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Sunday, November 12 at 7 pm

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**BACH** | Cantata 6 from Christmas Oratorio & holiday favorites

Sunday, December 10 at 7 pm

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#### shine: Reich 70th Birthday Tribute

**STEVE REICH** | **Daniel Variations** (WEST COAST PREMIERE) STEVE REICH | You Are (Variations)

**Early Renaissance Motets** 

Sunday, January 28 at 7 pm

#### shout: The Music of Mary Lou Williams

MARY LOU WILLIAMS | Mary Lou's Mass

Sunday, March 4 at 7 pm

#### awaken: Christopher Rouse

CHRISTOPHER ROUSE | Requiem (WORLD PREMIERE)

Sunday, March 25 at 7 pm

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#### BIOS



### Grant Gershon MUSIC DIRECTOR

**Born:** November 10, 1960, in Norwalk, California

At the Chorale: Music Director, now in his sixth season, Grant has expanded the choir's repertoire considerably by conducting a number of world premieres: You Are (Variations) by Steve Reich, Messages and Brief Eternity by Bobby McFerrin and Roger Treece, Broken Charms by Donald Crockett, Rezos (Prayers) by Tania León, Mother's Lament by Sharon Farber and Two Songs to Poems of Ann Jäderlund by Esa-Pekka Salonen (U.S. premiere).

**Press:** "Gershon has found a richness of tone and a strength of phrasing that could launch the Chorale onto a new tier of musical importance." — L.A. Weekly

"Gershon is a direct, unfussy conductor, who values clarity, clean execution and immediate statements."

— Los Angeles Times

"visionary" — Daily Breeze
Hailed by the Los Angeles
Times for creating "a dark,
rich sound awash with
resonant sparkling
amplitude." Programming
has been applauded for
being "as warmly spiritual
as it is ambitious."

Other appearances: San Antonio Symphony, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Lincoln Center, Houston Grand Opera, Juilliard Opera Theatre, Gustav Mahler Chamber Orchestra, the Finnish chamber orchestra Avanti! and music festivals in Edinburgh, Vienna, Helsinki, Ravinia, Rome, Madrid and Aspen; Music Director of the Idyllwild Arts Festival Chorus **Coming up:** Will conduct all performances of a new opera by Ricky Ian Gordon, *Grapes of Wrath*, to be premiered in February 2007 by Minnesota Opera and in May 2007 by Utah Opera.

#### Previous assignments:

Los Angeles Philharmonic assistant conductor, 1994–97

**Member of:** the USC Thornton School of Music Board of Councilors

On disc: Two Grammy
Award-nominated recordings
— Sweeney Todd (New York
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Editions) and Ligeti's Grand
Macabre (Sony Classical) —
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#### Los Angeles Master Chorale

**Founded:** 1964 as one of three founding companies at the Music Center; now in its 43rd season

#### **Music Directors:**

Grant Gershon, since 2001; Paul Salamunovich, 1991–2001; John Currie, 1986–1991; Roger Wagner, 1964–1986 **Awards:** ASCAP/Chorus America Award for Adventurous Programming

**Press:** "the most exciting chorus in the country under Grant Gershon"

Los Angeles Times

"singing and direction are first-rate" — *Billboard* 

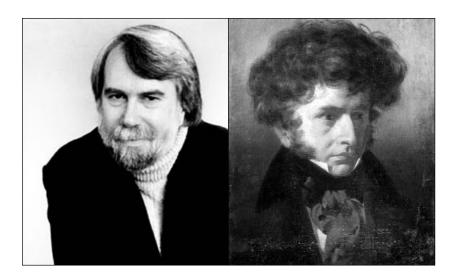
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— Gramophone

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# The Requiem According to Rouse

By Victoria Looseleaf

Composers, like artists of all stripes, admit to being influenced and inspired by others in their respective fields. In the case of 57-year old Christopher Rouse, his regard for the French Romantic, Hector Berlioz, seems to have no bounds.

"I feel complete kinship with him – almost as if I've written all his music myself," says Rouse, who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1993 for his Trombone Concerto. "He's the composer who seems to most line up with my own aesthetic, though my music doesn't sound like a copy of his. The attitude," adds Baltimore-born Rouse, "the mixture of a wild kind of romantic edginess combined with a sense of classicism, which you find

in Berlioz, is part and parcel with my music as well."

Indeed. These qualities – and more – are evident in Rouse's monumental *Requiem*, a 90-minute work originally commissioned by the Chicagobased organization Solo Dei Gloria in 2000, and to be heard for the first time on March 25, 2007, when the Los Angeles Master Chorale presents its world premiere.

Scored for large orchestra, double

chorus, children's chorus and baritone soloist, *Requiem* is an emotionally raw musical journey chronicling Rouse's reaction to the loss of a loved one and was written in honor of the Berlioz bicentenary in 2003. The fact the work was not performed that year makes its debut that much more anticipated.

Says Rouse: "Because it's a full evening with very challenging choral parts, the size, as much as the challenge, scared people away."

#### HIGH NOTES

Never one to shy away from daunting work, Grant Gershon says he jumped at the chance to perform the *Requiem* with the Chorale. "So it's hard," he explains. "That has certainly never stopped us before. The *Requiem* is," adds Gershon, "the largest and most ambitious work to date by one of America's most vital and important composers. It is a beautiful, intense and deeply moving artistic statement – clearly a masterpiece."

Rouse, whose work *The New York*Times cited as "some of the most anguished, most memorable music around," in a nod to Berlioz, chose to set the text exactly as the Frenchman had, eliminating parts of the service and moving texts from one section to another. The role of the baritone, sung here by the renowned Sanford Sylvan, was to personalize death.

