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Giving a Voice to Walt Disney Concert Hall Grant Gershon | Music Director

2006 | 07 Season

OCTOBER 2006

Welcome to the 2006 | 07 Season!



Tonight we launch the Los Angeles Master Chorale's fourth season in Walt Disney Concert Hall — a year of great music presented by the world's greatest chorus, frequently joined by very good friends. On this opening night we are especially pleased to welcome the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra to our

stage, one of the world's renowned ensembles. LACO and the Master Chorale have collaborated many times, and always with fantastic musical results. We express our deep gratitude to Carol and Warner Henry, who have generously helped make LACO's appearances this season possible.

We also thank our valued and long-time friends at Mellon for so generously supporting tonight's post-concert gala. It is rare these days that organizations like ours enjoy such a steadfast and rewarding partnership, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to Mellon.

The season ahead is filled to overflowing with concert experiences you will not want to miss. I hope I'll see you at each and every one of them, and I thank you for supporting the Los Angeles Master Chorale.

Terry Knowles

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
Philharmonic Special
Editions) and Ligeti's Grand
Macabre (Sony Classical) —
and Glass—Salonen and You
Are (Variations) (Nonesuch)
with the Master Chorale.



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*

"sonically exhilarating" — Gramophone

On disc: with Music Director Grant Gershon featuring Esa-Pekka Salonen's Two Songs to Poems of Ann Jäderlund and Philip Glass' Itaipú and Steve Reich's You Are (Variations). With Music Director Emeritus Paul Salamunovich includes the Grammy Award®-nominated Lauridsen – Lux Aeterna, Christmas, and a recording of Dominick

Argento's *Te Deum* and Maurice Duruflé's *Messe* "Cum Jubilo"

On film: motion picture soundtracks with Paul Salamunovich include A.I. Artificial Intelligence, My Best Friend's Wedding, The Sum of All Fears, Bram Stoker's Dracula and Waterworld

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PROGRAM



Los Angeles Master Chorale Grant Gershon | Music Director

The Rena Waltz Pierson Music Directorship, a gift of the Pierson and Lovelace families to honor Lillian Lovelace's mother

Sunday, October 22 at 7 pm | Walt Disney Concert Hall Los Angeles Master Chorale Grant Gershon, conductor

Elissa Johnston, soprano | Kelley O'Connor, mezzo-soprano | Jonathan Mack, tenor | Steven Pence, bass Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra

This concert generously sponsored by Mellon **Financial Corporation**



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Schöpfungsmesse (Creation Mass)

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Kyrie

Gloria

Credo

Sanctus

Benedictus

Agnus Dei

Ms. Johnston, Ms. O'Connor, Mr. Mack, Mr. Pence

INTERMISSION

Itaipú

Philip Glass (1937 -)

I. Mato Grosso

II. The Lake

III. The Dam

IV. To the Sea

Performed without pause

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.

Tonight's performance is part of the 5th Annual Daniel Pearl Music Day festivities. The Daniel Pearl Foundation was formed in memory of journalist Daniel Pearl to further the ideals that inspired Daniel's life and work. The Foundation's mission is to promote cross-cultural understanding through journalism, music, and innovative communications. DANIELPEARL.ORG

Tonight's Listen Up! pre-concert discussion is hosted by KUSC's Alan Chapman

The Los Angeles Master Chorale's recording of *Itaipú* is available for purchase at our website, www.LAMC.org, or at the LA Phil store in the lobby.

Compelling "Creations" Through the Centuries

by Victoria Looseleaf

In the beginning there were the chords, the tones, the primal hummings: Stanley Kubrick's apes, hurling bones skyward in 2001: A Space Odyssey to the tympanic thrashings of Strauss' Thus Spoke Zarathustra, the erect simians signifying a new world order; Stravinsky's ethereal bassoon noodlings a prelude to the dissonant and utterly unpredictable music of The Rite of Spring, its fresh sonorities ushering in a controversial freedom; and, shocking in its soothing quietude, the serene beginnings of Franz Joseph Haydn's Schöpfungsmesse. Nicknamed The Creation Mass, it is derived from the composer incorporating into the Gloria movement a quotation from Adam and Eve's duet from his Creation, an oratorio beginning with magisterial octave Cs, God-worthy in their gravity. Composed immediately prior to this 1801 work, this mass was obviously hardwired into Haydn's DNA.

