

HOLIDAY CONCERTS



REJOICE! MESSIAH, HOLIDAY WONDERS AND MESSIAH SING-ALONG





GRANT GERSHON'S (10) ANNIVERSARY SEASON



HIGH NOTES

from Executive Director Terry Knowles



Welcome to Christmas at Walt Disney
Concert Hall! For all of us at the LA Master
Chorale, this special season is all about
great music and wonderful traditions.
We love that so many of you have made
Holiday Wonders part of your family's
annual celebration. It is a joyful concert
for all of us, and we are thrilled that you
have embraced this terrific event that has
become part of the fabric of the Master
Chorale Season.

As traditions go, none is more beloved than our annual **Messiah Sing-Along!** This year, we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of this extraordinary event. We have so many groups that come back year after year to share this experience, and we love having all of you here, knowing how you relish this important annual tradition.

At this special time of year and on behalf of our Board, singers and staff, I want to wish each of you the happiest of holidays and a wonderful season of music and traditions with those you love. Have a great New Year, too, and I will see you January 30 at our **London Bridges** concert!



BREAKING NEWS!

The Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Master Chorale is tremendously pleased to announce that Music Director Grant Gershon has extended his contract through the 2014|15 concert season.

Chairman of the Board Mark Foster commented, "Grant's visionary artistic leadership over the past decade has literally transformed the LA Master Chorale into one of the world's leading choral ensembles. On behalf of our Board, I want to express not only our gratitude for Grant's incredibly important partnership but also our excitement as we look forward to future seasons of marvelous programs and thrilling performances."

Music Director Grant Gershon responded, "I am deeply grateful to the Board of Directors for its confidence in my leadership and its belief that, together with our magnificent musicians and committed staff, we can continue this wonderful journey of musical exploration and creativity. With so many extraordinary artistic opportunities to look forward to, and with huge gratitude to our very loyal patrons for their support, our future is indeed very bright!"

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HOLIDAY WONDERS

Saturday, December 11, at 2:30pm

Walt Disney Concert Hall

Los Angeles Master Chorale

Grant Gershon, conductor John West, organ Lisa Edwards, piano



Here We Come A-Caroling

Hodie Christus natus estGiovanni Gabrieli
(1555-1612)

The First Noël (Sing Along)* English Carol

Angels We Have Heard On High French Carol, arr. Donald McCullough (b. 1957)

Noel, Noel, Bells Are Ringing Wilbur Chenoweth (1899-1980)

The Holly and the Ivy English Carol, arr. Shawn Kirchner

(b. 1970)

English Wassail Song

Memorare Shawn Kirchner

WORLD PREMIERE

Commissioned by the McAniff Family in honor of Ted McAniff

Silent Night Franz Gruber (1787-1863)
WORLD PREMIERE arr. David O (b. 1970)

Jingle Bells (Sing Along)*

James Lord Pierpont (1822-1893)

arr. David Willcocks (b. 1919)

Mi Y'malel (How Shall We Tell) Channukah Song, arr. Theodor Duda

(b. 1951)

Glory, Glory to the Newborn Kingarr. Moses HoganCaroline McKenzie, SOPRANO(1957-2003)

- INTERMISSION -

^{*}see page 6 for Sing Along texts

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

George Wyle and Eddie Pola (1916-2003) (1907-1995) Arr. Bob Krogstad (b. 1950)

Noél Ayisyen (A Haitian Noël)

arr. Emile Desamours (b. 1941)

Ding Dong! Merrily On High

French Carol, arr. Carolyn Jennings (b. 1936)

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (Sing Along)*

Johnny Marks (1909-1985)

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Hugh Martin (b. 1914) arr. Ken Neufeld (b. 1949)

Deck The Hall

Welsh Carol, arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Christmas Song (Sing Along)*

Mel Tormé and Robert Wells (1925-1999) (1922-1998)

Hiney Mah Tov

Hebrew Folk Tune, arr. Iris Levine (b. 1957)

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Shawn Kirchner, PIANO Gary Foster, SAXOPHONE German Carol, arr. Shawn Kirchner

Christmas Flourish

Margaurite Mathis-Clark, SOPRANO

Randol Alan Bass (b. 1953)

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GUEST ARTISTS

Shawn Kirchner COMPOSER/ARRANGER



Seasons with Chorale: 9 seasons as a member of the tenor section

Hometown: Cedar Falls, Iowa

Education: MA in Choral Conducting (University of Iowa), BA in Peace Studies (Manchester College)

Previous LAMC commission: *Tu Voz*, a setting of a Pablo Neruda sonnet, written for LAMC's 2007 High School Choral Festival and premiered at Disney Hall with 900 area high school singers conducted by Grant Gershon

Bluegrass/Country/Jazz: in 2006 Kirchner wrote and recorded Meet Me on the Mountain, a set of original songs inspired by the film Brokeback Mountain (available through CDBaby. com); also writes original jazz tunes performed regularly by the Shawn Kirchner Quartet and other area jazz artists

Christmas: in 2004 Kirchner was music director for Enter the Light of Life, a CBS Christmas Eve special which featured his choral and instrumental arrangements; a subsequent commission by Juniata College augmented this body of Christmas choral arrangements, many of which have been featured on LAMC Holiday Wonders concerts

Awards and Honors: Top Honors in University of Oregon's "Waging Peace Through Singing" choral composition contest for *Rain Come Down*, written following the Columbine school tragedy

Lisa Edwards



Official Position: Pianist/Musical Assistant of the Los Angeles Master Chorale

Education: undergraduate studies in piano performance at North Texas State University; MM in Keyboard Collaborative Arts at USC (with honors)

Has performed with: Los Angeles Master Chorale, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Santa Barbara Symphony

Recordings: Steve Reich's *You Are* (*Variations*) and *Daniel Variations* on Nonesuch

Previous faculty positions include: California State University Long Beach, Glendale Community College, Pasadena City College, Idyllwild Arts Festival

Other positions: San Marino Community Church, Stephen S. Wise Temple, Congregation Kol Ami

John West



Education: initial studies of the organ began at the age of 13 under the tutelage of Richard Purvis at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco; Master of Music degree with Honors from the New England Conservatory of Music

Solo appearances: the New York Philharmonic, Pasadena Symphony; featured artist at the American Guild of Organists' Region IX Convention and the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Guild of Organists; international recitals in Russia, Canada, and South America; clinician for the American Guild of Organists' 2004 National Convention

He has played: all the major instruments in Southern California including the Hazel Wright Organ at the Crystal Cathedral, the organ at First Congregational Church Los Angeles and a 2004 mini-recital at Walt Disney Concert Hall