Rouse elaborates: "I looked upon the choral part with its ritualized Latin language as a kind of 'mass of humanity' expression of death, while the baritone was intended to represent an 'Everyman,' experiencing the death of people at various stages of his life."

Culled from myriad sources, the resultant poetry shines in such disparate artists as Seamus Heaney, Siegfried Sassoon, Ben Jonson, John Milton and Michelangelo. The text is in English, save for the lines from Michelangelo's two poems, which are in Italian and include his, "On Immortality." Sung near the end of the score, it speaks of the 'Everyman' figure's own death.

And while such rampant deathdwelling might depress ordinary mortals, for Rouse, who won a Grammy® Award and was also elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 2002, it proved neither disheartening nor cathartic. "There is "After the last music I had written before the events occurred, there are nine seconds of silence, and at the end of that movement there is a pitch held for 11 seconds. I thought of Wittgenstein – "those things of which we cannot speak, we must

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this image of the composer burning the midnight oil and inspiration coming from the heavens," he points out, "but for me it's mostly sitting at a table and doing a lot of hard work.

"As my pal Berlioz once said, 'Hot passions must be set down in cold blood.' The intensity of emotion that may ultimately produce the inspiration for musical work has to have come and gone – you have to recall the feeling, but distance yourself from it. It's not sexy, but there it is."

And there Rouse was – in New York on that devastating day, September 11. A faculty member of Juilliard School since 1997 (he commutes from Baltimore), Rouse was deeply involved with the *Requiem* at that point. Not wanting to seem opportunistic by dedicating the opus to those who perished, though, the composer chose a more symbolic response.

pass over in silence" – because it was too intense for me to want to say anything."

What the audience will hear, however, in addition to signature Rousian brass and percussion, will be music that not only makes a huge statement, but also attempts to heal and enlighten.

"Although the cold blood aspect is something I do," says Rouse, a pop aficionado who once taught a course on the history of rock, "for some the *Requiem* may be about mourning and grieving, for others, it might transcend that and present what is finally a happy or positive view. I leave that to each listener to decide."

The Los Angeles Master Chorale will present the World Premiere of Christopher Rouse's Requiem on Sunday, March 25, 2007 at 7pm. To purchase tickets, call (213) 972-7282 or visit www.LAMC.org.



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**Deck the Hall** Welsh Melody

Sing Along

Hodie nobis de coelo Peter Phillips (1560-1628) (Today, to us from Heaven...)

Noel, Noel, Bells Are Ringing Wilbur Chenowith

Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Arr. Hawley Ades

Santa Claus is Coming to Town Coots & Gillespie

Sing Along

S'vivon (Spinning Top) Trad. Jewish Folk Song

arr. Valerie Shields

**De Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy** arr. William Llewellyn

Aleta Braxton, mezzo soprano

**Dame albriçia mano Anton** Gaspar Fernandes (1570-1629)

Sarona Farrell, mezzo soprano Alice Murray, alto

(Be joyful, brother Anton!)

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Maringa Krismes

arr. Kitty Fadlu-Deen

Jingle Bells
Sing Along

James Pierpont (1822-1893)

We the People

featuring the Voices Within Chorus

Written by students from Delevan Drive Elementary, Los Angeles, and Mt. Washington Elementary, Los Angeles under the guidance of David O, Doug Cooney, and Marnie Mosiman

Cuba

featuring the Voices Within Chorus

Written by students from Walter Reed Middle School, North Hollywood, under the guidance of Max Kinberg, Doug Cooney, and Marnie Mosiman

Freedom Paradise

featuring the Voices Within Chorus

Written by students from McKinley School,
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Leon Martell, and Marnie Mosiman

**Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer** Sing Along Johnny Marks

Sleigh Ride

arr. Michael Edwards

Go Where I Send Thee

Tonoccus McClain, baritone

arr. André Thomas

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#### Spotlight on Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts

Take a bow! The Chorale gives a cheer to the volunteer members of the Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts for their longtime support of music and arts education. In April 2006, Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts awarded \$705,000 in gifts and grants to local schools, symphonic associations, and other non-profit organizations in support of music education and concert underwriting. The Los Angeles Master Chorale is especially grateful for a grant from PSHA which is helping to fund the two performances of our family-friendly *holiday wonders*. Thank you, ladies of the Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts — we lift our voices to you!

#### SING-ALONG TEXTS

#### **Deck The Hall**

Deck the halls with boughs of holly Fa-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
'Tis the season to be jolly Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Don we now our gay apparel Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la.
Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.

See the blazing Yule before us.
Fa-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Strike the harp and join the chorus.
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Follow me in merry measure.
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
While I tell of Yule-tide treasure.
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Fast away the old year passes.
Fa-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Hail the new year, lads and lasses
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Sing we joyous, all together.
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
heedless of the wind and weather.
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

#### Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

You better watch out You better not cry Better not pout I'm telling you why Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list,
And checking it twice;
Gonna find out Who's naughty
and nice.
Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping He knows when you're awake He knows if you've been bad or good So be good for goodness sake!

O! You better watch out! You better not cry. Better not pout, I'm telling you why. Santa Claus is coming to town. Santa Claus is coming to town.

#### Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
On a one-horse open sleigh,
Over the fields we go,
Laughing all the way;
Bells on bob-tail ring,
making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way!
O what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh

A day or two ago,
I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side;
The horse was lean and lank;
Misfortune seemed his lot;
He got into a drifted bank,
And we, we got upsot.
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
What fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago, the story I must tell I went out on the snow And on my back I fell; A gent was riding by In a one-horse open sleigh, He laughed as there I sprawling lie, But quickly drove away. Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way! What fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh.