Ah, Haydn! If anyone had a charmed life, it was this Austrian son of a farmer and wheelwright. Born in 1732, the erstwhile boy singer would not only be gainfully employed for nearly four decades by the royal family, Esterhazy, but, as the most famous composer of his day, his celebrity status allowed him to be feted, idolized and entertained by crowned heads. Were he alive today, Haydn, who had a bad marriage, the requisite mistress and more connections than Cingular, would have been fodder for bloggers and

BlackBerries, as well as fronting the hippest MySpace page in cyberspace.

That the composer was also part of a musical triumvirate that included Mozart and Beethoven (whom he once taught) — the purveyors of Classical music — added to his legacy. Of his 104 symphonies, 50 some concertos, 84 string quartets and 12 masses, it is certainly the final six masses written during the last decade of his life that represent a compositional flowering. As if channeled from unseen forces and assuming symphonic forms, they are a direct result of Haydn having worked in London with the cream of orchestral musicians. Demanding nonpareil virtuosity, the mass is performed here by the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. Written to celebrate the name day of Princess Maria Esterhazy, whose husband, Prince Nikolaus, employed Haydn as Kapellmeister, this 45-minute opus in Bflat major is Haydn's largest scale setting of a mass to date. Weaving together form, harmony and expression, as well as different styles, Haydn is, in essence, summarizing his own musical achievements. Replacing his usual energetic Kyrie with a solemn introduction, the music then surprises with a solo for mezzo-soprano. As each of the six masses makes use of the same text, the challenge was keeping the score fresh. But in another brilliant gambit, Haydn, after the initial 29 bars of near-pianissimo dynamics, then delivers a rollicking

6/8 tempo. Peasant-like, this is the work's true opening, also functioning similarly to the first movement of any Haydn symphony, with, of course, the addition of chorus. The Gloria, after customary brass fanfares, moves into the minor key, appropriately set to match the text's grimness, before returning to a more playful mode and the aforementioned Creation quote. A bass solo juxtaposed over the words, "who takest away the sins of the world," Haydn quashed the darkness of the liturgical text with jocular music, emboldened by his belief that most sins are nothing more than lapses resulting from human frailty. Forced by Empress Marie Therese to write an alternate version omitting the Creation theme, Haydn obliged, hearing it played thusly at the mass's first performance, where, reportedly, he was dissatisfied with a solo organ passage and, ousting the organist, performed the passage himself. As for the multi-word Credo, Haydn let loose with extremely difficult violin writing (carpal syndrome be damned!), the music surging into standard sonata form before the organ is introduced as obligato. Listen, too, for the "amens," rising from the nadir of the basses to a high Bflat, with the ensuing Sanctus, normally a flamboyant showpiece, here unusually delicate. Reveling in unexpected key relationships, Haydn begins the Agnus Dei in G major, building with full chorus and orchestra, to running 16th notes before launching into a festive "Dona

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nobis pacem" and the mother lode of fugues. Strewn with elaborately patterned offbeat accents, the music momentarily turns dark (Bflat minor), before careening towards a smoking, enormous finale. Sublime, supreme, staggeringly beautiful, time's infinite march has been punctuated with this glorious music, when all, at least for these moments, is right with the world.

