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LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE

AND SINFONIA ORCHESTRA

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Arr. Moses Hogan

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Sunday, February 28, 1999 at 7:30 p.m.

THE MOSES HOGAN CHORALE

MOSES HOGAN, Conductor and Artistic Director

Come Here Jesus, If You Please Roland L. Carter Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit Arr. Moses Hogan Marietta Simpson, Mezzo Soprano My God Is So High Arr. Moses Hogan Brian Stratton, Tenor I'm Gonna Sing Till The Spirit Moves In My Heart Moses Hogan Ride On, King Jesus Arr. Moses Hogan Crucifixion Arr. Moses Hogan Marietta Simpson, Mezzo Soprano I Can Tell The World Arr. Moses Hogan He's Got The Whole World In His Hands Arr. Margaret Bonds Renay Joubert, Soprano Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Arr. Moses Hogan Kent Jordan, Flautist

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The Battle of Jericho Arr. Moses Hogan

PROFILES



MOSES GEORGE HOGAN, born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 13, 1957, is a pianist, conductor and arranger of international renown. A graduate of the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA) and Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio, he also studied at New York's Juilliard School of Music and Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Mr. Hogan's

many accomplishments as a concert pianist include winning first place in the prestigious 28th annual Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Competition in New York. Hogan was recently appointed Artist in Residence at Dillard University in New Orleans. Since 1993, he has been Artistic Director of the internationally acclaimed Moses Hogan Chorale. The Chorale evolved as an outgrowth of the New World Ensemble, organized by Hogan when he began his exploration of the choral music idiom in 1980. The Chorale has electrified audiences in the finest and most prestigious concert halls at home and abroad, ranging from Washington, D.C.'s John F. Kennedy Center to the famed Sydney Opera House in Australia. The Chorale's high musical standards and unique repertoire have consistently elicited praise from critics worldwide. Hogan is an exclusive arranger and composer for Hal Leonard Music Corporation and a member of ASCAP.

In recent years, Mr. Hogan has been increasingly in demand internationally as an arranger, conductor and clinician. He was commissioned to arrange and perform several compositions for the 1995 PBS Documentary, THE AMERICAN PROMISE, whose soundtrack was released separately by Windham Hill records under the title VOICES. More recently, Hogan recorded and conducted several of his arrangements with the famed Mormon Tabernacle Choir on their new release AMER-ICAN HERITAGE OF SPIRITUALS. His discography also includes a recording of Spirituals with renowned countertenor Derek Lee Ragin produced by Aria Records, as well as MGH Records' THE BATTLE OF JERICHO, SONGS OF REFLECTION and ABIDE WITH ME which feature over forty arrangements for mixed chorus. Hogan's contemporary settings of spirituals, original compositions and other works have been revered by audiences and praised by critics including the New York Times and Gramophone magazine. They have become staples in the repertoires of high school, college, church, community and professional choirs worldwide. Mr. Hogan recently completed a recording of spirituals for the acclaimed soprano Barbara Hendricks. Produced by EMI Virgin Records, the Hendricks recording is scheduled for release in December 1998. Hogan's choral series is published by Hal Leonard Corporation and by Alliance Music Publishers.

THE MOSES HOGAN CHORALE, now embarking upon its final touring and performing season in 1998-99, is a community choir that has built a reputation for musical excellence that reaches around the world. From its home base in New Orleans, Louisiana, the ensemble's rise to the upper echelon of choral organizations was attested when the Chorale was one of only two choirs from the United States invited to perform at the 1996 World Choral Symposium in Sydney, Australia. In the ten-year history of this event, the Chorale is also the only African-American choir to receive such an invitation.

Moses Hogan began exploring the choral music idiom in 1980 with the organization of the New World Ensemble. This organization evolved into the present Moses Hogan Chorale in 1993. Shortly thereafter, the group came to the notice of the American Choral Directors Association, which extended invitations to perform at its conventions on both the regional and the national levels, and these appearances in turn led to invitations from around the world. The Chorale made its national radio debut when it was invited to Minnesota as featured guest on American Public Radio's St. Paul Sunday Morning with noted countertenor Derek Lee Ragin, which aired in May 1996. More recently, the choir was heard throughout Canada when the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation aired the April 1998 performance at the Glenn Gould Studio in Toronto.

