch	Saundra Hall Hill	Nancy Sulahian
Sarah Bloxham	Karen Hart	Kimberly Switzer
Leanna Brand	Kyra Humphrey	Diane Wallace
Aleta Braxton	Sara Minton	Barbara Wilson
Cheryll Desberg	Sheila Murphy	Diana Zaslove
Suzanne Ellis	Alice Kirwan Murray	
Amy Fogerson	Nancy OBrien	
TENOR	Randall Garrou	Dominic Mac Aller
Brenton Almond	Paul Gibson	Sal Malaki
Lenard Berglund	Jack Golightly	Christian Marcoe
Scott Blois	Jody Golightly	Marvin Neumann
Andrew Brown	Steven Harms	Nick Nicassio
Rich Brunner	Drew Holt	Bart Seebach
David Bunker	Shawn Kirchner	George Sterne
Mark Burroughs	Bong won Kye	Mallory Walker
Pablo Corá	Charles Lane	
BASS	Steven Fraider	Bob McCormac
Crispin Barrymore	Michael Freed	Jim Raycroft
Joseph Bazyouros	Gregory Geiger	John Reinebach
Mark Beasom	Michael Geiger	Christopher Rhode
Paul Bent	Bruce Goldes	David Schnell
Steven Berman	Scott Graff	Burman Timberlak
Aaron Cain	Stephen Grimm	David Tinoco
Paul Cummings	Paul Hinshaw	Burton York
Greg Davies	Robert Lewis	
Jim Ellfeldt	Roger Lindbeck	
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VIOLIN I

Barry Socher, Concertmaster

Nicole Bush Juliann French

Constance Meyer

Julie Rogers Ernest Salem Linda Stone Dynell Weber

VIOLIN II

Jennifer Levin, Principal

Jeffrey Gauthier

Isabelle Lee Marvin Palatt

Chris Reutinger

Ruth Siegel

Jean Sudbury

Pamela Tompkins

VIOLA

Samuel Formicola, Principal

Briana Ackerman

Gina Dorman

Carrie Holzman

Renita Koven

Jane Levy

CELLO

David Speltz, Principal

Delores Bing

Margaret Edmundson

Maurice Grants

Nadine Hall

BASS

Kirs Kollgaard, Principal

Peter Doubrovsky

David Parmeter

TRUMPET

Roy Poper, Principal

William Bing

TROMBONE

David Stetson, Principal

Amy Bowers

David Goya

OBOE

Joel Timm, Principal

Michele Forrest

BASSOON

William Wood, Principal

Theresa Treuenfels

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Cathy Miller Popovic

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GRANT GERSHON

Renowned conductor Grant Gershon became Music Director of the Los Angeles Master Chorale in July 2001, bringing a wealth of artistic accomplishments to this prestigious post. A gifted conductor, pianist and vocalist, Gershon is equally at home conducting

and performing choral and symphonic music, opera, and musical theater. He recently completed a term as assistant conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, which he led in performances with such soloists as Evelyn Glennie, Marcus Roberts, and Frederica von Stade. He also served as Assistant Conductor with the Los Angeles Opera, where he collaborated in over 40 productions and garnered a reputation as one of the country's exceptional vocal coaches.

Gershon has been guest conductor of the Chicago Symphony Chorus, the New York Choral Artists, and the London Sinfonietta Voices, as well as the choruses of the Festival Aix-en-Provence and Paris' Theatre du Châtelet. He has appeared as guest conductor of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Houston Grand Opera, Juilliard Opera Theater, and the Finnish chamber orchestra Avanti!. Gershon has led performances at the Edinburgh, Vienna and Helsinki Festivals, and in July 2001 conducted performances of Rossini's *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* at the Aspen Music Festival. He and his wife, soprano Elissa Johnston, were featured last spring in the world premiere of a work set to ten orchestral songs by Richard Strauss, choreographed by Peter Martins, Artistic Director of the New York City Ballet.

As a pianist, Gershon has appeared in recitals with Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Peter Schreier, Audra McDonald, Rodney Gilfry, and Sanford Sylvan. His recording with tenor John Aler, entitled "Songs We Forgot to Remember," was recently released on Delos Records, and he is featured on a coming release on Nonesuch of music by Ricky Ian Gordon. An ardent champion of new music, Gershon conducted the world premiere performances of John Adams' opera/theater piece *I Was Looking at the Ceiling and Then I Saw the Sky*, directed by Peter Sellars and was vocal director on the Nonesuch recording of the work.

Gershon received his Bachelor of Music degree cum laude in piano performance from the University of Southern California and was named Outstanding Graduate of the University's School of Music.