Now the ground is white
Go it while you're young,
Take the girls tonight
And sing this sleighing song;
Just get a bob-tailed bay
two-forty as his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh
And crack! you'll take the lead.
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
What fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

#### Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher and Dancer And Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid And Donner and Blitzen. But do you recall The most famous reindeer of all?

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer
Had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it
You would even say it glows
All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph
Play in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say
Rudolph with your nose so bright
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?
Then all the reindeer loved him
And they shouted out with glee
"Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer
You'll go down in history!"

#### **Los Angeles Master Chorale**

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Kevin Dalbey		
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Ave Maria

Franz Biebl (1906-2001)

Karen Hogle, soprano Adriana Lopez-Young, mezzo soprano Michael Lichtenauer, tenor

Cantata #6 from the Christmas Oratorio

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Am Epiphaniasfest (Feast of the Epiphany)
Joanne Lee, soprano
Helene Quintana, mezzo
Cahen Taylor, tenor (Evangelist)

Pablo Corá, tenor Scott Graff, bass

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Noel, Noel, Bells Are Ringing

Wilbur Chenowith (1899-1980)

**Ding Dong! Merrily On High** 

arr. C. Jennings

Shawn Kirchner pignis

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Shawn Kirchner, pianist

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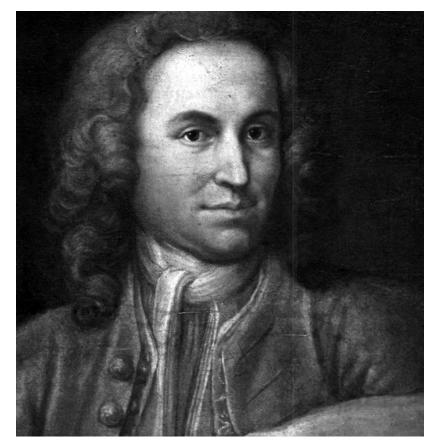
Tonight's Listen Up! pre-concert discussion is hosted by Music Director Grant Gershon and KUSC's Alan Chapman

# "REJOICE" Cantatas, Carols and Christmas Cheer

BY VICTORIA LOOSELEAF

**Everything old is new again:** "A Chorus Line," the 1975 groundbreaking musical, is back on Broadway, dazzling new and old fans alike; Marie Antoinette has been brought back to luxe life under Sophia Coppola's hip handling in the movie of the same name; and Johann **Sebastian Bach comes** roaring into Walt Disney Concert Hall yet again, this time with the finale of his famed — and no less superb — Christmas Oratorio.

The celebratory opus, BWV 248, a three-hour work if performed in one sitting (call it the War and Peace of oratorios), began in 2002 under Grant Gershon's exacting baton, and has become a Chorale holiday staple. With this sixth installment the last of the cycle, we complete a journey that began in 1733, the year that 49-year old Bach began composing the six cantatas he intended to be performed at six different times between Christmas Day and the Feast of Epiphany, traditionally January 6. The fact that the orchestration for each cantata differs is further indication



the composer never intended them to be performed as one work. A multi-tasker, Type-A personality, Bach, though he never traveled more than 200 miles from his hometown of Eisenstadt, nevertheless infused spirituality in all that he did: In an ode to his beloved pipe he once wrote, "On land, on sea, at home, I puff my pipe and think of God." That

he had already tossed off both the St. Matthew and St. John Passions, his attention could now be turned towards the Oratorio, completing it in only a year. The libretto, attributed to Picander, makes extensive use of Lutheran hymns (richly harmonized by Bach, they would have been familiar to 18th century congregations), and comes from several different sources,

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while the customary mix of recitatives, choruses and arias abound throughout. The tenor soloist (Evangelist) acts as Narrator, with other figures traditionally associated with the Nativity story — angels, shepherds and the like — also making stellar vocal appearances. Ornamentally detailed arias are the most extended numbers in the Oratorio, acting as serene meditations on the sacred significance of the unfolding events. Part six, written for the Feast of the Epiphany, has 11 movements, notable among them the alto, tenor and bass quartet. Scored for chorus, soprano and tenor solos, the orchestra includes three trumpets, two timpani, a pair of oboes, strings and continuo. But it is the quality of the narrative that renders the Oratorio with aweinspiring freshness. Here is Herod sending the Wise Men away, beseeching them to return with information so that he, too, might worship the King. The Wise Men then follow the star to Bethlehem and, upon finding the child, offer gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, a noble conclusion of the beloved tale where each element reveals Bach's supreme musicality, one in which he continually illuminates the relationship between love and life. This glorious music, which was initially forgotten after Bach's death and only rediscovered in 1857, is Christmas incarnate, its spirit our spirit, its beauty a reflection of all that is great in the world: In short, a truly wondrous gift.