The Chorale's members range in age from nineteen to sixty-nine, and represent a diversity of backgrounds and occupations. The Chorale has lent its talents to many civic and charitable causes in and around New Orleans and has performed to critical acclaim and thunderous ovations in the finest and most prestigious concert halls at home and abroad. With its unique style and versatility, the choir has electrified audiences at the *Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center* in Dallas, Texas, Washington,



D.C.'s John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and D.A.R. Constitution Hall, and Australia's world-famous Sydney Opera House — to name but a few of the distinguished venues in which it has performed. In addition, the Chorale has sung in numerous churches of various denominations, as well as in synagogues, and at educational institutions

across the country. While preserving and celebrating a unique African-American musical heritage, the Chorale has also transcended racial and ethnic boundaries through collaborations with choirs from various cultural traditions, seeking thereby to foster greater understanding among people from diverse backgrounds.

THE MOSES HOGAN CHORALE

Moses Hogan, Artistic Director

SOPRANO	ALTOS	TENORS	BASSES	PRODUCTION
Gladier Dalton	Carolyn Baumann	Gary Foster	John Macklin	ASSISTANTS
Brendolyn McKenna	Martha Francis	Brian Stratton	Angelo Johnson	Dominic Fernandez
Bridget Bazile	Diane Hubbard	Anthony Decuir	Louis Davis	Lurylene Raymond
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Holly Roby	Glenys Clemons	Richard Cheri	Gaylord Raymond	Trimika Fernandez
Julia Battle	Germaine Bazzle	Derrick Brookins	Leo Davis	
Cheryl Clansy	Kiane Davis	S. Carver Davenport	Jarrard Coleman	
Rhonda Ragan	Jalonda Robertson			

Lauridsen — Lux Aeterna CD Receives 1999 Grammy Nomination for Best Choral Performance

The critical and popular acclaim continues for the Chorale's second independent CD, released in May 1998.

Robert D. Thomas: "Virtually every major Southern California ensemble has at least one CD on the market. One of the finest discs in recent years features the Los Angeles Master Chorale in a disc of music by the chorale's composer-in-residence Morten Lauridsen. The CD's title *Lux Aeterna* is also the name of a work written last year for the Master Chorale. It is one of the best pieces of choral music written in the past half century, and this recording lets the music shine forth brilliantly."

Philip Greenfield, The American Record Guide: "This

will be on my Year's Best List for sure."

Since its release in May 1998, the CD has remained one of Tower Records' all-time best selling classical recordings... Each time KUSC-FM plays one or more of the selections, audience response is measurably higher. When the CD was played — and featured as a premium — during the last KUSC pledge drive, it generated the highest response from listeners. When Lauridsen's music was the subject of "The First Art," the program received the most mail ever generated

by a broadcast. Jim Sveda's "Portrait of Morten Lauridsen," broadcast on 300 public radio stations nationwide, drew similar responses.

Daniel Cariaga recommends: "Give it to your best friend," because "the music of Morten Lauridsen grips its audience...Salamunovich...gets a full range of dynamics, controls the arc of each expressive moment and...the chorale sings as if possessed."

Additionally the sheet music for two of the selections on the CD — "O Magnum Mysterium" and "Dirait-on" (from *Les Chansons des Roses*) — have become the alltime best selling octavos in the history of the publisher (Peer/Theodore Presser, publishing since 1783).

The Los Angeles Master Chorale is deeply grateful to Morten Lauridsen, our composer in residence, and the Ahmanson Foundation, which funded this CD, for enhancing our ability to impact the choral art form so positively.

Get your copy! You may purchase this recording at the Tower Records booth in the lobby, or ask for it at your favorite record store. For more information on Chorale

CDs, please call LAMC at

213-626-0624.



Sing Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna This Spring

o you want to sing Morten Lauridsen's glorious music under the baton of Paul Salamunovich? If you are one of the 60 participants in the "Lauridsen Weekend" at Loyola Marymount University June 5 & 6, you will rehearse Lux Aeterna and O Magnum Mysterium with the composer and conductor on Saturday, then share dinner with them that evening. On Sunday, after a warm-up rehearsal, you will perform in a free public concert, followed by a post-concert reception. All this for \$150. If you want to join the chorus, please send a postcard indicating your interest and your name, address, and telephone number to:

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of the Los Angeles Master Chorale Association and
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This year's event will honor

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SUNDAY, May 16, 1999

A magical evening of dinner and dancing in the Grand Hall immediately follows the 7:30 p.m. concert of Great Opera Choruses

featuring

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Sunday, Apr. 25, 1999 7:30 p.m.

Triumphlied, Nänie, Schicksalslied—three powerful selections by Johannes Brahms, whose rich harmonies and romantic style imbue his music with warmth and passion. Mid-Winter Songs—one of Composer-in-Modes Songs—Residence Morten Lauridsen's best known choral cycles.