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Soprano Tania Batson was last featured as the soprano soloist in this season's Messiah Sing-Along. Ms. Batson made her New York City Opera debut in the New York Premiere company of Tobias Pikar's *Emmeline*. Favorite performances include singing the role of Ygraine in Dukas' *Ariane et Bartbe-Bleu* with the American Symphony Orchestra at Lincoln Center and with the New York

Philharmonic in their critically acclaimed presentation of *Sweeney Todd* at Avery Fisher Hall. She has been a guest artist at Yale University, Columbia University, and Mars Hill College.

In addition to her solo and recital work, Ms. Batson has been a member of composer Alice Parker's Melodious Accord and sang with the New York Choral Artists on numerous occasions including "Live from Lincoln Center: A Celebration of Musical Theatre," on PBS' Great Performances and the U.S. premiere of Paul McCartney's *Standing Stone* at Carnegie Hall. This is her first season as a member of the Los Angeles Master Chorale. She received a BA in Music from Emory University where she was awarded the Louis Sudler Prize for Outstanding Contribution to the Arts, and holds a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from Boston University.



Soprano Holly Shaw Price is in her sixteenth year with the Los Angeles Master Chorale and has performed for fifteen years with the Los Angeles Bach Festival. She holds music degrees from Oberlin Conservatory and USC. Ms. Price has studied with such renowned teachers as Pierre Bernac in Paris, France, Gwendolyn Koldofsky at USC School of Music, and Harold Heiberg at the

Graz Summer Institute in Graz Austria.

A Metropolitan Opera Finalist in both Los Angeles and Dallas, she is in demand as a Bach and Oratorio soloist. She has appeared with the Atlanta, Sacramento, and Fairbanks Symphonies. She is a frequent soloist with the Angeles Chorale where she has appeared in productions of the Mozart *Requiem* and Bach's *St. John Passion*, which was recently aired on radio station KMZT. She toured the south of France with the St. Cere Festival of Music with her late uncle, Robert Shaw. Ms. Price has performed on many movie sound tracks, the NBC production "Easter is for Everyone" and also the televised Grammy Awards in 1993. Ms. Price is on the voice faculties of Pomona College, California State University (Los Angeles), and Glendale College.



Since graduating from the University of Southern California with degrees in French horn and voice, Lyric Tenor Jonathan Mack's career has taken him throughout the United States, Europe and Australia as a recital, concert, and opera singer.

Now in his sixteenth season with the Los Angeles Opera, Mr. Mack has performed over forty roles, including Ferrando in

Mozart's Cosi fan tutti, Kudrjas in Janacek's Katya Kabanova, Quint in Britten's Turn of the Screw, and Orpheus in Offenbach's Orpheus in the Underworld. Appearances with other companies include Belmonte in Mozart's Abduction for the Seraglio for Netherlands Opera, Lysander in Britten's Midsummer Night's Dream for Kentucky Opera and the Steersman in Wagner's Flying Dutchman for Opera Columbus. Most recently, he made his sixth appearance with the San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival singing Tamino in the Magic Flute.

His concert work includes engagements with the London Symphony Orchestra, Chautauqua Festivals, the Carmel Bach Festival, the L.A. Philharmonic and the Minnesota Orchestra. Recent performances include a tour of the province of Quebec in Beethoven's 9th Symphony with the Montreal Metropolitan, Britten's War Requiem with the Questa Master Chorale and Frank Ticheli's Pulitzer-prize-nominated 1st Symphony with Festival Miami.

Mr. Mack is on the voice faculty at the University of Southern California, Chapman University and Cal State University Long Beach.



Steven Rickards has received international acclaim as one of America's finest countertenors. He is the first countertenor to receive a Master of Music degree in vocal performance from Indiana University, receiving his artist diploma in 1979. In 1981 Rickards received a Fulbright-Hayes Scholarship and a Rotary International Grant for continued studies at the Guildhall School of Music and

Drama in London. He also studied in Aldeburgh with Sir Peter Pears and Robert Spencer.

Mr. Rickards' schedule of performances has included appearances with Chicago's Music of the Baroque and Basically Bach, the Los Angeles Master Chorale, His Majesty's Clerkes, Toronto's Tafelmusik, New York's Waverly Consort and Concert Royale, San Francisco's Chanticleer and American Bach soloists, London's Gabrieli Consort and the New London Consort, the Opera Company of Philadelphia, the Santa Fe Opera, and the symphony orchestras of St. Louis, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, and Virginia. He has sung at Carnegie Hall with the Oratorio Society of New York and in France with Robert Shaw. He recently appeared with the Baerum Bach Choir in Oslo performing Bach's *B Minor Mass*.

