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Paul Salamunovich Music Director



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# LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE AND SINFONIA ORCHESTRA

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Saturday, October 25, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

Curtain Raiser Preview at 6:30 p.m. with Alan Chapman

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# BEETHOVEN MISSA SOLEMNIS

Tamara Matthews, Soprano Christina Wilcox, Mezzo Soprano Carl Halvorson, Tenor Kevin Deas, Bass-Baritone

MISSA SOLEMNIS in D Op. 123

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

#### **KYRIE**

Kyrie eleison! Christe eleison! Kyrie eleison!

#### **GLORIA**

Gloria in excelsis Deo Gratias agimus tibi Qui tollis peccata mundi! Quoniam tu solus sanctus In gloria Dei Patris

INTERMISSION

#### **CREDO**

Credo in unum Deum Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto Crucifixus etiam pro nobis Et resurrexit tertia die Et vitam venturi saeculi

#### **SANCTUS**

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth Pleni sunt coeli Osanna in excelsis! Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini!

#### **AGNUS DEI**

Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi Dona nobis pacem

This evening's concert is made possible by a grant from the Dan Murphy Foundation

We regret to announce that Angela Blasi is unable to perform due to illness. The Master Chorale is grateful to Tamara Matthews for performing in tonight's concert on short notice.

Delta Air Lines is the airline of the Los Angeles Master Chorale.

#### PROGRAM NOTES By Richard H. Trame, S.I.

Beethoven repeatedly asserted in his later years that the Missa Solemnis in D (Opus 123) constituted the greatest single achievement of his life. He commenced its composition sometime after the completion of the gigantic Piano Sonata in B flat major (Opus 109). Like the earlier Mass in C of 1807, commissioned by Prince Esterhazy to celebrate his wife's nameday at Einstadt, Beethoven intended the Missa Solemnis to enhance grandeur and pomp at the installation of his favorite pupil, the Archduke of Austria, Rudolf of Hapsburg, as Archbishop of Olmutz.

Writing to Rudolph, also recently created a Cardinal, in June, 1819, Beethoven observed, "The day in which a High Mass composed by me will be performed during the ceremonies solemnized for Your Imperial Highness will be the most glorious of my life; and God will enlighten me so that my poor talents may contribute to the glorification of that solemn day." That solemn day occurred in Cologne Cathedral on March 19, 1820, but it was not glorified by Beethoven's freely offered tribute. Three years later to the day, March 19, 1823, Beethoven presented a beautifully wrought full score manuscript of the just completed Mass to his glorious clerical patron.

What had intervened between 1818 and December, 1822 to inhibit the completion of this masterpiece? The study of Beethoven's thematic sketchbooks and our knowledge of his compositional habits show that during this period he commenced, worked on, and completed among other works three Piano Sonatas, the great Diabelli Variations, the Bagatelles, and the Overture to the Consecration of the House, while resuming work on the Ninth Symphony.

The most probable factor, however, delaying the completion of these works and the Mass was the legal struggle he engaged in to gain custody of his nephew Karl from his sister-in-law Johanna after the death of his brother Caspar Carl on November 15, 1815. Beethoven's obsession to wrest the boy from maternal control in spite of Caspar Carl's codicil to his will modifying the earlier sole custody to Beethoven clause appears, to numerous biographers, a most crucial period in his life. Between 1815 and 1820, apparently mesmerized by his aggressive and at times quite irrational conviction that he was Karl's obvious protector, he waged unceasing legal warfare against Johanna. He gained what

some have called a Pyrrhic victory in 1820. "Pyrrhic," because Karl, now in Beethoven's custody and feeling ever more stifled by the overbearing love of his uncle, attempted suicide in 1826. This ghastly event shattered Beethoven and contributed to his death in 1827.

Naturally Beethoven's biographers, from Schindler to the present, persistently inquire about how this psychological and emotional battle effected the Master's compositions. Joseph Kerman, in the *New Grove Dictionary*, sees a clear dividing line within the "Third Period" between the aforementioned Piano Sonata (Opus 109) of 1818 and the resumption of the Master's compositional energies in an unbroken series of late period masterpieces from 1820 to 1826.

Maynard Solomon (Beethoven and his Nephew, a Reappraisal) sees this period of conflict as the time when Beethoven, after the 1814 high-water mark of his popularity and after the Congress of Vienna in 1815 with the demise or departure of numerous of his old friends, found himself unanchored and drifting. The ensuing emotional turmoil found expression in the aggressive tactics of the court struggle where they were by 1820 worked out, reordered, and controlled by the victorious outcome, his compositional energies reemerging purged and vigorous.