Radio appearances: featured solo artist for the longest running radio show for the organ, *Pipedreams*, with Michael Barone, February 2000

Compositions: Fanfare on 'Sine Nomine' and Now Thank We All Our God published by Augsburg Fortress; Choral works published by Lawson-Gould, NY

Recordings: solo organ discs: Rev'd Up Organ! and The Roar of The Furies & The Sounds of Sirens **Current position:** Organist in Residence at St. Thomas the Apostle, Hollywood

Most recent: Featured Organist for the 100th year celebration of the American Guild of Organists, Los Angeles, June 2010

Film and Television: session singer on hundreds of movie soundtracks and television shows; served as Chairman of the Singer Committee at the Screen Actors Guild. 2003-2006

LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE

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Tamara Bevard
Karen Hogle Brown
Hayden Eberhart
Claire Fedoruk
Rachelle Fox
Harriet Fraser
Ayana Haviv
Marie Hodgson
Susan Judy
Emily Lin

Margaurite Mathis-Clark Caroline McKenzie Susan Mills Holly Shaw Price Sun Joo Yeo

ALTO

Nicole Baker
Rose Beattie
Leanna Brand
Amy Fogerson
Michele Hemmings
Saundra Hall Hill
Kyra Humphrey
Leslie Inman
Farah Kidwai
Alice Kirwan Murray
Drea Pressley
Niké Simor St. Clair
Kimberly Switzer

Diane Thomas

Tracy Van Fleet

Kristen Toedtman

TENOR

Andrew Brown
Matthew Brown
James Callon
Daniel Chaney
Jody Golightly
J. Wingate Greathouse
Todd Honeycutt
Brandon Hynum
Shawn Kirchner
Michael Lichtenauer
Sean McDermott
Michael McDonough
Eduardo Nepomuceno

Adam Noel

Matthew Thomas

BASS

Melvir Ausente
Joseph Bazyouros
Kevin Dalbey
Greg Davies
Michael Freed
Dylan Gentile
Scott Graff
Stephen Grimm
Paul Hinshaw
Lew Landau
Scott Lehmkuhl
Edward Levy
Robert Lewis
Jim Raycroft

Mark Edward Smith Burman Timberlake

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

THANK YOU & WELCOME

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We wish to extend a warm welcome to the young guests of Bank of America to Holiday Wonders.
Bank of America Charitable
Foundation generously underwrote tickets for children and families from local service organizations including the Variety Boys & Girls Club of Los Angeles and The Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach. Thank you, Bank of America Charitable Foundation!

Memorare

Commissioned by the McAniff Family in honor of Ted McAniff

This afternoon's world premiere of *Memorare* is made possible by a generous commissioning gift from the McAniff family to honor Ted McAniff on his 75th birthday. When the McAniff Family sought a meaningful way to commemorate this important milestone, they were inspired by Ted's love of the Chorale and his commitment to the creation of new choral music through commissions and premieres and decided to commission a new work to honor this occasion. Together they agreed that the perfect composer for such a commission would be Shawn Kirchner, and of course the fact that Shawn also sings in the Chorale created a match made in heaven.

Ted McAniff joined the LA Master Chorale Board of Directors in 1987, was elected President in 1993, and he is Vice Chairman today. His committed and generous leadership – organizationally and philanthropically – have helped spearhead the incredible growth of the LA Master Chorale. It is with great joy that we premiere this wonderful new choral work commissioned in his honor.

SING-ALONG TEXT

The First Noël

The first Noël the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And with His blood mankind hath bought: Noël, Noël, Noël, Born is the King of Israel.

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow On a one-horse open sleigh, O'er the fields we go, Laughing all the way; Bells on bobtail 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.
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! O what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh. Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way! O 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 Join 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!"

The Christmas Song

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost nipping at your nose, Yuletide carols being sung by a choir And folks dressed up like Eskimos.

Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe Help to make the season bright; Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow Will find it hard to sleep tonight.

They know that Santa's on his way, He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh, And every mother's child is going to spy To see if reindeer really know how to fly.

And so I'm offering this simple phrase To kids from one to ninety-two: Although its been said many times, many ways, "Merry Christmas to you."

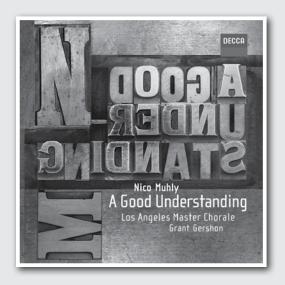
10TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Following the November concert, Grant Gershon signed CDs in the lobby. It was a great opportunity for our patrons to meet the Music Director!





Celebrate the Holiday Season with the gift of choral music!



Released in September and recorded on stage in Disney Hall, the Los Angeles Master Chorale's highly acclaimed recording of the music of Nico Muhly, A Good Understanding (Decca), will make a perfect gift this Holiday Season!

"Muhly's love for the form also goes far beyond mere sound, touching on ideas of time, ritual and tradition."

— THE NATIONAL

"masterful"

- LOS ANGELES TIMES

PURCHASE YOURS TODAY AT LAMC.ORG OR AT THE LA PHIL STORE IN THE LOBBY.

Bravo, Grant!

The following distinguished artists are friends and colleagues of Grant Gershon who salute him as he launches his 10th Anniversary Season as Music Director of the Los Angeles Master Chorale:



John Adams
Louis Andriessen
Jason Robert Brown
Billy Childs
James Conlon
Plácido Domingo
Gustavo Dudamel
Phillip Glass

Ricky Ian Gordon Mark Grey Jeffrey Kahane Morten Lauridsen Meredith Monk Nico Muhly Steve Reich Peter Sellars Michael Ritchie
Christopher Rouse
Paul Salamunovich
Esa-Pekka Salonen
Steven Stucky
Anne Tomlinson
Chinary Ung
Dawn Upshaw

Congratulations, Grant, for ten brilliant years of leading the Master Chorale. It has been a privilege to collaborate with you at the Los Angeles Opera, where your artistry as chorus master has been truly exceptional, and a pleasure for me to have found a collaborator whose great passion for both choral music and opera matches my own.

- James Conlon

I would like to express how marvelous it has been to work together with Grant. He is an incredible musician and human being, and it is always a joy to collaborate with him. I wish him the very best with his Master Chorale for many more years to come, and assure him my admiration and friendship.

- Gustavo Dudamel



SUNDAYS AT 4 PM



LAMC and KUSC launch a new broadcast series on Classical KUSC FM 91.5 beginning Sunday, Dec 19, at 4pm. Thanks to the generosity of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, you can tune in each Sunday to hear your favorite concerts from Walt Disney Concert Hall rebroadcast for your listening pleasure! You'll also enjoy interviews with Grant Gershon as he reflects on his first ten years with the LA Master Chorale. Hosted by Alan Chapman, this 7-week series highlights favorite concert moments over the past year.