Pre-dating Bach by more than a century, Renaissance composer Peter Phillips (1560-1628) lived most of his life in the Netherlands when it was under Spanish rule. His five-minute motet, *Hodie nobis de coelo* (Today from heaven true peace descends),

penned for double choir and organ continuo, perfectly embodies the holiday season, its joyous and florid sonorities setting a gentle tone. Another work also teeming with Christmas flavor is a setting of the *Ave Maria* by the German composer

for songs with a call and response quality, which then turned into verse and refrain. Carols, or round dances, became popular at various festivals until eventually were de rigueur at Christmas. Today the form — with memorable tunes often based on

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Franz Biebl (1906-2001). Although written in 1964, this gem found renewed life as a holiday staple thirty years later when recorded by Chanticleer for a Christmas album. Also scored for two choruses (one smaller than the other, however), this a cappella piece bubbles with lush harmonies while exhibiting tenderness, clarity and simplicity of form. As 2006 draws to a close and we pause for a moment to reflect, we find comfort, as well, in carols. Whether warm and fuzzy or pure and pious, these tunes that harken back to the thirteenth century were originally communal ditties sung during celebrations such as harvest tide and Christmas. But since the singing of Christmas carols was widely discouraged during the Middle Ages, with various religious faiths struggling for supremacy, it was not until the 18th century that the performing of carols enjoyed a revival, appearing not only in church but also specifically linked with Christmas. Coming from the French word, carole, a circle dance believed to be derived from ancient pagan rites, the term became known

medieval chord patterns — is as varied as an Yves St. Lauren couture collection, with carols (often performed a cappella), generally considered any short piece having to do with winter celebrations. Emblematic, then, of solstice delight are Wilbur Chenowith's Noel, Noel, Bells Are Ringing, and the traditional Ding Dong! Merrily On High, both using voices to imitate the sound of bells. Giving the men a chance to shine, tenor and Chorale member Shawn Kirchner, perhaps best known to audiences for arranging the popular Wana Baraka, has worked his magic on Brightest and Best. An arrangement of a shape note hymn from the Southern Harmony book published in 1835, the work also features Kirchner on keyboards. The women trill on their own in S'vivon, a traditional Chanukah carol performed in Hebrew. Accompanied by piano and two violins, this piece has a festive klezmer feel to it. The full chorus returns with Lux Aurumaue (Light of Gold), a gorgeous fiveminute work by Los Angeles-based composer Eric Whitacre. Set to an

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Edward Esch poem and sung in Latin, it features brilliantly soothing harmonies. Back by popular demand is the Mexican Baroque treasure, Dame albricia mano Anton. Composed by Gaspar Fernandes (1570-1629), Dame's exhilarating rhythmic accents inject this piece with ebullient brio. Of course, no holiday concert could be complete without *The First Nowell* and Silent Night, both sung here with full chorus, the former an audience participation number. And again, from our neighbors to the South, comes Mananitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe, a popular Mexican carol arranged by Christopher Moroney, director of the San Antonio Vocal Arts Ensemble. while William Mathias sets a medieval text for A Babe Is Born, the virtuoso organ part a keeper. Also culled from the global village repertory is the Jamaican carol, De Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy, arranged for men's voices by William Llewellyn, followed by more sing-alongs in the forms of perpetual favorites, Deck the Hall and Jingle Bells. Go Where I Send Thee, arranged by Andre Thomas, is in the gospel/spiritual tradition and caps an evening of vocal magnificence, one that promises to open our hearts while connecting us to ancient traditions and a world of hope and love — something marvelous that only music can do.

Victoria Looseleaf is an award-winning arts journalist and regular contributor to the Los Angeles Times, Reuters and Performances Magazine. In addition, she is the Program Annotator for the Geffen Playhouse as well as the producer-host of the long-running cable access television show on the arts, "The Looseleaf Report." This is her third season with the Los Angeles Master Chorale



#### **Peter Philips**

**Born:** 1560, in London **Died:** 1628, in Brussels

**Best known as:** one of the most prolific Northern composers of Latin sacred choral music

**Notable:** Philips was an eminent English composer, organist, and Catholic priest exiled to Flanders after the start of the Protestant Reformation and was one of the greatest keyboard virtuosos of his time



#### Franz Biebl

**Born:** September 1, 1906, in Pursruck, Germany

**Died:** October 2, 2001, in Munich, Germany

**Best known for:** Ave Maria, which was written in 1964 and made famous by Chanticleer

**Notable:** After being drafted into the German army in 1943, was captured and held as a prisoner of war by the Americans at Fort Custer, near Battle Creek, Michigan



#### Johann Sebastian Bach

**Born:** March 21, 1685, in Eisenach, Germany

**Died:** July 28, 1750, in Leipzig, Germany

**Studied:** with his father, Johan Ambrosius, who taught him the violin and trumpet and with Johann Pachelbel

**Assignments:** 1700: chorister at the Michaelis monastery in Lüneberg; 1703-07: organist at the Neuekirche in Arnstadt; 1708: court organist and orchestra leader for the Duke of Sachsen-Weimar; 1717: Kapellmeister at Cothen; 1723: Kantor at the Thomas School in Leipzig

#### Best known for:

Das Wohltempierte Klavier, a collection of 48 fugues and preludes which essentially standardized the practice of equally tempering keyboard instruments. J.S. Bach is also widely known for his works for unaccompanied violin and cello, his concerti, cantatas, and oratorios, among others.

#### **Notable compositions:**

Well-tempered Clavier, 1722; Easter Oratorio, 1725; St. Matthew Passion, 1727; Christmas Oratorio, 1734-35; Jesu, meine Freunde, 1735; Completion of the Mass in B Minor, 1748-49

**Quote:** "The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul."

—J.S. Bach



Joanne Lee
Performances with:
South Bay Chamber
Orchestra, The Los Ang

Orchestra, The Los Angeles Opera, Korean Symphony Orchestra, UCLA Opera, UCLA Chamber Choir, and UCLA Chorale

#### **Solo performances:**

Corinna in Rossini's Il Vaggio a Reims, Haydn's The Creation, Fauré's Requiem, Handel's Messiah, Vivaldi's Gloria

#### **Featured Performances:**

Bizet's Carmen, Verdi's Aida, Verdi's Requiem, Mendelssohn's Elija, Mozart's Requiem, Beethoven's 9th Symphony, and Benjamin Britten's War Requiem, Bach Cantatas