The profound spiritual experience which Beethoven manifested in the setting of the texts of the Missa Solemnis did not blunt his acute business sense. The legal conflict had seriously depleted his finances. He proceeded to secure ten princely subscribers at 50 gold ducats each, including the Tsar and the Kings of France, Prussia and Denmark, who paid to receive exclusive manuscript copies of the Mass. He bargained with publishers until 1827 for the best

The Mass received its first complete performance under the patronage of Prince Nikolas Galitzin in St. Petersburg on April 7, 1824. In May 1824, Vienna produced a performance of the *Kyrie, Credo*, and *Agnus Dei*, the only one heard there in Beethoven's lifetime. The city had to wait until 1845 to hear a complete rendition.

offer. Schott of Mainz eventually published the score

which appeared in print shortly after Beethoven's death.

In 1835, however, the Mass fulfilled its original purpose at a grand Mass celebrated in the Cathedral of Pressburg (Bratislava). Intended and conceived for a lengthy and magnificent religious service, the solemn installation of a great princely personage as Archbishop, the *Missa Solemnis* must be regarded not as a concert piece, but as a liturgical composition. Fifty years ago, Donald Francis Tovey asserted categorically that "It is a mistake to regard Beethoven as composing his text in any agnostic spirit of art for art's sake. He

achieves art, which maintains itself as purely artistic by really inspiring himself with the definite needs of the occasion."

It is manifestly impossible to provide such a detailed analysis of the Mass as Tovey provided in his program

notes found in *Essays in Musical Analysis*, Volume V. Herein he argues the essential correctness of Beethoven's choral writing and the overwhelming symphonic character of the Mass achieved through the unity of choral, solo and orchestral forces.

On April 8, 1824, Prince Galitzin wrote to Beethoven concerning his impressions at hearing that first performance of the Missa. His views certainly state what has become the conviction of music lovers. "The effect of this music on the public cannot be described and I doubt if I exaggerate when I say that for my part I have never heard anything so sublime; sensations of eternal beauties you have given me, Monsieur, by the Kyrie and Gloria of your mass. The masterly harmony and the moving melody of the Benedictus transport the heart to a plane that is really blissful. This whole work in fact is a treasure of beauties; it can be said that your genius has anticipated the centuries and that there are not listeners perhaps enlightened enough to experience all the beauty of this music, but it is posterity that will pay homage and will bless your memory much better than your contemporaries can."

## **TEXT**

#### MISSA SOLEMNIS

Ludwig van Beethoven

#### KYRIE

Kyrie eleison! Christe eleison!

Lord, have mercy upon us! Christ have mercy upon us!

#### **GLORIA**

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Glory be to God on high, and peace on earth to men of good will.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, We adore Thee, we glorify Thee.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis! Deus Pater omnipotens! Domine, fili unigenite, Jesu Christe!

O Lord God! O heavenly King! O God, the Father Almighty! OLord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son!

Domine Deus! Agnus Dei! Filius Patris!

Lord God! Lamb of God! Son of the Father!

Qui tollis peccata mundi! Miserere nobis; suscipe deprecationem nostram.

O Thou, who takest away the sins of the world! have mercy upon us; receive our prayer.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

O Thou, who sittest at the right hand of the Father! have mercy upon us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe!

For Thou alone art holy,
Thou alone art Lord, Thou alone art most high,
O Jesus Christ!

Cum sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris.

Together with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Amen.

#### CREDO

Credo in unum Deum,

I believe in one God.

patrem omnipotentem,

the Father Almighty,

factorem coeli et terrae

maker of heaven and earth,

visibilium omnium et invisibilium.

of all things visible and invisible.

Credo in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum;

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of God;

et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula.

and born of the Father before all ages.

Deum de Deo, Lumen de Lumine: Deum verum de Deo vero;

God of Gods, Light of Light, true God of true God;

Genitum, non factum; consubstantialem Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt;

begotten, not made; consubstantial to the Father, by Whom all things were made;

Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem, descendit de coelis,

Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven,

et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et homo factus est.

and became incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

Crdcifixus etiam pro nobis; sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est, Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas.

He was crucified also for us; suffered under Pontius Pilate and was buried, And the third day He arose again according to the Scriptures.

Et ascendit in coelum, sedet ad dexteram Patris.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father.

Et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos; cujus regni non erit finis.

And He is to come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

Credo in spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit;

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

qui cum Patre et filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur; qui locutus est per prophetas.

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

Credo in unam sanctam Catholicam et Apostolicam Ecclesiam.

I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum.

I confess one baptism for the remission of sins.

Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam venturi saeculi.

And I expect the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Amen.

#### SANCTUS

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Holy is the Lord God Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Osanna in excelsis

Hosanna in the highest!

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini!

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord!

Osanna in excelsis!

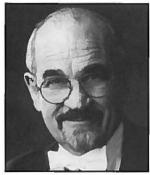
Hosanna in the highest!

#### AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, grant us peace.

# **PROFILES**



#### Paul Salamunovich

Paul Salamunovich was appointed Music Director of the Los Angeles Master Chorale in 1991 and is only the third maestro to lead the chorus since its inception. His association with the

Chorale dates from its founding. 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, eventually becoming the Los Angeles Master Chorale as established in 1964 by Roger Wagner. Salamunovich was appointed Assistant Conductor, serving in that capacity until 1977. An esteemed music educator, Salamunovich began his teaching career at Mount St. Mary's College in 1957, while still a student himself. He also joined the faculty of Loyola University in 1964 on a part-time basis, becoming a full-time member in 1973, upon leaving Mount St. Mary's. He remained on the faculty, of what is now Loyola Marymount University, for 27 years, becoming a Full Professor in 1980. He has also served as Conductor in Residence at both the University of Western Australia in Perth and the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome. He holds honorary doctorates from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota and from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, and was the recipient of the first Lifetime Achievement Award presented by MidAmerica Productions at Carnegie Hall. In the summer of 1994 he was named Honoree of the Hollywood Bowl Patronesses Committee, and, in May of 1995, was presented with a Distinguished Artists Award by Club 100 of The Music Center of Los Angeles County along with Plácido Domingo, Judith Jamison, Garry Marshall and Wendy Wasserstein. Throughout his career Maestro Salamunovich has guest conducted more than 700 choral concerts throughout North America, the Caribbean, Europe, Australia and the Far East. He has also conducted choral segments on numerous motion picture soundtracks for such studios as Columbia, Paramount, 20th Century Fox, Universal and Warner Bros. Recent film credits include My Best Friends Wedding, Air Force One and Devil's Advocate. In addition to his work with the Master Chorale, Maestro Salamunovich continues to serve as Director of Music at St. Charles Borromeo Church in North Hollywood, a position he has held since 1949. The St. Charles choir has been privileged to sing for Pope John Paul II on three occasions, the most recent being 1988 when they performed the Vaughan Williams Mass in G minor in St. Peter's Square on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul at an investiture ceremony of new cardinals and archbishops from throughout the world, with more than 150,000 people in attendance. In 1969, Paul Salamunovich was honored by the Vatican with the citation "Knight Commander in the Order of St. Gregory" for his outstanding contributions in the field of sacred music.



American soprano Tamara Matthews is rapidly rising to the forefront of the music world as one of its most

Tamara Matthews

world as one of its most promising young talents. Los Angeles audiences will remember Ms. Matthews' "bell-like purity" (Martin Bernheimer,

Los Angeles Times) in her last performance with the Master Chorale (Brahms Requiem, October 1994). It was in that season that she won first prize at the prestigious Musica Sacra Bach Vocal Competition which resulted in her acclaimed Carnegie Hall debut. Later that season, she appeared with the Accademia per La Musica Antiqua in Bressanone, Italy, and at the festivals of Berkeley, Boston and Ravinia. Recent engagements as guest soloist include performances of Beethoven's Missa Solemnis, his Ninth Symphony and the Mozart Mass in C Minor in San Francisco, Mendelssohn's Elijah in Philadelphia, and her debut with the Cleveland Symphony where she performed in the "Beethoven Marathon" in the composer's Mass in C and the Choral Fantasy, conducted by Leonard Slatkin. Ms. Matthews' operatic debuts in New York, Chicago and San Francisco have garnered high praise for her portrayals of a wide range of roles. Ms. Matthews can be heard on the Dorian, Pro Gloria Musicae, Koch International Classics, Angel/EMI and the Musical Heritage Society labels.



Christina Wilcox Christina Wilcox returns after a triumphant performance of the Bach Magnificat and

Vivaldi Gloria with the Master Chorale in January 1997. Ms. Wilcox's recent performances include the B Minor Mass with Ascencion Music.

Elijah with the Canterbury Choral Society and Verdi Requiem with the Buffalo Philharmonic. Her vast and diverse repertoire includes Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde, Rossini's Stabat Mater, and the Duruflé Requiem, with such organizations as Spain's Orquesta del Principado de Asturias, Dallas Opera, Seattle Symphony and Berkshire Choral Society. Next season will mark her debut with the Seattle Opera as Siebel in Faust.



#### CARL HALVORSON

Tenor Carl Halvorson is wellknown internationally as a versatile concert, opera and recital artist who has performed with such orchestras as the Israel Philharmonic under Helmuth Rilling, and the Boston Symphony and

Philadelphia Orchestra under Charles Dutoit at Carnegie Hall. Since his critically-acclaimed New York debut at Merkin Hall in 1987, Mr. Halvorson has given more than fifty solo recitals, including appearances at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, London's Wigmore Hall, New York's 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y, the Gold Medal Artists series at Ambassador Auditorium, and the festivals of Spoleto, Marlboro, Alderburgh, Aspen, Tanglewood as well as the Carmel Bach Festival.