Sun, Dec 19 at 4pm

Charpentier Midnight Mass for Christmas Eve Ramírez Navidad Nuestra Vaughan Williams Fantasia on Christmas Carols Susa A Christmas Garland performed Dec 13, 2009

Dec 26 at 4pm

Selections from Sacred Harp Anthology Kirchner Heavenly Home Billings Hymns and Fuguing Tunes Copland Old American Songs Selected Spirituals and Folk Songs performed May 23, 2010

Jan 2 at 4pm

Bach St. Matthew Passion performed March 7, 2010

Jan 9 at 4pm

Marshall Savage Altars Lauridsen Mid-Winter Songs Whitacre Cloudburst David O A Map of Los Angeles performed Nov 22, 2009

Jan 16 at 4pm

Rachmaninoff All-Night Vigil performed Sep 26, 2010

Jan 23 at 4pm

Josquin Missa de Beata Virgine Duruflé Quatre Motets sur des Thèmes Grégoriens Ravel Trois Chansons 16th-century Chansons performed Nov 7, 2010

Jan 30 at 4pm

Adams Choruses from The Death of Klinghoffer Mozart Requiem performed Oct 18, 2009

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010 | 2011

UP NEXT!

LONDON BRIDGES

Sun, Jan 30, 2011 at 7pm

William Byrd | Four-Part Mass

Benjamin Britten | Missa Brevis in D

Hymn to St. Cecilia

John Tavener | Song for Athene

John Tavener | Song for Athene
Judith Weir | Two Human Hymns

STORIES FROM KOREA

Sun, Mar 6, 2011 at 7pm

THE CREATION

Sun, Apr 10, 2011 at 7pm

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR FESTIVAL

Fri, Apr 15, 2011 at 1pm

ELLINGTON: BEST OF THE SACRED CONCERTS

Sun, May 22, 2011 at 7pm

Guest Appearances

BRAHMS REQUIEM

May 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2011 LA Philharmonic Gustavo Dudamel, conducting

All of the above performances are at Walt Disney Concert Hall.

MESSIAH SING-ALONG

Los Angeles Master ChoraleGrant Gershon, conductor
Walt Disney Concert Hall

Sunday, December 5, at 7pm

Harriet Fraser, SOPRANO Leslie Inman, MEZZO SOPRANO James Callon, TENOR Abdiel Gonzalez, BASS



Messiah

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Part	the	First
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1.	Sinfonia	(Overture)	
2.	Recitative	Comfort ye my people	Mr. Callon/Mr. Hynum
3.	Aria	Ev'ry valley shall be exalted	Mr. Callon/Mr. Hynum
4.	Chorus	And the glory of the Lord	
5.	Recitative	Thus saith the Lord	Mr. Gonzalez/Mr. Ausente
6.	Aria	But who may abide	Mr. Gonzalez/Mr. Ausente
7.	Chorus	And He shall purify	
8.	Recitative	Behold, a virgin shall conceive	Ms. Inman/Ms. DeStefano
9.	Aria/Chorus	O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion	Ms. Inman/Ms. DeStefano
12.	Chorus	For unto us a child is born	
13.	Pifa	Pastoral Symphony	
14.	Recitative	There were shepherds abiding in the field	Ms. Fraser/Ms. Bevard
	Recitative	And lo, the angel of the Lord	Ms. Fraser/Ms. Bevard
15.	Recitative	And the angel said unto them	Ms. Fraser/Ms. Bevard
16.	Recitative	And suddenly, there was with the angel	Ms. Fraser/Ms. Bevard
17.	Chorus	Glory to God in the highest	
18.	Aria	Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion	Ms. Fraser/Ms. Bevard
19.	Recitative	Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened	Ms. Inman/Ms. DeStefano
20.	Aria	He shall feed his flock	Ms. Inman/Ms. DeStefano
	Aria	Come unto Him	Ms. Fraser/Ms. Bevard
21.	Chorus	His yoke is easy	

- INTERMISSION -

Sunday, December 19, at 7pm

Tamara Bevard, SOPRANO Janelle DeStefano, MEZZO SOPRANO Brandon Hynum, TENOR Melvir Ausente, BASS

Part the Second		
22. Chorus	Behold the Lamb of God	
23. Aria	He was despised	Ms. Inman/Ms. DeStefano
24. Chorus	Surely He hath borne our griefs	
25. Chorus	And with His stripes	
26. Chorus	All we like sheep	
27. Recitative	All they that see Him laugh Him to scorn	Mr. Callon/Mr. Hynum
28. Chorus	He trusted in God	
42. Recitative	He that dwelleth in heaven	Mr. Callon/Mr. Hynum
43. Aria	Thou shalt break them	Mr. Callon/Mr. Hynum
44. Chorus	Hallelujah	
Part the Third		
45. Aria	I know that my Redeemer liveth	Ms. Fraser/Ms. Bevard
46. Chorus	Since by man came death	
47. Chorus	By man came also	
48. Chorus	For as in Adam all die	
49. Chorus	Even so in Christ	
50. Recitative	Behold, I tell you a mystery	Mr. Gonzalez/Mr. Ausente
51. Aria	The trumpet shall sound	Mr. Gonzalez/Mr. Ausente
56. Chorus	Worthy is the Lamb	
57. Chorus	Amen	

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OBOE Joel Timm *Principal* Stuart Horn

BASSOON John Steinmetz *Principal*

TRUMPET David Washburn *Principal* Marrisa Benedict

TYMPANI Theresa Dimond *Principal*

HARPSICHORD Lisa Edwards *Principal*

ORGAN William Beck *Principal*

PERSONNEL MANAGER Steve Scharf

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SOLOISTS / DECEMBER 5

Harriet Fraser



Seasons with Chorale: First Season **Hometown:** Norwich, England

Education: Medical degree at University College London, worked as a family doctor in central London looking after deprived and immigrant communities; meanwhile studied for postgraduate singing degree at Trinity College London with Ian Partridge.