**Education:** Bachelor of Music and Master of Music (M.M.) degrees from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)



**Helene Quintana** 

**Born:** Patagonia, Argentina **Master Chorale:** 12 seasons **Education:** Master of Music

in Piano and Harpsichord

Performance from Buenos Aires University's Music Conservatory

Performances: Los Angeles Opera, LA Philharmonic, Hollywood Bowl, Carmel Bach Festival, Ohai Festival, Zarzuela with Jarvis Conservatory, Teatro Colon, Tbilisi Opera (Georgia)

**Awards:** Goethe Schulle, Allianze Francaise, Young Musicians Foundation



Cahen Taylor TENOR

Number of seasons with Chorale: 3

**Education:** Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance from USC, in progress



Pablo Corá

**Originally from:** Buenos Aires, Argentina

Formed: The Conord Ensemble, in 1996, which has received numerous awards and accolades for their work in early and contemporary music

**Performed with:** the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Chamber Singers, Cappella, Aguava New Music and Musica Angelica

**Collaborated with:** Folger Consort, Piffaro, Camerata Pacifica Baroque and the Catacoustic Ensemble

Recording credits: Paul Hillier's Theater of Voices and The Pro Arte Singers (harmonia mundi), The Concord Ensemble and Piffaro (Dorian Recordings), the Los Angeles Master Chorale (Nonesuch and RCM), Los Angeles Chamber Singers & Cappella (RCM), Gothic Records, and J.A.C. Redford's music for the Clarion label



**Scott Graff** 

**As a soloist:** Musica Angelica, Catacoustic Consort, The Concord Ensemble, Carmel Bach Festival and Los Angeles Baroque Orchestra

#### **Opera performances:**

George Frideric Handel's Semele, Seven Small Operas (performed in a staged version of Claudio Monteverdi's madrigal Lagrime d'Amante al Sepolcro dell'Amatai), Il Turco in Italia and Il Tabarro by Giancomo Puccini, Volo di Notte by Luigi Dallapiccola, and From the House of the Dead by Leos Janacek (Long Beach Opera), La Descente d'Orfee aux Enfers (Catacoustic

Consort in Cincinatti), and Michael Webster's *Hell* 

**Education:** Master of Fine Arts degree from the California Institute of the Arts



William Beck ORGAN

#### Performances with:

Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Master Chorale, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Roger Wagner Chorale, Joffrey Ballet, Pasadena Chamber Orchestra, Long Beach Symphony, and the William Hall Chorale

**Performances for religious leaders:** Pope John Paul II, Cardinal Roger Mahony and the Dalai Lama

**Education:** studied in Paris with Marcel Dupré and André Marchal

Awards: first prize in the Far-Western Regional Competition and three-time winner of the Organ Playing Competition of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (A.G.O.)

**Recordings:** a solo performance with Luciano Pavarotti, various recordings with Roger Wagner, the Duruflé *Messe "cum Jubilo"* with Paul Salamunovich, and numerous recordings with the Sisters in Song

# **Los Angeles Master Chorale**

SOPRANO	ALTO	TENOR	BASS
Tania Batson	Nicole Baker	Andrew Brown	Crispin Barrymore
Marian Bodnar	Leanna Brand	Pablo Corá	Joseph Bazyouros
Vicky Brown	Aleta Braxton	Paul Gibson	Mark Beasom
Claire Fedoruk	Monika Bruckner	Jody Golightly	Reid Bruton
Rachelle Fox	Sarona Farrell	Steven Harms	Aaron Cain
Marie Hodgson	Amy Fogerson	Shawn Kirchner	Kevin Dalbey
Karen Hogle	Saundra Hall Hill	Charles Lane	Michael Freed
Joanne Lee	Kyra Humphrey	Michael Lichtenauer	Gregory Geiger
Virenia Lind	Leslie Inman	Dominic MacAller	Dylan Gentile
Deborah Mayhan	Adriana Lopez-Young	Sal Malaki	Scott Graff
Susan Mills	Alice Kirwan Murray	Christian Marcoe	Stephen Grimm
Marnie Mosiman	Helene Quintana	Sean Mcdermott	Lew Landau
Holly Shaw Price	Nike St. Clair	Kevin St.Clair	Bob Lewis
Sun Joo Yeo	Kimberly Switzer	George Sterne	Tonoccus McClain
Winter Watson	Tracy Van Fleet	Cahen Taylor	Steve Pence
	Diana Zaslove		Jim Raycroft

The singers of the Los Angeles Master Chorale are represented by the American Guild of Musical Artists, AFL-CIO, Leanna Brand, AGMA Delegate

# **Los Angeles Master Chorale Orchestra**

VIOLIN I	VIOLA	BASS	TIMPANI
Mark Kashper concertmaster	Kazi Pitelka PRINCIPAL	Donald Ferrone PR	Theresa Dimond
Margaret Wooten	Andrew Picken	Ann Atkinson	POSITIV ORGAN
Florence Titmus	Dmitri Bovaird	OBOE	Patricia Mabee
Leslie Katz Alwyn Wright	Alma Fernandez	Stuart Horn PRINCIPAL	CONTRACTOR
Nicole Bush	CELLO	Michelle Forrest	CONTRACTOR Steve Scharf
Julie Rogers	Rowena Hammill	BASSOON	
Yan To	Delores Bing	John Steinmetz	LIBRARIAN
VIOLINIII	Nadine Hall	PRINCIPAL	Robert Dolan
VIOLIN II Jayme Miller PRINCIPAL	Maurice Grants	TRUMPET	
Cynthia Moussas		Roy Poper	