A composer also in tune with the world — literally and metaphorically is Baltimore-born Philip Glass. But unlike Haydn, Glass was not granted the privilege to work with royalty. Indeed, early in his career the young musician struggled financially, toiling as both cab driver and plumber. Now 69, this titan of Minimalism, one who studied with such disparate types as Nadia Boulanger and Ravi Shankar, had his first large-scale triumph in 1976 with the Robert Wilsondirected opera Einstein on the Beach. Bursting with Glass' signature unremitting rhythmic patterns and simple diatonic chords, the work shot him to international prominence, leaving behind any traces of leaky pipes or disgruntled taxi fares. Now hugely successful, the composer has proven equally prolific, his formidable body of work including string quartets and concertos as well as numerous operas, film scores and dance works. Itaipú, the second of Glass' three "nature portraits" for orchestra (The Light and The Canyon were the first and third, respectively), was a commission by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. Premiered in 1989, it was inspired by a trip Glass made to the construction of the world's largest hydroelectric plant on the Paraná River which forms the border between Brazil and Paraguay. Itaipú or "singing stone" in Guarani, makes use of a text drawn from the creation myth of Guarani Indians, a people,

unfortunately, displaced by the project. Used to

supplement rather than duplicate the thrust of music and action, the text functions much as it did in Glass' earlier "portrait operas" (Einstein, Satyagraha from 1980, and 1984's Akhnaten), the dramatic values also epic in scope. Dealing with the conflicts between technology and humanity, Glass establishes symphonic moods in four movements, the 35-minute score churning and roiling much like the Brazilian river itself. Calling for a large orchestra with exotic instrumentation, notably Amazonian percussion, the music also draws upon folk elements, but in typical Glass fashion: By dint of its homogeneous pulsings and repetitious melodic cells that stretch and shrink, images of ducts and turbines are conjured, the orchestral and vocal vacillations spreading out to alter the shape and flow of the music. Alternately gloomy and exhilarating, the score sweeps the listener up in a gargantuan tide of emotions. Dramatic, palpable, eternally alive, this journey of the river Paraná that translates as, "the place where music was born," wends its way from the Brazilian highlands — the first movement Mato Grosso — through The Lake, which is held back by The Dam, and finally, To the Sea. An exploration of an alternative world, it is strangely not unfamiliar to us. Enveloped by this wash of sound, we, too, flow through the dark heart of technology, which Glass one said, "is not neutral and takes over everything" to arrive at a place of musical perfection.

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.



Franz Joseph Haydn

Born: March 31, 1732 in Rohrau,

Austria

Died: May 31, 1809 in Vienna

Assignments: music director to Count Morzin, Kapellmeister to the Esterhazys

Operas: Lo speziale, L'infedeltà delusa, Il mondo della luna, La fedelta premiata, Orlando paladino and Armida

Is regarded: as the father of the symphony and the string quartet



Philip Glass composer

Born: 1937 in Baltimore, Maryland

Studied at: University of Chicago and the Juilliard School

Has worked with: Indian musicians Ravi Shankar and Alla Rakha

Operas: Einstein on the Beach, Satyagraha, Akhnaten, The Making of the Representative for Planet 8, The Voyage, The Sound of a Voice, Waiting for the Barbarians

Film scores: Kundun, The Truman Show, The Hours, The Fog of War

Often classified as: a "minimalist" composer, along with such composers as Steve Reich, Terry Riley and John Adams.

Guest Artists



Elissa Johnston

Performances: Los Angeles Philharmonic, Atlanta Symphony, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Fort Worth Symphony, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, San Francisco Contemporary Players, the Pasadena Symphony, the Colorado Symphony under Jeff Kahane, Strauss' Four Last Songs with the California Philharmonic at Disney Concert Hall, Mozart's Requiem with the Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra, the world premiere of Aura by Chinary Ung with Grammy Award-winning Southwest Chamber Music, Lincoln Center, New York City Ballet, New York Philharmonic's Copland Festival, Lincoln Center's Stravinsky Festival, Aldeburgh Festival in England, Aspen Festival's Winter Music Series, and as Pat Nixon in the world premiere of John Adams' concert suite from Nixon in China entitled The Nixon Tapes, with the composer conducting