Opera performances: Most recently Drolla in *Die Feen* by Wagner, with Lyric Opera Los Angeles; has also performed at the Aldeburgh Festival in the UK, Bregenz Festival in Austria and with various Baroque opera companies in the UK

Has appeared as a guest artist with: International Festival Chorus in Beijing (Handel's Messiah), The Three Choirs Festival, Cheltenham International Festival of Contemporary Music (2 world premiere song cycles)

As a soloist: extensively across the UK in all the major choral works, and in contemporary oratorio works; recital work at numerous British Festivals and in London at the Purcell Room, South Bank Centre

Musical theatre credits include: Maria in *West Side Story*, Bloomsbury Theatre, London

Film/Television credits include: Percy Jackson: The Lightening Thief, The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Battle Los Angeles

Awards and Honors: Paul Simm Prize for Contemporary Music

Leslie Inman
MEZZO SOPRANO



Seasons with Chorale: 15 Hometown: Balboa and Temple City, CA

Previous Chorale solos: Bach's St. Matthew Passion, Handel's Messiah; Haydn's Theresienmesse, Creation, and Paukenmesse; Brahms Liebeslieder Walzer; Bach's B Minor Mass

Education: Chapman University, University of Southern California

Opera performances: Carmen with the Palisades Symphony, Opera Pacific (Madama Butterfly, Turandot, Otello, La Bohème, I Pagliacci, Die Fledermaus), Opera Pacific Outreach Program, Dame Quickly from Falstaff (Festa Italiana at the Irvine Bowl), Southland Opera

As a soloist: Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Opera California, Pasadena Pops Orchestra, Palisades Symphony

Recordings: Muhly: A Good Understanding; Lauridsen: Lux Aeterna; Christmas; Argento: Te Deum and Glass-Salonen with the Los Angeles Master Chorale; Mahler 3rd Symphony with the Los Angeles Philharmonic; Cristal: Glass Music through the Ages and A Merry Little Christmas with Linda Ronstadt; These Are Special Times with Céline Dion

Musical theatre credits include: Hodel in Fiddler on the Roof, Anita in West Side Story, Mdme Ernestine von Liebedich in Little Mary Sunshine

Awards and Honors: Los Angeles Artist of the Future, Miriam Oppenheim Scholarship (USC), Orange County Opera Guild

James Callon



Seasons with Chorale: 3 **Hometown:** Lakewood, CA

Education: Bachelor of Music Degree from UC Irvine

Previous Chorale solos: Handel's *Messiah Sing-Along*, Winter 2008; Mozart's *Requiem*, Fall 2009

Opera performances: Rinuccio in *Gianni Schicchi* for Intimate Opera; Tamino in *Die Zauberflöte* for BIOLA University; Gastone in *La Traviata* for Tulsa Opera

Has appeared as a guest artist with: LA Opera Education and Community

LA Opera Education and Community Programs, UC Irvine Orchestra, Inland Valley Symphony Orchestra, Cypress College Orchestra, BIOLA University Orchestra and Golden West College Orchestra, Tulsa Opera

As a soloist: Handel's Messiah, Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass, Mozart's Requiem, Bach's Magnificat, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony

Has toured with: LA Opera Education and Community Programs (Spring 2008), Orange County Opera (Fall 2003 - Spring 2009) and Tulsa Opera Education and Community Programs (Fall 2010)

Awards and Honors: National Association of Teachers of Singing Vocal Competition, Apprentice Division, 1st Place, 2004; NATS Vocal Competition, Career Division, 2nd Place, 2008

Abdiel Gonzalez



Seasons with Chorale: 3

Hometown: Riverside, California

Previous Chorale solos: Handel's *Messiah*, Maestro Dinner, Copland's *The Boatman's Dance*

Education: BA in Music from La Sierra University

Opera Performances: Papageno in Die Zauberflöte, Enrico in Lucia di Lammermoor, Shrike in Miss Lonelyhearts, Mercutio in Roméo et Julliette, Pandolfe in Cendrillon, Athanaël in Thaïs, Morales in Carmen, Guglielmo in Così fan Tutte, King Melchior in Amahl and the Night Visitors, Pirate King in The Pirates of Penzance, Ko-Ko in The Mikado, Slook in La Cambiale di Matrimonio, Gasparro in Rita

As a soloist: Orff's Carmina Burana, Fauré's Requiem, Stravinsky's Pulcinella with the Debut Orchestra

Has toured with: Opera A La Carte and Orange County Opera

Musical theatre credits include:

Don Quixote in Man of La Mancha, Perchik in Fiddler on the Roof, Levi and the Butler in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Awards and Honors: 1st Place in the San Diego District Metropolitan National Council Auditions; 1st Place in the Opera 100 Competition; Vocal Fellow at the Music Academy of the West, Summer 2008

SOLOISTS / DECEMBER 19

Tamara Bevard **SOPRANO**



Seasons with Chorale: 4 Hometown: Chicago, IL

Previous Chorale solos: Bach's St. Matthew Passion, Nico Muhly's Bright Mass with Canons, Haydn's Paukenmesse. Handel's Messiah

Previous engagements: 8 seasons as a professional singer with the Chicago Symphony Chorus

Opera performances: Micaëla/ Frasquita in Carmen, Sylviane in The Merry Widow, La Contessa di Ceprano in Rigoletto, First Spirit in Die Zauberflöte

Recent solo appearances:

Verdi's Requiem and Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with Junge Kammerphilharmonie Freiburg in Stanford Memorial Church and Honolulu with the Honolulu Symphony Chorus; Vaughan Williams' Sea Symphony with the Santa Barbara Chorale Society and Orchestra; Morton Feldman's Rothko Chapel with Jacaranda; Haydn's Theresienmesse in Rome and Florence with Nova Amadeus Orchestra and in Munich with the Seuddeutsche Kammer Philharmonie; Mozart's Requiem and Vesperae solennes de Confessore with the Praga Sinfonietta Orchestra in Prague, Vienna, and Budapest; Fauré's Requiem with the Santa Barbara Symphony and Illinois Chamber Symphony

Guest artist with: Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Santa Barbara Symphony, Opera Santa Barbara, Pacific Repertory Opera, Illinois Chamber Symphony

Janelle DeStefano **MEZZO SOPRANO**



Seasons with Chorale: First season

Hometown: San Diego, CA

Education: Working on a DMA at USC Thornton School of Music, Master of Music Westminster Choir College

Opera performances: Romeo in *I* Capuletti e i Montecchi and the title role in Britten's The Rape of Lucretia; will appear as Dido in Dido and Aeneas with the Bach Collegium San Diego in June 2011

Has appeared as a guest artist with: The Inland Valley Symphony, La Jolla Symphony and Chorus, Bach Collegium San Diego, early music group El Mundo

As a soloist: Bach's Magnificat, Vivaldi's Magnificat, Handel's Dixit Dominus, Mozart's Requiem, Bach Mass in B-minor, Szymanowsky's Stabat Mater, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony; will perform in Bach's St. Matthew Passion with La Jolla Symphony and Chorus Spring 2011

Has toured with: The San Diego Opera Ensemble

Film/Television credits include: portrayal of the gypsy, Maria, in La Alegría de la Huerta at the Jarvis Zarzuela Festival (available on DVD)was hailed as the "pick of the Chueca" by Zarzuela.net