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Andrew Ulyate



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# Messiah Sing-Along

Monday, December 11, 7:30 pm | Walt Disney Concert Hall Monday, December 18, 7:30 pm | Walt Disney Concert Hall Los Angeles Master Chorale Grant Gershon, conductor

#### December 11:

Tania Batson, soprano | Amy Fogerson, alto | Daniel Chaney, tenor Michael Freed, bass | William Beck, organ

#### December 18:

Ayana Haviv, soprano | Sarona Farrell, alto | Sal Malaki, tenor Steve Pence, bass | William Beck, organ

Warm-up with pipes

#### INTERMISSION

Messiah	Music by George Frideric Handel	
Part the First		
1. Sinfonia	Overture	
2. Recitative	Comfort ye, my people	Mr. Chaney / Mr. Malaki
3. Aria	Ev'ry valley shall be exalted	Mr. Chaney / Mr. Malaki
4. Chorus	And the glory of the Lord	
5. Recitative	Thus saith the Lord of Hosts	Mr. Freed / Mr. Pence
6. Aria	But who may abide the day of his coming	Ms. Fogerson / Ms. Farrell
7. Chorus	And he shall purify the sons of Levi	

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8. Recitative	Behold, a virgin shall conceive	Ms. Fogerson/ Ms. Farrell
9. Aria	O thou that tallest good tidings to Zion	Ms. Fogerson/ Ms. Farrell
10. Recitative	For behold, darkness shall cover the earth	Mr. Freed/ Mr. Pence
11. Aria	The people that walked in darkness	Mr. Freed/ Mr. Pence
12. Chorus	For unto us a child is born	
13. Pifa	Pastoral Symphony	
14. Recitative	There were shepherds abiding in the field	Ms. Batson/ Ms. Haviv
Recitative	And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them	
15. Recitative	And the angel said unto them	Ms. Batson/ Ms. Haviv
16. Recitative	And suddenly there was with the angel	Ms. Batson/ Ms. Haviv
17. Chorus	Glory to God in the highest	
18. Aria	Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion	Ms. Batson/ Ms. Haviv
19. Recitative	Then shall the eyes of the blind be open'd	Ms. Fogerson/ Ms. Farrell
20. Aria	He shall feed his flock like a shepherd	Ms. Fogerson/ Ms. Farrell
Aria	Come unto him	
21. Chorus	His yoke is easy, his burthen is light	

#### Part the Second

44. Chorus Hallelujah!

#### Part the Third

50. Recitative	Behold, I Tell You a Mystery	Mr. Freed/ Mr. Pence
51. Aria	The Trumpet Shall Sound	Mr. Freed/ Mr. Pence
56. Chorus	Worthy Is The Lamb	

Latecomers will be seated at the discretion of House Management. Use of tape recorders, telephones, pagers, and/or cameras is prohibited in the auditorium. Program, prices and artists subject to change.



#### **George Frideric Handel**

**Born:** February 23, 1685, in Halle, Germany

**Died:** April 14, 1759, in London, England

**Studied:** with Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow, law (only briefly) at the University of Halle

Assignments: 1702: organist at the Domkirche; 1703: violinist with the Hamburg Opera (a post which ended when Handel fought a duel with opera composer Matheson); after 1714: court composer for King George I of England (previously the Elector of Hanover, Germany)

Best known for: two of his oratorios, Judas Maccabaeus and Messiah. Handel found a way to appeal to the middleclass English public as well as the musical "hierarchy" by exploiting the oratorio's grand scale and lush manner of storytelling. However, his more than 40 operas, though only rediscovered and given renewed importance in the last half-century, are masterworks of style and imagination, though still constrained by convention.

Curious fact: Despite Messiah's successful premiere in Dublin, Handel was worried that the title would be considered inappropriate for a concert work when he brought it to London and used the name "A New Sacred Oratorio" instead.



#### **Tania Batson**

#### **Opera performances:**

Dukas' Ariane et Barbe Bleu at Avery Fisher Hall (American Symphony Orchestra), Tobias Pikar's Emmeline at New York City Opera (New York premiere), featured soloist, Sweeney Todd (New York Philharmonic), Mendolssohn's Elijah at Concordia University

**Guest Artist appearances:** University of La Verne, Mars Hill College, Yale University, the New York Choral Artists, PBS Great Performances, the U.S. premiere of Sir Paul McCartney's Standing

**Education:** BA in music from Emory University, Master of Music in Vocal Performance from Boston University

Stone at Carnegie Hall



Amy Fogerson
With the Master Chorale:
20 seasons

**Performances with:** Los Angeles Chamber Singers, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Hollywood Bowl Orchestra

#### **Solo Performances:**

Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, Handel's Messiah, Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Ligeti's Clocks and Clouds, Poulenc's Les Mamelles de Tirésias, Reich's Tehillim **Soundtracks include:** King Kong, X-Men 3, Lady in the Water, World Trade Center and the upcoming films Charlotte's Web and License to Wed

**Education:** degree in Choral Conducting from Occidental College



Daniel Chaney
TENOR

Number of seasons with Chorale: 3

**Previous Chorale performance:** Rachmaninoff's *All-Night Vigil* 

**Education:** University of Denver's Lamont School of Music

#### **Opera Performances:**

Spoletta in *Tosca*, Monostatos in *Magic Flute* and Guiseppe in *La Traviata* with the L.A. Opera

Has appeared as a guest artist with: San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival, Roger Wagner Chorale