Mr. Rickards has been featured in many major works including

Bach's St. Matthew Passion under the direction of Joshua Rifkin, the world premiere of Ladislav Kubik's Der Weg at the Academy of Music in Prague, several 20th century premiere performances of Baroque works, including Handel's Siroe in New York, Matthew Locke's Psyche with the English Opera Society, and the American premiere of Mondonville's De Profundis at Harvard University. He has also toured extensively throughout the U.S. and Central America giving concerts and masterclasses on Elizabethan song with lutenist Dorothy Linell.



Bass Lewis Landau received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music from California State University, Los Angeles, with solo performance honors. While attending CSULA, he studied with Esther Andreas, Mona Paulee, and currently studies with Pollyanne Baxter. Mr. Landau also has extensive operatic training from Graz, Austria, at the American Institute of

Musical Studies. He has sung for the Master Classes of Sherrill Milnes, George Shirley, Martial Sigher and Margaret Harshaw and possesses an extensive list of oratorio and operatic roles to his credit. Among his opera credits, Mr. Landau has performed Germont in *La Traviata*, Silvio in *I Pagliacci*, Figaro and Count Almaviva in *The Marriage of Figaro*, Frank in *Die Fledermaus*, and Marcel in *La Boheme*.

Mr. Landau has appeared as a featured soloist with the Master Chorale on several occasions, including the Sing-Along Messiah. He has also performed with numerous other organizations in the Southern California area singing the works of Bach, Beethoven, Dello Joio, Haydn, Fauré, Orff, Vaughn Williams and Vierne.

Mr. Landau is in his ninth season with the Master Chorale and is currently a staff soloist with the Church of Our Saviour in San Gabriel.



Bass Jinyoung Jang is a native of Seoul, Korea. Recently, he made his debut as a bass soloist with the Master Chorale in the Messiah Sing-Along, and in Mozart's Requiem at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. He was awarded second place in the Career Division in the Los Angeles Chapter NATS Competition in 2001. Mr. Jang has performed in Los Angeles as a fea-

tured artist in an *Opera Buffs* concert at the Herbert Zipper Concert Hall. He has also sung with the Knoxville Opera Company and the Nashville Opera Company. This is his first season as a member of the Los Angeles Master Chorale.

Favorite Roles include Don Magnifico, *La Cenerentola*; Mefistofele, *Faust*; Marquis, *Dialogues of the Carmelites*; Mr. Kofner, *The Consul*; Dr. Bartolo, *Le Nozze di Figaro*; Basilio, *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*; Don Alfonso, *Cosi fan tutte*; Talpa, *Il Tabarro*; Frank, *Die Fledermaus*; and King Balthazar, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*.

Mr. Jang holds a Bachelor's degree from Seoul National University, an Artist Certificate from Southern Methodist University, a Master's Degree from the University of Tennessee, and is currently in his third year of post-graduate study at the University of Southern California. He is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, and is currently studying voice with Gary Glaze.



LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE

Recognized not only as one of the Los Angeles' cultural treasures but also as one of the world's premier choruses, the Los Angeles Master Chorale has played a leading role in the ongoing resurgence of interest in choral music. It was the first organization in the nation to offer a complete season of great choral works and is distinguished as one of the largest independent choral organizations in the United States. The Chorale gave its inaugural performance at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in January 1965 and every year since has presented a full season of concerts.

The Los Angeles Master Chorale's 38th season marks a new era in its history, as Grant Gershon assumes the Music Directorship. He succeeds Paul Salamunovich, who after ten years leading the Chorale was named its Music Director Emeritus in June 2001. One of three founding companies at The Music Center, the Los Angeles Master Chorale will once again be a founding resident company when it moves to Walt Disney Concert Hall in fall 2003.

In addition to presenting its own season, the Chorale often collaborates with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and will appear on its August 8th Hollywood Bowl concert. The Los Angeles Master Chorale is featured on the soundtracks of numerous major motion pictures, including A.I. Artificial Intelligence, My Best Friend's Wedding and Batman & Robin.

Extending its reach to young people in the community, the Master Chorale annually brings 1200 singers together at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion for its High School Choir Festival. In addition, the Master Chorale's Chamber Singers present in-school performances, and the current season includes an elementary school residency program, *Voices Within*.

The Chorale has released three acclaimed CDs on RCM, all under the baton of Paul Salamunovich, including Grammy-nominated *Lauridsen-Lux Aeterna*, *Christmas* and *Argent•Duruflé*. Its fourth recording, including music of Philip Glass and Esa-Pekka Salonen, will be released in September 2002.

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WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL

(Right) Posing inside what will

The Los Angeles Master Chorale Board of Directors has been treated to hard-hat tours of the Walt Disney Concert Hall to observe progress on the Chorale's new home. Pictured just following their tour are (top, l to r) Master Chorale President Mark Foster, Marjorie Lindbeck, Eric Olson, Hugh and Elizabeth Ralston, Music Director Grant Gershon, Cookie Olson, and Ray Neevel.