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Students arriving for the High School Choir Festival

Now in their 35th year, the Master Chorale Associates continue to provide strong support for the Master Chorale and the community through their various fundraising and volunteer activities, including the coordination of Preview Suppers held in the Grand Hall prior to each Concert Preview lecture.

The Los Angeles Master Chorale Associates support the educational and outreach programs of the Los Angeles Master Chorale, including the in-school Chamber Singers interactive "Bridging Cultural Harmony" presentations and the annual High School Choir Festival. This past year, for the first time, the festival's afternoon concert was broadcast live — thanks to the generosity of KKGO, FM 105.1.

Membership in the Master Chorale Associates allows you to give and receive at the same time and is open to both men and women. Stop by the Associates table in the Lobby; Membership Chair Regina Clark welcomes your questions and interest. If you prefer, you may call her at 818-353-1360 to receive a membership brochure.

You are cordially invited to the
10th Annual
High School Choir Festival

Friday, April 30, 1999 Dorothy Chandler Pavilion The Music Center

Individual Choir Showcases 10:30 to 12:00 noon

Combined Choir Concert
1300 students from Greater Los Angeles
and the
Los Angeles Master Chorale
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

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* Tickets Required *

For reservations and performance information, please call Bonnie Grinstead (323) 931-0249, Gloria Moore (323) 933-0729 or Mary Waldo (310) 377-2130

You are invited to dinner! Join the Master Chorale Associates and other fellow concert-goers prior to the concert for a buffet dinner in the Grand Hall. To make reservations, please phone 213-972-3044. Dinner is \$12 if reservations are made 24 hours in advance; otherwise, dinner is \$14 at the door (cash only). Dinner begins at 5:30 prior to each concert.



Parsons Grant Will Enhance Strategic Planning Effort

The Los Angeles Master Chorale is pleased to announce a \$250,000 grant award from The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation. This extraordinary grant will provide critically needed support, as the Chorale engages in strategic planning and audience development projects in preparation for its exciting move to the Walt Disney Concert Hall in 2002.

The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation was established in 1961 as a modest gift-giving organization by the late Ralph M. Parsons, founder of the worldwide engineering and construction firm that bears his name. Subsequent to Mr. Parsons' death in 1974, the Foundation received the residue of his estate. Since that time, the Foundation has been governed by an independent Board of Directors and administrative staff and is no longer affiliated with the Parsons Corporation.

The Foundation's areas of interest include: higher education, social impact and health services programs, and civic and

cultural projects.

The Los Angeles Master Chorale Association is deeply grateful to The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation for this investment in the Chorale and for its continuing support of the arts and the L.A. Master Chorale.

Rio Hondo Foundation Makes Possible "San Gabriel Valley Sings"

As part of this award, Chorale ensembles will be performing in schools in West Covina, Arcadia, Claremont, Monterey Park, Baldwin Park, San Gabriel and Rosemead. These ensembles perform choral works in many languages, teaching students how to listen to classic music and the joys of singing interactively. Other San Gabriel Valley Schools will participate in the 10th annual High School Choir Festival this Spring.

The Los Angeles Master Chorale is deeply appreciative of this grant award which will help to foster an appreciation for and understanding of excellence in choral music.

California Arts Council Award Increased for Master Chorale

The California Arts Council award to the Los Angeles Master Chorale was increased this year, thanks to increased funding for the arts by the State of California. This grant award is helping to fund artists for the April Brahms & Lauridsen Concert. Government support for the arts plays a significant role in contributing to the artistic successes of the Master Chorale. We are grateful to all those in and out of Sacramento who fought to secure this increased funding. Your commitment to the arts has generated a significant victory for the cultural community and will result in renewed commitment to the arts.

Salute to the Music Center Unified Fund

The Los Angeles Master Chorale wishes to extend its thanks to the many donors of the Music Center Unified Fund campaign. Through the Blue Ribbon, Fraternity of Friends, Club 100 and annual giving program, essential support has been provided to the resident companies for the past 30 years. We thank you for your vital and ongoing support.

Save the Date: For Our Annual Spring Gala!

Plan to join the celebration! The sixth annual Voices & Views Gala honoring Peter Hemmings will take place immediately following the final concert of *Great Opera Choruses* on May 16, 1999. Special thanks to Mellon Bank for sponsoring this event annually. Join Paul Salamunovich and friends of the Chorale for dinner and dancing in the Grand Hall — and the traditional "Surrround Sing" by the Los Angeles Master Chorale, 120 voices surrounding the guests for an encore performance of highlights of Great Opera Choruses. Chairs Dona Schultz and Chris Kuyper are planning a Gala evening to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Los Angeles Master Chorale. After last year's success, another champagne dessert celebration will take place on the Loge Level of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. For reservations, please call 213.626.0624.