Michael Freed

Number of seasons with Chorale: 20

Previous Chorale
performance: Bach's
Christmas Oratorio 2001

**Education:** BA from UCLA, graduate studies at USC,

Hebrew Union College, Music Academy of the West, private study with Roger Wagner, Martial Singher, Michael Sells, Dennis Heath, Samuel Kelemer and William Sharlin

Has appeared as a guest artist with: L.A. Philharmonic, Hollywood Bowl, LA Opera,

Recordings: Many Feature Films: Most recently Lady in the Water and soon-to-be-released License to Wed, CDs include LAMC recordings, Barbra Streisand's "Higher Ground" and Meir Finkelstein's "Liberation"



Ayana Haviv

Number of seasons with Chorale: 3

**Originally from:** Jerusalem,

**Education:** B.A. in Comparative Literature from U.C. Berkeley; M.A. in Cultural Anthropology from UCLA

Has appeared as a guest artist with: Los Angeles Opera, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Hollywood Bowl, Los Angeles Chamber Singers, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra

As a soloist: Premiered Sharon Farber's song cycle Time at the Society of American Composers; sang in Much Ado About Nothing at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London; resident soprano of Synergy, a Los Angeles chamber music

ensemble specializing in new music

**Recordings:** Featured on numerous motion picture, television, and video game soundtracks

Ms. Haviv would like to dedicate this performance to her grandmother, Matilde Yary, who was an opera singer in Vienna until World War II aborted her career, and who passed away this year.



Sarona Farrell
With the Master Chorale:
11 seasons.

From: Kailua, Hawaii

**Education:** USC Thornton

School of Music

**Has toured with:** Helmuth Rilling and the International Bachacademie

#### **Performances include:**

Oregon Bach Festival Chorus, Los Angeles Bach Festival, Whittier Bach Festival, and the San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival



Chorale: 12

Sal Malaki TENOR Number of seasons with

**Education:** University of the Philippines College of Music

Opera performances: La Traviata, Madama Butterfly, Der Rosenkavalier, La Rondine, Fantastic Mr. Fox (LA Opera); La Boheme, The Magic Flute, La Loha Negra, Noli Me Tangere (Cultural Center of the Philippines)

Has performed at: Carnegie Hall, Merkin Concert Hall, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Royce Hall, Macomb Center for the Arts, Morristown Museum, St. John's University, and Walnut Creek Civic Center

As a soloist: Bach's Magnificat, Handel's Messiah, Mozart's Requiem, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Missa Solemnis, Webber's Requiem, Dvorak's Stabat Mater, Orff's Carmina Burana, Mendelssohn's Elijah, Ramirez's Missa Criolla, Rossini's Stabat Mater, Dubois' The Seven Last Words, and Saint Saens' Christmas Oratorio



Steven Pence

**Education:** Bachelor of Music Degree from Chapman University and two Masters of Music Degrees from New England Conservatory

#### **Opera performances:**

Sciarrone in *Tosca*, Antonio in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, and Nonancourt in Nino Rota's *Il Cappello di Paglia di Firenze* 

**Solo appearances:** Britten's *War Requiem* with Cypress Masterworks, and Mozart's *Grand Mass* in c-minor with The Orange County Catholic Chorale



### **Los Angeles Master Chorale Orchestra**

#### **VIOLIN I**

Steve Scharf CONCERTMASTER

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Florence Titmus

Leslie Katz

Alwyn Wright

Yan To

#### **VIOLIN II**

Jayme Miller

Cynthia Moussas

Rhonni Hallman

Linda Stone

Jean Sudbury

Anna Kutushchek

#### **VIOLA**

Victoria Miskolczy PRINCIPAL

Andrew Picken

Shawn Mann

Alma Fernandez

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# **DECUSSATION:**

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Artistic collaboration can be a tricky business. Each artist comes to the process with a specific musical language, history and point of view. This is especially true for LA is the World, the Chorale's multi-year commissioning initiative that pairs American composers with Los Angelesbased immigrant Master Musicians to create new choral works based in non-Western musical traditions. Composer Eve Beglarian and Persian musicians

Manoochehr Sadeghi and Pejman Hadadi are currently navigating the cultural divide between Western and Persian classical music for the first commission, which will have its World Premiere at Walt Disney Concert Hall in June 2007.

While the collaborative process of *LA is the World* is deeply respectful of the traditions of the Master Musician, the goal is to find enough common ground upon which to build a piece of music. Both Master Musicians and



composer must be willing to release some of their traditional or personal methodology in order to be open to new musical ideas. The challenge of each collaboration, then, is to capture the tension between the places where the artists are divergent and those where they intersect — and to harness and express this tension in a new, dynamic and completely original choral work.

In this first commission, artists need to bridge not only cultural

differences but two entirely different musical philosophies — the ancient Persian Radif and the Western classical tradition. While the two traditions have in some ways crossfertilized over the centuries, they have largely left each other alone. "I got interested in LA is the World because for some time now I have been thinking of a meeting of sorts between Western classical music and Persian music," says Hadadi, "I am

excited to be sharing my knowledge in the hopes of creating a musical bridge that can be built upon by future generations."

**Next stop:** the Persian Radif, Ferdowsi and Al-Ghazzali — texts, musical rhythms and motifs

#### -MIKI SHELTON

To read the entire series of articles on LA is the World, please visit our website at www.lamc.org.

#### LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE'S

# 2006 Opening Night Gala

The Los Angeles Master Chorale launched its 43rd season with stunning performances of Haydn's *Creation Mass* and Philip Glass's *Itaipú* featuring the Chorale and the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra — LACO's appearance made possible by a gift from Carol and Warner Henry. Following the concert, 315 guests enjoyed dinner in the BP Hall, transformed into a magical rainforest for the occasion, and the Chorale's traditional Surround Sing. The enormously successful event, generously sponsored by **Mellon Financial Corporation**, raised more than \$285,000 for the Chorale's artistic and education programs.