Posing inside what will be Choral Hall are (I to r) Jane McAniff, Albert and Helen McNeil, Terry Dooley, Grant Gershon, Victoria Hobbs, Marie Hodgson and Frank Hobbs.

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On May 5, after conducting a performance by the Chapman Symphony Orchestra and University Choir, Grant Gershon was honored by Chapman University as Alumnus of the Year. Several days later, on May 9, he was recognized by the University of Southern California as the Flora L. Thornton School of Music Outstanding Alumnus of 2002. Congratulations to our Music Director!

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acknowledges with gratitude and best wishes the following singers who leave the ensemble at the end of the current season.

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The Los Angeles Master Chorale honored its new Music Director, Grant Gershon, and composer Esa-Pekka Salonen at its annual Gala Celebration, sponsored by Mellon/Mellon Private Wealth Management, March 16 following the Expressions of Love concert, a performance featuring the U.S. premiere of Mr. Salonen's first choral work, Two Songs To Poems of Ann Jäderlund. Following the concert, guests proceeded to the Fifth Floor overlooking the Music

Center Plaza to be entertained by Celtic harpist Aeden MacDonnell, pianist Stephen Grimm and the Los Angeles Master Chorale and to enjoy an Irish supper complemented by Forest Glen wines and a whiskey bar courtesy of William Grant & Sons. The benefit event, co-chaired by Christine Kuyper and Dona Schultz, was sponsored by Mellon Financial for the ninth consecutive year. Thank you, Mellon!



Co-Chairs Chris Kuyper (I) and Dona Schultz enjoying the evening's success with Scott Sanford, Chairman and CEO, Mellon West, the sponsor of the concert and Gala.



Chairman Ted McAniff (I) and President Mark Foster (r) celebrate with Grant Gershon and L.A. Phil Music Director Esa-Pekka Salonen.



Don and Joyce Nores (center) share the spotlight with Grant Gershon and Esa-Pekka Salonen following the announcement that the Noreses – to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary — are underwriting a new CD featuring Salonen's work, which was premiered during the concert.



Pictured enjoying the Gala festivities are Florence Henderson and Music Director Emeritus Paul Salamunovich.



Ernest Fleischmann (1) and L.A. Phil Music Director Esa-Pekka Salonen (r) join in the official welcome to the Los Angeles Master Chorale Music Director Grant Gershon.



LAMC Executive Director Terry Knowles is pictured at the Gala flanked by Grant Gershon and Esa-Pekka Salonen.

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When the Los Angeles Master Chorale steps onto the stage, it does so because of the generosity of many individuals and organizations who recognize that ticket sales revenue covers less than half of the costs of our concerts and whose generosity helps fill the gap. Please join us in honoring the following individuals, businesses and foundations that have contributed so generously this year to support the artistic and educational activities of the Chorale.

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This Spring, *Voices Within*, the Chorale's new in-school program, took place at four schools. In this program, a composer, playwright and singer/actress visit each school for 8 weeks to enable the students to write their own songs. The lyrics from one of their songs are printed here for you to enjoy. The students pictured here, from Mt. Washington School and Murchison School, are presenting their culmination performance for family and friends.

FREEDOM AND LIFE

by Cecilia, Jasmine, Cindy, Luis and Yvette from Murchison School and Jessica F., Jessica V., Osmund and Irma from Mt. Washington School.

My freedom lives inside me; it's like a beautiful flower.

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My freedom gives me the power to have fun and discover who I can become.

Detective, officer, lawyer, doctor — all of these we could be. But we will achieve something for sure; our future is still so free. My freedom lives inside me; it's like a beautiful flower And though I'm a regular person, I've the right to say who I am. My freedom gives me the power to have fun and discover who I can become.

I want to grow up and have good life; I'll help solve the mysteries. Fighting for people, I'll help and I'll heal; my future's whatever I please.

For information about this program please call 213.972.7282.



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A message from Mark Foster, President of the Board:

The Roger Wagner Society – named after our founding director – recognizes our special friends who have included the Chorale in their estate planning or have made gifts to the Chorale's Endowment Fund. These extraordinary gifts ensure the future of the Chorale and allow us to plan for future seasons at Walt Disney Concert Hall.

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Pictured in the Winner's Circle at Hollywood Park are (I to r) Marshall Rutter, Executive Director Terry Knowles, LAMC President Mark Foster, Music Director Grant Gershon, Phyllis Rothrock, Helen McNeil, and Christine and Peter Kuyper. The event was organized by the Master Chorale Associates to benefit the annual High School Choir Festival. Phyllis Rothrock chaired the Festival, and Helen McNeil is President of the Master Chorale Associates. Marshall Rutter and Christine Kuyper are LAMC Board Members.

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