Awards and Honors: winner Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, San Diego District; the National Association of Teachers of Singing; the Musical Merit Foundation

Brandon Hynum TENOR



Seasons with Chorale: First season

Hometown: Thousand Oaks, CA

Education: BA in Music with a minor in Chemistry from Washington Adventist University; currently pursuing MM in vocal performance at USC

Performs regularly with: Choir of St. James Episcopal Church

Opera performances: Mayor Upfold in Albert Herring, chorus in Das Liebesverbot; will perform Belfiore in La finta giardiniera with USC Opera in April 2011

Has appeared as a guest artist with:

The New England Youth Ensemble and the Columbia Collegiate Chorale with John Rutter at Carnegie Hall; Salzburg Cathedral Chorus at the '09 Salzburg Music Festival

As a soloist: Bach's Magnificat, St. John Passion; Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb; Charpentier's Te Deum, Le Reniement de St. Pierre, Messe de Minuit pour Noël: Handel's Dixit Dominus: Monteverdi's Selva Morale Et Spirituale; Purcell's Come ye sons of Art, O sing unto the Lord; Rittenhouse's African Suite (premiere at Carnegie Hall); Rossini's Stabat Mater; Vaughan Williams' Serenade to Music and Mass in G minor

Recordings: Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Songs, Vol. 1 and Requiem by James T. Bingham with Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church; recording of American folksongs at the National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.

Has toured with: The New England Youth Ensemble and the Columbia Collegiate Chorale

Melvir Ausente **BARITONE**



Seasons with Chorale: 2

Hometown: Bacolod City, Philippines

Education: BM in Choral Conducting; Diploma in Creative Performance in Music and the Arts

Performs regularly with: St. James' Choir, Vocalese, Harana Men's Chorus and Sole Voce

Opera performances: Il Trovatore with El Paso Opera

As a soloist: Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs with the El Paso Chorale; Dubois' The Seven Last Words of Christ with the White Memorial Church Choir; Meredith Monk's Night with the Los Angeles Master Chorale

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Kent Kresa

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This year, we welcome two very special friends of the Master Chorale to the stage:

Jeffrey Janis, Guest Conductor December 5, 2010

Our guest conductor for the Hallelujah Chorus at the December 5, 2010 Messiah Sing-Along is a veteran attendee of this event. Jeffrey Janis first attended a Messiah Sing-Along over 30 years ago at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. What began as a yearly family tradition so many years ago continues to this day.

In 30 years, he has missed only three Messiah Sing-Alongs: in 2004 and 2005 when he joined the Peace Corps and served in Ukraine, and just last year in 2009, when sickness put him in the hospital in December. In each of these years, he listened to *Messiah* as a way of keeping his tradition alive.

Earlier this year after a miraculous recovery from a serious illness, Jeffrey celebrated his 50th birthday. Long having his eye on the prize of conducting the Hallelujah Chorus on his "bucket list", fulfilling this aspiration became a priority. It is also his traditional way of ushering in the holidays – an odd tradition for a nice Jewish boy!

Jeffrey brings along friends and colleagues, the group of fans growing each year. Last year there were nearly 25 in his group and this year, with his Walt Disney Concert Hall stage debut, his supporters for the conducting debut number 50 strong to cheer him on. His mom still attends the Sing-Along each year at the Kennedy Center and she has flown out to see her son's debut at Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Jeffrey has worked in the non-profit sector for 25 years and is currently Director of Development at Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House. Bravo, Jeffrey!

Kent Kresa, Guest Conductor December 19, 2010

Kent Kresa is a familiar face at The Music Center - but never before seen at the podium on stage with baton in hand! Mr. Kresa is a former Vice-Chair and current Director Emeritus of the Board of The Music Center of Los Angeles County. He and his wife Joyce are great patrons of the arts, and their support has made a tremendous difference in the success of all Resident Companies. For this alone, we owe them a great debt of gratitude.

Both Joyce and Kent Kresa grew up with an appreciation for music instilled by their respective families. Kent sang in his church choir, in his college Glee Club, and while he and Joyce attended MIT, both sang in the Choral Society.

They have been long-time subscribers to the Master Chorale since the early 80s and find great pleasure in hearing this world-class ensemble. Huge fans of Music Director Grant Gershon, Joyce and Kent Kresa served as Honorary Chairs for Grant's 10th Anniversary Gala on Opening Night, September 26, 2010.

In Kent's toast to Grant that evening, he expressed his appreciation for Grant's inspirational leadership over the past decade as well as his fruitful collaborations with LA Opera and LA Philharmonic, demonstrating a unique impact over the entire campus. He concluded his tribute by saying "...we are grateful and in awe of his leadership and commitment to artistic excellence in everything he does, and realize what a treasure he has become to Los Angeles."

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Los Angeles Master Chorale

Grant Gershon, conductor

Deborah Mayhan, SOPRANO Tracy Van Fleet, MEZZO SOPRANO Jon Lee Keenan, TENOR Steve Pence, BASS



Messiah

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) arr. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Part the First

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1.	Sinfonia	(Overture)	
2.	Recitative	Comfort ye my people	Mr. Keenan
3.	Aria	Ev'ry valley shall be exalted	Mr. Keenan
4.	Chorus	And the glory of the Lord	
5.	Recitative	Thus saith the Lord	Mr. Pence
6.	Aria	But who may abide	Mr. Pence
7.	Chorus	And He shall purify	
8.	Recitative	Behold, a virgin shall conceive	Ms. Van Fleet
9.	Aria/Chorus	O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion	Ms. Van Fleet
10.	Recitative	For behold, darkness shall cover the earth	Mr. Pence
11.	Aria	The people that walked in darkness	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. Mayhan
	Recitative	And lo, the angel of the Lord	Ms. Mayhan
15.	Recitative	And the angel said unto them	Ms. Mayhan
16.	Recitative	And suddenly, there was with the angel	Ms. Mayhan
17.	Chorus	Glory to God in the highest	
18.	Aria	Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion	Mr. Keenan
19.	Recitative	Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened	Ms. Mayhan
20.	Aria	He shall feed his flock	Ms. Mayhan
21.	Chorus	His yoke is easy	