Music Director Grant Gershon conducting the Chorale's signature surround sing at the Gala.

#### OPENING NIGHT GALA



Gala Patron Co-chairs Warner and Carol Henry (left) and Laney and Tom Techentin celebrate the Gala's success.



Above: Music Director Emeritus Paul Salamunovich and Honorary Board Member Anne Shaw Price. Right: Maryann Meggelin (left) and Heidi Simpson Sandoval, representing Mellon Financial Corporation, join Board Chairman Mark Foster to celebrate the successful season opener.



#### OPENING NIGHT GALA



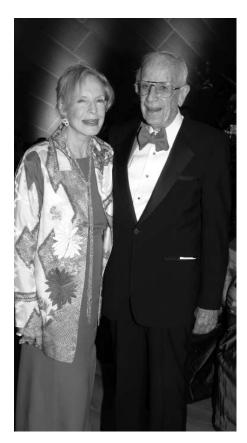


Above left: (I to r) Phyllis McCreary, Regina Clark, Board member Bette Redmond, and Diane Chang enjoying the Gala festivities. Above right: Andrea and John Van de Kamp (left) sharing a moment with Jane and Ted McAniff.



Music Director Grant Gershon, center, is joined by Lillian and Jon Lovelace (left) and Board President Scott Sanford and his wife, Carolyn.

#### OPENING NIGHT GALA



Board member Marguerite Marsh and her husband, Robert Marsh, are pictured at the Gala.



Board members Shaun Tucker and Phil Swan (right) with Phil's wife, Tricia MacLaren.

#### **Opening Night Gala**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 2006 Opening Night Gala. Your attendance and support through the purchase of tickets and tables is tremendously appreciated. We extend our special gratitude to the following generous Patrons and Donors whose extra special generosity allowed us to exceed our goal for this annual benefit event.

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Special thanks to Laney and Tom Techentin and Carol and Warner Henry for underwriting the unique wines enjoyed at the Gala.

#### NEWS AND NOTES

#### **Calendar of Events**

#### **JANUARY**

#### 27 2:00 PM

• Invited Dress Rehearsal for Steve Reich's 70th Birthday Tribute concert

#### 28 7:00 PM

• shine | Steve Reich's 70th Birthday Tribute concert

#### Following the concert:

• Post-concert celebration of Steve Reich's 70th birthday, with the artists

#### **MARCH**

#### 3 10:00 AM

• Invited Dress Rehearsal for Mary Lou's Mass

#### 4 7:00 PM

• shout | Mary Lou Williams, Mary Lou's Mass

#### 24 10:00 AM

**①** "Building Music" Coffee & Conversation, with Grant Gershon and Christopher Rouse

#### 25 7:00 PM

**awaken** | Christopher Rouse, Requiem **WORLD PREMIERE** 

#### Following the concert

• Red Carpet Premiere Party, with composer Christopher Rouse

#### **APRIL**

LAMC with the Los Angeles Philharmonic: **April 12-14**, *The Tristan Project* 

LAMC with the Los Angeles Philharmonic: **April 18 & 24**, *Tristan and Isolde*, complete

#### 22 7:00 PM

**⊚ ignite** I Franz Joseph Haydn, *Lord Nelson Mass* & Ariel Ramirez, *Misa Criolla*; with guest artist Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra

#### MAY

#### 3 10:00 AM

High School Choir Festival

#### JUNE

#### 3 7:00 PM

• lift | Eve Beglarian, World
PREMIERE; James MacMillan, Cantos
Sagrados; Arvo Pärt, Te Deum

#### Following the concert:

• "LA is the World" toasting event, with composer and artists

#### 7 8:00 PM

**© lift** | Eve Beglarian, **WORLD PREMIERE**; James MacMillan, *Cantos Sagrados*; Arvo Pärt, *Te Deum* 

#### 19 6:30 PM

**●** *Maestro & Friends* Cabaret and Dinner on stage at Disney Hall

CONCERT DONOR EVENT



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# 2006 | 07 LAMC Donor Benefits



(L-R) Richard Cullen, Robert Finnerty, Betty McLaughlin, (back) Robert and Sally Neely enjoyed a scrumptious three-course Patina Dinner at the Maestro and Friends Cabaret Dinner.



Music Director Grant Gershon was joined by Chorale singers Sarona Farrell, Steve Pence and Rachelle Fox for an incredible cabaret performance at the 3rd Annual Maestro and Friends Cabaret Dinner on stage at Walt Disney Concert Hall this past June.

Join the L.A. Master Chorale Circle of Friends and get closer to the music you love. Your gift is tremendously important because **ticket sales cover less than 50% of the cost of each concert**. In addition to supporting great choral music, you will be rewarded with the following donor benefits:

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The benefits above, plus

• 2 additional Dress Rehearsal invitations and 2 invitations to a Coffee & Conversation with Grant Gershon on Nov 4 and Mar 24.

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The benefits above, plus

 Complimentary self-parking, 2 more drink vouchers and 2 tickets to a private donor event with singers and soloists Mar 25.

#### \$2,500 | Golden Baton Circle

The benefits above, plus

• 2 tickets to a post-concert party with Composer Steve Reich Jan 28.

#### \$5,000 | Maestro Circle

The benefits above, plus

 Valet parking for Master Chorale concerts and 2 tickets to the Maestro & Friends Cabaret on stage at Disney Hall, Jun 12.

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