Opera roles: Pamina in *Die Zauberflöte* at the Snape Proms in England, the role of Female Chorus in Britten's *The Rape of Lucretia* at the Aldeburgh October Britten Festival, Marzelline in concert performances of Beethoven's Fidelio at both the Aspen Festival and with the Wheeling Symphony, the role of Brigitta in concert performances of Tchaikovsky's lolanta with the L. A. Philharmonic, and LA Opera performances of Il Trovatore, Le Nozze di Figaro, and Il Ritorno d'Ulisse in Patria



Jonathan Mack

Education: degrees in both French horn and vocal performance at the University of Southern California

Has performed throughout:

United States, Germany, France, Holland and Australia

Opera performances:

Kentucky Opera, Opera Columbus, Opera Utah, Vancouver Opera, Portland Opera, and eighteen seasons with the Los Angeles Opera, where he has performed over fifty roles

Has appeared as a guest artist with: Chautauqua Festivals, Carmel Bach Festival, Ojai Festival, Hollywood Bowl, London Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Minnesota Orchestra, Festival Miami and the Montreal Metropolitan

Professional: member of the voice faculty at the University of Southern California and Chapman University



Kelley O'Connor MEZZO-SOPRANO

Education: Bachelor of Music degree from USC and Masters degree from UCLA

Originated the role of: Federico García Lorca in Osvaldo Golijov's *Ainadamar*

Has performed with/at:

Los Angeles Philharmonic, Santa Fe Opera, Lincoln Center, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Ojai and Ravinia Festivals, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Cleveland Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Awards and Honors:

winner of the Long Beach Mozart Festival, the Los Angeles NATS Competition, the Palm Springs Opera Guild Competition, and is a scholarship recipient of the Opera Buffs, Inc



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 Paqlia 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 Chamber Orchestra

Founded: 1968 as an artistic outlet for the film and record studios' most gifted musicians

Music Directors: Renowned pianist and conductor Jeffrey Kahane has led the group since 1997, continuing the standard of excellence set by the orchestra's first four music directors, Sir Neville Marriner, Gerard Schwarz, Iona Brown and Christof Perick

Raves: "America's finest chamber orchestra"

— Jim Svejda, KUSC

"LACO has never sounded better than it does these days..." — Mark Swed, Los Angeles Times

"At keyboard or on podium, [Kahane] has brought his L.A. Chamber Orchestra into a Golden Age."

- Alan Rich, L.A. Weekly

Awards: First Place Award for Programming of Contemporary Music, offered by the American

PERFORMERS

Guest Artists cont.

Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) and the American Symphony Orchestra League

Performs: 15 concerts at two historic theaters, the Alex in Glendale and UCLA's Royce Hall, plus *Baroque Conversations* at Zipper Concert Hall **Upcoming:** to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth, the orchestra peforms all 23 of Mozart's original piano concertos over 15 months, with Jeffrey Kahane conducting all 23 from the keyboard. 14 concertos remain for 2006-07 season and will be broadcast on National Public Radio and KUSC 91.5

Other upcoming highlights include: a world premiere by Gernot Wolfgang, the sixth commission of LACO's unique patron commissioning club, Sound Investment; and the 18th annual Silent Film Gala on Saturday, June 2nd, 2007 at Royce Hall featuring Charlie Chaplin's The Pilgrim and Buster Keaton's Sherlock, Ir.

In the community: Meet the Music reaches thousands of elementary school students, and through Neighborhood Concerts, LACO brings live, professional performances to areas of greater Los Angeles where families have little or no access to the city's cultural institutions

Web site: www.laco.org

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Brent Almond* Lenard Berglund Scott Blois* Andrew Brown* Daniel Chaney* Pablo Corá* Randall Garrou Paul Gibson* Jack Golightly Jody Golightly* leff Greif Steven Harms* Shawn Kirchner* Charles Lane Michael Lichtenauer* Dominic MacAller* Sal Malaki Christian Marcoe* Sean McDermott* Michael McDonough Paul Neal* Marvin Neumann Craig Alan Slaughter