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Part the Second 22. Chorus Behold the Lamb of God 23. Aria Ms. Van Fleet He was despised 24. Chorus Surely He hath borne our griefs 25. Chorus And with His stripes 26. Chorus All we like sheep 27. Recitative All they that see Him laugh Him to scorn Ms. Mayhan 28. Chorus He trusted in God 29. Recitative Thy rebuke hath broken his heart Ms. Mayhan 30. Aria Behold, and see if there be any sorrow Ms. Mayhan 31. Recitative He was cut off out of the land of the living Ms. Mayhan 32. Aria But thou didst not leave his soul in hell Ms. Mayhan 33. Chorus Lift up your heads, O ye gates 34. Recitative Unto which of the angels said he at any time Ms. Mayhan 37. Chorus The Lord gave the word 38. Aria How beautiful are the feet Ms. Mayhan 39. Chorus Their sound is gone out 40. Aria Why do the nations so furiously rage together? Mr. Pence 41. Chorus Let us break their bonds asunder 42. Recitative He that dwelleth in heaven Mr. Keenan 43. Aria Mr. Keenan Thou shalt break them 44. Chorus Hallelujah Part the Third 45. Aria I know that my Redeemer liveth Ms. Mayhan 46. Chorus Since by man came death Mr. Pence 47. Recitative Behold, I tell you a mystery 48. Aria The trumpet shall sound Mr. Pence Ms. Van Fleet 49. Recitative Then shall be brought to pass 50. Duet O death, where is thy sting? Ms. Van Fleet and Mr. Keenan But thanks be to God 51. Chorus If God be for us 52. Recitative Ms. Mayhan 53. Chorus Worthy is the Lamb that was slain



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PROGRAM NOTES

By Thomas May

THE PAST REMADE IN MOZART'S MESSIAH

When Handel died in 1759, Mozart was just a toddler. The transformation in musical tastes and stylistic trends then under way — one as immediately striking as, say, the contrast between music of the big band era and 1960s rock — continued at a dizzying pace. Mozart himself, of course, played a key role in synthesizing the new style of Viennese classicism that had emerged by the time he prepared his arrangement of Messiah three decades later, in 1789. Yet he had also acquired a fresh interest in the legacy of Handel, Bach, and other baroque masters, thanks largely to the influence of Baron Gottfried van Swieten (1733-1803) and his circle. Born in Holland to a doctor who became the personal physician of Habsburg Empress Maria Theresa, Van Swieten followed a versatile career serving in the imperial court. He was a diplomat, head of the imperial library (where he invented the concept of the easily updatable card catalogue), educational minister, and a supporter of Emperor Joseph II's reformist policies. Van Swieten also had ambitions of his own as a composer, but it was his connoisseurship of music from earlier in the century — an era that had by now come to be perceived as utterly remote and old fashioned — that left its mark on Mozart during his final decade in Vienna.

The Baron's remarkable collection of baroque manuscripts provided the focus for a regular series of Sunday salons he conducted in Vienna. Mozart eagerly participated as keyboardist; he also explored the "learned" contrapuntal language of his predecessors in transcriptions he made for string quartet. Van Swieten later enlisted Mozart to rework and conduct a series of Handel oratorios for their premiere performances in Vienna.

These were sponsored by a society of like-minded aristocrats — the "Society of Associated Nobles" — which van Swieten founded in 1786. Mozart's reworking of *Messiah* is the best known of these arrangements and was performed during Lent 1789 at the palace of Count Johann Esterházy, a cousin of Haydn's long-term patron. Mozart additionally "updated" other works by Handel: *Acis and Galatea* in 1788 and *Alexander's Feast* and the *Ode for Saint Cecelia's Day* in 1790.

Of the baroque masters, J.S. Bach may ultimately have proved to be a more profound source of inspiration than did Handel — as Alfred Einstein argues in his famous study of the composer. Still, Mozart's close study of baroque counterpoint, which was encouraged by his involvement with Swieten's circle, clearly enhanced his late style. Whether in the final trio of symphonies or *The Magic Flute*, he integrates contrapuntal devices into his language. Even the fugue theme of the Kyrie in his *Requiem* seems to allude to Handel's motif for the chorus "And with his stripes."

The model of reviving musical works from the past for contemporary audiences dominates our concert life. But at that time it remained an unusual concept — with the exception, admittedly, of *Messiah*, whose status as permanent repertoire was already being enshrined by annual performances in England. Still, the work had yet to be heard in the musical capital of Europe, Vienna. It would take a good deal longer for the United States premiere: the first complete performance was given in Boston in 1817.

Mozart's treatment, which was published posthumously in 1803, set an important template for later arrangements of the score. But it has nothing in common with the super-sizing tendencies already seen at the Westminster Abbey "commemorative" performances of 1784 (featuring some 500 performers and including a complement of 7 flutes!) and canonized during the Victorian era. Ironically, the confined performance space of Esterházy's private palace required a reduction in choral forces to a mere dozen total. Mozart does call for a larger orchestral palette, but he continually varies the combinations of his players and often uses them with painterly detail. This is the quality above all that makes us immediately aware we are in a sound world other than Handel's.

Mozart calls for an orchestra of double flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons, horns and trumpets, along with three trombones, timpani, and strings — essentially a classical orchestra, but with "operatic" trombones for the Overture and for choral doublings and a piccolo for the *Pifa*. Van Swieten supplied Mozart with a

manuscript in which the first edition — as published, with some errors, in 1767 — had been copied out; room was left to add woodwind and brass scoring as he saw fit (including changes to Handel's original scoring for oboes, bassoon, trumpets, and timpani). A German translation was also inscribed over the vocal parts and used for the Vienna premiere (The Master Chorale will sing the original English text).

MOZART DOES CALL FOR A LARGER ORCHESTRAL PALETTE, BUT HE CONTINUALLY VARIES THE COMBINATIONS OF HIS PLAYERS AND OFTEN USES THEM WITH PAINTERLY DETAIL.

The scoring for close to one-third of Handel's original numbers remains unchanged, while the most obvious modifications tend to occur within the arias — both in instrumentation and, in several cases, in reassignment of solo voices, such as the substitution of tenor for soprano in "Rejoice." Mozart also specifies nuances of articulation and dynamics.

Overall, the two main areas of alteration involve structure and timbral color. This complete *Messiah* moves by more fleetly. Mozart tightens Parts Two and Three by omitting the chorus "Let all the angels" and aria "Thou art gone up on high" (his only outright cuts), noticeably truncating "And the trumpet shall sound," and resetting the soprano aria "If God be for us" with his own accompanied recitative (possibly in response to the Baron's judgment of this number as "cold" in relation to the rest of the oratorio).

The added orchestral parts underline a classical sense of balance and weight in the choruses. In the arias — above all in their new woodwind textures — Mozart taps into an operatic sensibility and integrates the vocal solos more closely with the orchestra. The effect is often subtle but becomes particularly revealing in such numbers as "The people in darkness," "Thou shalt break them," and "I know that my Redeemer liveth." You can imagine Mozart tuning into the imagery of darkness and light that would later inform *The Magic Flute*, while "Why do the nations" becomes a tour-de-force rage aria that wouldn't be out of place in *The Abduction from the Seraglio*.