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Los Angeles Master Chorale

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The award-winning Los Angeles Master Chorale, America's Premier Chorus, is in its 34th season of presenting professional choral concerts at The Music Center of Los Angeles County. The 120-voice Chorale, under the direction of Paul Salamunovich, has been acclaimed by conductor Simon Rattle as "one of the finest choruses in the world, without any doubt." Lauded for a "commitment to adventuresome programming," the Master Chorale and Maestro Salamunovich were awarded the top national prize in the professional chorus category from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) and Chorus America. As an independent and flexible ensemble, it is the largest choral organization of its kind in the United States. Founded in 1964 by the late Roger Wagner, the Chorale first performed in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion where it continues to present an annual concert series with the Sinfonia Orchestra. As the resident chorus of The Music Center, the Chorale serves as the chorus for the Los Angeles Philharmonic. The Chorale has appeared with many of the leading orchestras while touring in the United States and the Soviet Union. The Chorale's extensive education and outreach programs serve more than 23,000 students throughout Southern California. The eight-member outreach ensemble, under the direction of Nancy Sulahian, presents in-school concerts to students in four counties. One of California's largest annual High School Choir Festivals is held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, involves more than 1,000 students from 27 schools, and presents a free combined-choir concert conducted by Paul Salamunovich for the community. The Student Concert Scholarship program grants worthy students and their parents tickets to regular Master Chorale concerts.

Roger Wagner, founder, was the Master Chorale's Music Director until 1986, after which he became Music Director Laureate until his death in 1992. John Currie led the Chorale from 1986 to 1991. Paul Salamunovich was appointed Music Director in 1991.

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Naming the society after Maestro Wagner evokes his spirit of warmth, dedication and commitment to the art of choral music in Southern California. It is this spirit that will ensure a future for the Master Chorale into the next century.

By including the Master Chorale as part of your estate plan, you can be a part of this acclaimed choral music legacy. By doing so today, you can immediately receive Music Center and Master Chorale benefits in recognition of your generosity.

Professional consultation about planned giving is available in a confidential atmosphere. For information on arranging a private consultation or information about joining the Roger Wagner Choral Arts Society, please call Marjorie Lindbeck, Director of Development, at (213) 626-0624, ext. 20.

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# MASTER CHORALE ASSOCIATES



# You are invited to join the MASTER CHORALE ASSOCIATES



The Master Chorale's Volunteer Support Organization

With a motto of "Let's Keep America Singing," the Associates are involved with a variety of activities supporting the Master Chorale including Preview Suppers before concerts, seasonal parties and offering volunteer services at the Chorale offices. In addition, they are recognized for producing one of California's largest High School Choir Festivals. Annually, more than 1,000 students from greater Los Angeles high schools perform individually and sing together under the direction of Paul Salamunovich. This year, the festival takes place on Monday, May 1, 1998 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and the public is invited to the free concert.

Stop by the Associates Booth in the Lobby tonight. Membership Chair Regina Clark has brochures and will answer questions you might have. Or call Regina at 818-353-1360.

#### SAVE THE DATE

Associates Annual Benefit Gospel Brunch at the House of Blues Sunday, February 8, 1998, 2:30 p.m. To receive an invatation, please call LAMC at 213-626-0624

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In addition to the very active Los Angeles group, there are also chapters in the South Bay and West Valley/ Ventura County.

## Memories of the Spring Gala

VOICES & VIEWS IV - June 1, 1997

The 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations of Maestro Paul Salamunovich and Composer Dominick Argento



Paul Salamunovich congratulates and thanks the Gala Chairs (left to right) Dona Schultz, Helen Pashgian and Chris Kuyper for their tireless efforts in assemblying 300 of Paul's closest friends. **Mellon Bank** graciously sponsored this season finale celebration for the fourth consecutive year.



Dominick and Carolyn Argento (center) enjoy a moment with Vice Chairman Marshall Rutter and Terry Knowles. Mr. Argento's Te Deum was performed that evening with the Faure Requiem. "This was the definitive performance," said Mrs. Argento (a long-time singer who influenced her husband to write for voices." "By the conclusion, I knew I did not want to hear it performed by any other choir," she added.

#### 1996-1997 ANNUAL SUSTAINING FUND

Lhe Los Angeles Master Chorale Association asks you to join us in thanking the following donors whose gifts to the Annual Fund help to create the beautiful music you hear presented by the Chorale each concert. Although we cannot always list all of our donors in the program due to space limitations, our tradition is to begin the year by thanking <u>all our donors</u> who contributed to the annual fund over the last concert season. We also want to express a most grateful thank you to our loyal subscribers and friends who attend our annual fund-raising events and who support the Master Chorale Associates' events. Together, we are ensuring that LA SINGS!



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