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

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Crispin Barrymore* Joseph Bazyouros* Mark Beasom Paul Bent* Reid Bruton Aaron Cain* Paul Cummings* Kevin Dalbey* **Greg Davies** Steven Fraider Michael Freed* Gregory Geiger Dylan Gentile* Scott Graff* Stephen Grimm* Paul Hinshaw* Jay Kenton Lew Landau* Scott Lehmkuhl **Bob Lewis*** Roger Lindbeck Tonoccus McClain* Bob McCormac Steve Pence Jim Raycroft* **Douglas Shabe** Mark Edward Smith Burman Timberlake* David Tinoco, Ir. Eric Westby Kevin White

David Wilson

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Searmi Park
Cheryl Norman
Songa Lee-Kitto
Agnes Gottschewski*
Cynthia Moussas*
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Ariel Quintana

With the launch of its 2006 or season, the Los Angeles Master Chorale welcomes Ariel Quintana as its new Assistant Conductor. Born in Entre Rios, Argentina, Ariel is a highly talented and accomplished musician who, in addition to being

an outstanding conductor, is a composer, arranger, singer, teacher, pianist and organist. He was a member of the Los Angeles Master Chorale in the mid-1990s, and in December 2003 the Chorale premiered his Hodie Christus Natus Est at Walt Disney Concert Hall. Ariel's broad experience, his knowledge of repertory,

and his exceptional musicianship make him the perfect partner for our Music Director, Grant Gershon, as the Master Chorale thrives and grows. We are tremendously pleased that Ariel has joined our organization, and we hope you will find the opportunity to welcome him in person.

Is Haydn Necessary?

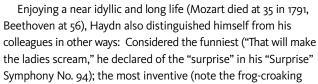
By Victoria Looseleaf

"My prince was content with all my efforts, and gave me his approval. As leader of the orchestra I could experiment, take note of what made an impression, and what lessened it, and so could improve by adding, trimming, and taking risks. Isolated from the rest of the world, I was obliged to become original."

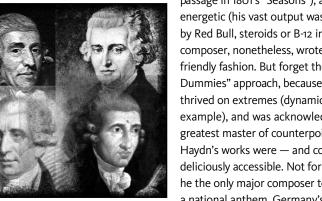
And original he was. These words by Franz Joseph Haydn clearly reveal a man of unflinching confidence, one not unlike the musical icon Bob Dylan, writer of 500 songs whose latest album, "Modern Times," smacks of the past, the present and the future — reminiscent of Haydn at his best. A composer commanding a vast musical establishment that, in addition to the orchestra, included an opera company, church services, and chamber and ceremonial music required by the royal family, Haydn obviously didn't suffer

from Attention Deficit Disorder. In fact, "Papa Haydn," so dubbed by his friend and protégé Mozart, in combining eternal curiosity with equal parts imagination and unflagging work ethic, would help define a musical era.

Such are his gifts that the Los Angeles Master Chorale, under the deft direction of Grant Gershon, is devoting three years to showcase all six of Haydn's famous final Masses in its "Homage to Haydn" initiative, culminating in 2009, the 200th anniversary of the composer's death, which will also be designated Haydn Year by Austrians. As Haydn's sacred choral music is less familiar than his enormously popular instrumental compositions, these works nevertheless shine with some of his finest writing. The last six Masses are a brilliant reflection of the choral music of Handel, which Haydn discovered during several trips to England, one 18-month stint earning him the equivalent of \$600,000. Still, this propitious melding of the magisterial Handelian style with the elegant classical tradition of Austria signified a unique change in Haydn's mass settings. That this sexagenarian could forge a new mode of choral composition to create these masterpieces during the last decade of his life represents a crowning achievement. Jumpstarting the Chorale's 43rd season with The Creation Mass (Schöpfungsmesse) and, in April 2007, performing the Lord Nelson Mass (Missa in Angustiis), both of which feature the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra as guest ensemble, Gershon promises to make his sixth year on the podium another soul-filled journey of sonic shock and awe.