ROGER WAGNER ALUMNI REUNION

More than 100 alumni who sang under the baton of Roger Wagner streamed onto the stage of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to sing the final encore of the Roger Wagner Celebration Concert, the Vittoria Ave Maria. A reception, hosted by the Los Angeles Master Chorale Association, was held at Otto's Restaurant immediately following the concert.















Top row, left to right: Rae Macdonald — L.A. Master Chorale Production Manager, a Roger Wagner Chorale alum and Roger's Executive Secretary — shares a special moment with the Maestro; Roger Wagner alums Carol Neblett and Dona Schultz (Dona is a current LAMC Board Member) are pictured with Paul Salamunovich and Jeannine Wagner; Trina Loucks and Dwayne Condon served as accompanists for the concert.

Second row, left to right: (1 to r) Marshall Rutter, Vice Chairman of the L.A. Master Chorale, Paul Salamunovich and Terry Knowles enjoying the festivities at Otto's; Roger Wagner Alums Becky Breeding Martin (1), Maestro Salamunovich and Aleta Braxton. Aleta is currently performing with the Chorale; Paul Hinshaw and Daniel Chaney, Chorale members who performed soloist duties during the evening's concert, pose for our camera at the reception.





Third row: Bill and Karole Struebing (L) pictured at Otto's along with Paul Salamunovich. Bill and Karole sang with Roger Wagner and currently perform with the L.A. Master Chorale under Maestro Salamunovich. Bill also serves on the L.A. Master Chorale Board of Directors, and Karole serves on the L.A. Master Chorale Associates Board.



Fourth row, left to right: Alums Brandon and Alice MacAller sharing a memory with Paul. Brandon, a former Board member, and Alice continue to be involved with the Chorale. Continuing a family tradition, their son Dominic currently sings with the Chorale; Paul Salamunovich and Jeannine Wagner, who shared podium honors at the Roger Wagner Celebration Concert, sharing the spotlight at the alumni reception.

Bottom: Roger Wagner Alumni in Song, January 24, 1999.

MASTER CHORALE ESTABLISHES AN ANNUAL BARBARA AND CHARLES I. SCHNEIDER CONCERT.

The Los Angeles Master Chorale is extremely honored and pleased to acknowledge
Barbara A. and Charles I. Schneider's extraordinary leadership gift that will provide endowment funds
to the Chorale through an irrevocable planned gift.

This gift will be acknowledged in perpetuity by establishing an annual
Barbara and Charles I. Schneider Concert.

ROGER WAGNER CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY

The Los Angeles Master Chorale wishes to recognize the following members of the *Roger Wagner Choral Arts Society* – individuals whose leadership and vision, through irrevocable planned gifts, will endow the future of the Los Angeles Master Chorale:

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Barbara and Charles Schneider

Three years ago, the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Master Chorale made a far-reaching and historic decision in implementing a Planned Giving Program.

Today, with the announcement of the gift by Barbara and Charles Schneider, the Master Chorale is the beneficiary of over \$1 million in Planned Gifts. These gifts will ultimately fund an endowment for the Los Angeles Master Chorale. The leadership and vision of the individuals in the *Roger Wagner Chorale Arts Society* are creating a legacy for future generations, while the donors immediately receive Music Center and Master Chorale benefits in recognition of their generosity.

The Master Chorale's Planned Giving Program through the Music Center Foundation provides complimentary, technical advice about financial planning in a confidential setting. A consultant is available — at no cost to you — to meet with you, your attorneys and/or financial advisers to assist you with strategic financial decisions.

Those who have taken advantage of these services have received hundreds of hours of complimentary advice. They have discovered that even the most sophisticated wills and trusts often do not take advantage of opportunities to reduce your taxes while allowing you to benefit the very things that you are passionate about. Those who have completed the process are benefiting themselves, their families and the organizations that they love.

For more information, please contact Terry Knowles and Marshall Rutter, Planned Giving Co-Chairs, at 310.286.1700, Marjorie Lindbeck, L.A. Master Chorale Director of Development at 213.626.0624 or Deborah Hyde, Executive Director of the Music Center Foundation at 213.972.8046.

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When the Los Angeles Master Chorale and Sinfonia Orchestra step onto the stage, they do so because of the generosity of individuals, companies and foundations that are passionate about supporting this great music — individuals who realize that ticket sales alone will never begin to pay for this expensive and treasured art form.

Please join us in honoring the following individuals and businesses who have contributed this year to support the artistic and education activities of the Chorale.

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