The very premise of retooling a composer's score may seem taboo to us, yet trapping a composition in amber hardly represented the prevailing ideal. The ever pragmatic Handel himself had frequently tailored *Messiah* to adapt to the performers and venues available for his annual revivals. Even the original version was in a sense provisional: the unusually thin orchestration of the autograph score by this master orchestrator reflects Handel's uncertainty about performing conditions for the premiere in Dublin in 1742.

Underscoring Mozart's *Messiah* is a philosophy that sees music as part of a living tradition rather than an object to be venerated behind exhibition glass. Certainly van Swieten sensed this. He praised Mozart as a composer who "has felt [Handel's] worth, has understood him, and has penetrated to the source of his expression, from which he can and will draw confidently."

Thomas May writes frequently about the arts and is the program annotator for the Los Angeles Master Chorale.

MOZART'S ALTERATIONS OF HANDEL

Here are two examples of easily identifiable changes in Mozart's treatment of the score:

Chorus: "And the glory of the Lord"

Listen here for the "fullness" of sonority of the classical orchestra as Mozart weaves oboes, clarinets, bassoons, and horns (along with a suggested complement of trombones to double the lower voices) into Handel's string textures.

Aria: "The trumpet shall sound" (Part Three)

Along with its dramatic abridgement, this aria (over which Mozart particularly labored) is an example of changes made for practical reasons. The virtuoso technique required for the baroque trumpet was now a thing of the past, so Mozart reduces the solo trumpet's fanfare and redistributes its more challenging part to the horn. There may also have been a semantic justification for the change: the familiar German translation for this verse uses the word Posaune ("trombone") rather than "trumpet."

It's also worth noting that just as important as his alterations are Mozart's instincts not to intervene. For example, the choruses "And with his stripes" and "He trusted in God" preserve the solemnity of Handel's settings and call only for trombone doubling.

Grant Gershon MUSIC DIRECTOR



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Other appearances:

Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Houston Grand Opera, Minnesota Opera, Utah Opera, Juilliard Opera Theatre, Lincoln Center, Zankel Hall, Teatro Colón and music festivals in Edinburgh, Vienna, Helsinki, Ravinia, Rome, Madrid and Aspen. World premiere performances of *The Grapes of Wrath* by Ricky lan Gordon and *Ceiling/Sky* by John Adams

Other current assignments:

Associate Conductor/Chorus Master at LA Opera; led the world premiere performances of Daniel Catán's *II Postino* starring Plácido Domingo with LA Opera in September 2010; led all 8 performances of *La Traviata* with LA Opera in 2009; will make his Santa Fe Opera debut conducting Peter Sellars' new production of Vivaldi's *Griselda* in 2011

Previous assignments:

Assistant Conductor for the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Berlin Staatsoper, Salzburg Festival, Festival Aix-en-Provence

Member of: USC Thornton School of Music Board of Advisors, Chorus America Board of Directors

On disc: Two Grammy Award®nominated recordings: Sweeney Todd (New York Philharmonic Special Editions) and Ligeti's Grand Macabre (Sony Classical);



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Prepared choruses for:

Claudio Abbado, Pierre Boulez, Gustavo Dudamel, Lorin Maazel, Zubin Mehta, Simon Rattle, Esa-Pekka Salonen

On film/tv: vocal soloist in The X-Files (I Want to Believe); conducted choral sessions for films I Am Legend, Charlie Wilson's War, Lady in the Water, and License to Wed; accompanied Kiri Te Kanawa and Jose Carreras on The Tonight Show



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On disc: with Music Director Grant Gershon include Nico Muhly's A Good Understanding (Decca); Philip Glass' Itaipú and Esa-Pekka Salonen's Two Songs to Poems of Ann Jaderlünd (Glass-Salonen, RCM); and Steve Reich's You Are (Variations) and Daniel Variations (both on Nonesuch). With Music Director Emeritus Paul Salamunovich include the Grammy Award®-nominated Lauridsen – Lux Aeterna, Christmas, and a recording of Dominick Argento's Te Deum and Maurice Duruflé's Messe "Cum Jubilo"

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Seasons with Chorale: 9

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Previous Chorale solos: Bach's St. Matthew Passion, Handel's Messiah, Haydn's Harmoniemesse and Lord Nelson Mass, Mozart's Coronation Mass, Louis Andriessen's City of Dis

Education: Bachelor Degree in Voice from California State University, Northridge

Opera performances: Marguerite in Gounod's *Faust* with West Bay Opera, Clorinda in Rossini's *La Cenerentola* with Opera Santa Barbara, The Voice in Beaumarchais' *The Guilty Mother* with Long Beach Opera

Guest appearance as a soloist: Los Angeles Philharmonic conducted by Julian Kuerti, Santa Rosa Symphony conducted by Jeffrey Kahane, Opera a la Carte, Santa Barbara Choral Society, Pacific Chorale, New West Symphony, Claremont Chorale, Pasadena Pops Orchestra, Los Robles Master Chorale, Cuesta Master Chorale, Mendocino Music Festival

Recordings: As soloist in John Biggs' A Vocal Bouquet and A Choral Bouquet; her solo voice also appears in Disney Channel's made-for-TV movie The Proud Family and in the film The Virgin of Juarez

Awards and honors: Metropolitan Opera Western Regional Finalist, Winner of the Los Angeles Artist of the Future Contest, Scholarship Participant at Israel Vocal Arts Institute in Tel Aviv

Tracy Van Fleet MEZZO SOPRANO



Seasons with Chorale: 10

Hometown: San Marino, CA

Previous Chorale solos: Haydn's Heilig Mass, Mozart's Requiem and Coronation Mass, Duruflé's Requiem, Handel's Messiah

Education: BM and MM in vocal performance, University of Southern California

Opera performances: Carmen in Bizet's Carmen; Flora in Verdi's La Traviata, Tisbe in Rossini's La Cenerentola, Lola in Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana, Witch & Mother in Humperdink's Hänsel und Gretel, Katisha in Gilbert & Sullivan's Mikado, Ruth in Pirates of Penzance, Buttercup in HMS Pinafore, Duchess in The Gondoliers

Has appeared as a guest artist with: Los Angeles Opera, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, San Diego Opera, Opera Pacific, Pacific Symphony, Opera Colorado, San Diego Symphony