passage in 1801's "Seasons"); and most energetic (his vast output was not enhanced by Red Bull, steroids or B-12 injections), the composer, nonetheless, wrote in a listenerfriendly fashion. But forget the "Haydn-for-Dummies" approach, because, while he thrived on extremes (dynamic or tempi, for example), and was acknowledged the greatest master of counterpoint after Bach, Haydn's works were — and continue to be deliciously accessible. Not for nothing was he the only major composer to have penned a national anthem, Germany's "Deutschland



über alles," a boffo hit still sung today. And whether he was the "father of the symphony" or the inventor of the string quartet, though he originated neither, he did expand these forms, bringing them to full flower with formidable flair. Haydn, frequently called "the minuet king," also incorporated folk tunes and ethnic music in some of his works, the adroit blend of popular and sophisticated elements heard nearly a century after his death in music of Mahler. While Ezra Pound may have written a book of essays, "Make It New" in 1935 (and today there exists Bill Maher's "New Rules" on HBO), it is apparent that Haydn broached freshness and innovation routinely. As to those who would dismiss Haydn as irrelevant today, that, indeed, all of classical music is but an aggregate of notes, rhythms and harmonies written by dead white guys, this ongoing debate is neither a 20th nor 21st century conceit, but one that can be traced back to — gasp — the 14th century. Even then, the lusty melodies of ars nova (literally, "new art"), were thought to indicate the end of civilization.

Hah! That you are actually reading these words, whether comfortably ensconced in Walt Disney Concert Hall, itself a physical paean to this music, or on the Internet, is a testament to the art form's staying power. The proof, of course, is in this musical pudding, the sounds of Haydn (and those of Philip Glass, whose *Itaipú* completes the season-opening program), shimmering with aural electricity, as if blasted from the heart. Created by humans for humans and about humans, this is musical balm, stuff that, happily, will never die.

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Join us to applaud and thank Mellon for its continuing commitment to the Chorale and to the arts in our community.



Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

28 8:00 PM

LAMC performing New York premiere of Steve Reich's You Are (Variations) at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, New York

NOVEMBER

- 4 10:00 AM
 - "Looking Ahead" Coffee & Conversation with Grant Gershon
- 11 10:00 AM
 - Invited Donor Dress Rehearsal for Rachmaninoff's All-Night Vigil, Op. 37
- 12 7:00 PM
 - resonate | Sergei Rachmaninoff, All Night Vigil, Op. 37

DECEMBER

- 9 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM
 - holiday wonders
- 10 7:00 PM
 - **© rejoice** | 6th Cantata from Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* plus holiday favorites
- 11 7:30 PM
 - messiah sing-along
- 18 7:30 PM
 - @ messiah sing-along

JANUARY

LAMC with the Los Angeles Philharmonic: January 12-14, Debussy & Saariaho

- 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 | 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
 - Iift | 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

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**. Your gift will help to support creation, preservation, innovation and education. 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.

\$1,000 | Silver Baton Circle

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

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

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Opening Night Gala

Welcome to the Rainforest! An exotically themed evening awaits tonight's Gala guests as they *embark* on their expedition with a sonic journey of Haydn's *Creation Mass* and Philip Glass' monumental *Itaipú* chronicling an ancient creation myth from the heart of South America. Following the performance by the Los Angeles Master Chorale and the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, the voyage continues to a tropical rainforest in BP Hall for a succulent dinner and entertainment. Gala guests will experience the Chorale's signature Surround-Sing as our own tribe envelopes you with 360 degrees of powerful voices and celebrate the Master Chorale's 43rd season with a roar! The Opening Night Concert and Gala are generously sponsored by Mellon Financial Corporation. We gratefully acknowledge the following generous individuals and companies who support this benefit event. Funds raised this evening support the Chorale's artistic and educational initiatives. Thank you!

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