As a soloist: Naples Philharmonic, Los Angeles Bach Festival, Pasadena Symphony, San Diego Chamber Orchestra, Pasadena Pops Orchestra, USC Symphony & Chorus, USC Contemporary Music Ensemble, Santa Monica Symphony, Santa Barbara Choral Society, Lyric Opera San Diego, Colorado Gilbert & Sullivan Festival, Opera A La Carte, Arapahoe Philharmonic (Colorado)

Recordings: Steve Reich's *You Are* (*Variations*) on Nonesuch; *Vignettes: Ellis Island*

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Jon Lee Keenan



Seasons with Chorale: 3

Hometown: Carson City, NV

Previous Chorale solos: Haydn's Theresienmesse, Handel's Messiah, Charpentier's Messe de minuit pour Noël, Bach's St. Matthew Passion

Education: BM in Vocal Performance, Music Education, and Jazz Studies from UNLV; MM in Choral Conducting from CSULA (coursework completed); MM in Vocal Arts from USC; currently pursuing a DMA in Vocal Arts at USC

Opera Performances: Antonio and Luzio (cover) in Wagner's second opera Das Liebesverbot (USC Thornton Opera), Fenton in Falstaff (in Cagli, Italy), Male Chorus in The Rape of Lucretia (USC Thornton Opera), Tamino in The Magic Flute with Opera Nova (Santa Monica), Don Ottavio in Don Giovanni, Camille in The Merry Widow, Rinuccio in Gianni Schicchi

Recordings: Featured soloist with the Santa Fe Desert Chorale on *Christmas* in Santa Fe

Also known as: an accomplished jazz bassist

Steve Pence



Seasons with Chorale: 6

Hometown: Costa Mesa, CA

Education: BM from Chapman University and two MM degrees from New England Conservatory

Previous Chorale solos: Bach's Christmas Oratorio and St. Matthew Passion; Handel's Messiah; Haydn's Creation Mass, Lord Nelson Mass, and Theresienmesse

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

As a soloist: Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 at UCLA's Royce Hall with the American Youth Symphony, Britten's War Requiem with Cypress Masterworks, Walton's Belshazzar's Feast and Vaughan Williams' Dona Nobis Pacem with the Cuesta Master Chorale, Bach's Mass in B Minor with the Los Angeles Bach Festival, Mozart's Grand Mass in C minor with the Orange County Catholic Chorale, Mendelssohn's Elijah with Lark Society

COMPOSERS



George Frideric Handel

B. February 23, 1685 in Halle

D. April 14, 1759 in London

Education: as a young man, studied organ, theory and composition with the organist of the Lutheran Marienkirche; attended law school at the urging of his father; left after one year to take a position as violinist and harpsichordist at the Hamburg Opera House; two years later his first two operas were premiered there

Change of venue: In 1712 Handel moved to England, where he became a favorite of royalty. The *Coronation Anthems* he composed for George II's coronation in 1727 have been performed at every subsequent British coronation

Prodigious output: 42 operas, 29 oratorios, more than 120 cantatas, trios and duets, numerous arias, chamber music, odes and serenatas, and 16 organ concerti

Most popular works: Messiah, Water Music, Israel in Egypt, Music for the Royal Fireworks



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

- B. January 27, 1756 in Salzburg, Austria
- D. December 5, 1791 in Vienna

Education: first taught by his father, the controlling and exploitative Leopold Mozart; spent all but four of his first 17 years being paraded about Europe as a child prodigy; studied under Johann Christian Bach, Padre Martini and received occasional advice and critique from Franz Josef Haydn's younger brother, composer Michael Haydn

Assignments: in the service of the notoriously impious Archbishop of Salzburg on-and-off between 1774 and 1781; received a commission for the opera *Idomeneo* in 1781 from the Elector of Bavaria; essentially a "freelancer" after 1782 with the exception of occasional commissions

Best known for: a storied, almost legendary compositional technique and output; very likely never wrote out finished, fully developed music from beginning to end, note by note; despite a reputation for being fiscally irresponsible, all debts were settled before his death

Interesting fact: as a youngster in Italy, accomplished an unusual musical feat by writing out, from memory, the nine-voice, 12 minute-long motet *Miserere mei Deus* after just two hearings of the work

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HANDEL'S MESSIAH arr. MOZART

PART THE FIRST

SINFONIA

Recitative (Tenor)

Comfort ye my people, saith your God; speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Air (Tenor)

Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill made low, the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

Chorus

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Recitative (Bass)

Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: yet once a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land, and I will shake all nations and the desire of all nations shall come. The Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in. Behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Air (Bass)

But who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.

Chorus

And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

Recitative (Alto)

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, God with us.

Air (Alto) and Chorus

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength. Lift it up, be not afraid, say unto the cities of Judah: Behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Recitative (Bass)

For Behold, darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall rise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee, and the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Air (Bass)

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light, and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Chorus

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

PIFA

Recitative (Soprano)

There were shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flock by night.

Recitative (Soprano)

And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

Recitative (Soprano)

And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Recitative (Soprano)

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

Chorus

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill toward men.

Air (Tenor)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, thy King cometh unto thee! He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

Recitative (Soprano)

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

Air (Soprano)

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Come unto Him all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Chorus

His yoke is easy and His burthen is light.

PART THE SECOND

Chorus

Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

Air (Alto)

He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He gave His back to the smiters, and His cheeks to them that plucked off the hair. He hid not His face from shame and spitting.

Chorus

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

Chorus

And with His stripes we are healed.

Chorus

All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way. And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Recitative (Soprano)

All they that see Him laugh Him to scorn: they shoot out their lips and shake their heads, saying:

Chorus

He trusted in God that He would deliver Him. Let Him deliver Him if he delight in him.

Recitative (Soprano)

Thy rebuke hath broken His heart: He is full of heaviness. He looked for some to have pity on Him, but there was no man, neither found He any to comfort Him.

Air (Soprano)

Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.

Recitative (Soprano)

He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of Thy people was He stricken.

Air (Soprano)

But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell, nor didst Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption.

Chorus

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in

battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

Recitative (Soprano)

Unto which of the angels said He at any time: Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee?

Chorus

The Lord gave the word, great was the company of the preachers.

Air (Soprano)

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things.

Chorus

Their sound is gone out into all lands, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Air (Bass)

Why do the nations so furiously rage together? Why do the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed.

Chorus

Let us break their bonds asunder, and cast away their yokes from us.

Recitative (Tenor)

He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; the Lord shall have them in derision.

Air (Tenor)

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Chorus

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

PART THE THIRD

Air (Soprano)

I know that my Redeemer liveth and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.

Chorus

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Recitative (Bass)

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

Air (Bass)

The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Recitative (Alto)

Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory!

Duet (Alto and Tenor)
O death, where is thy sting?
O grave, where is thy victory?
The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law.

Chorus

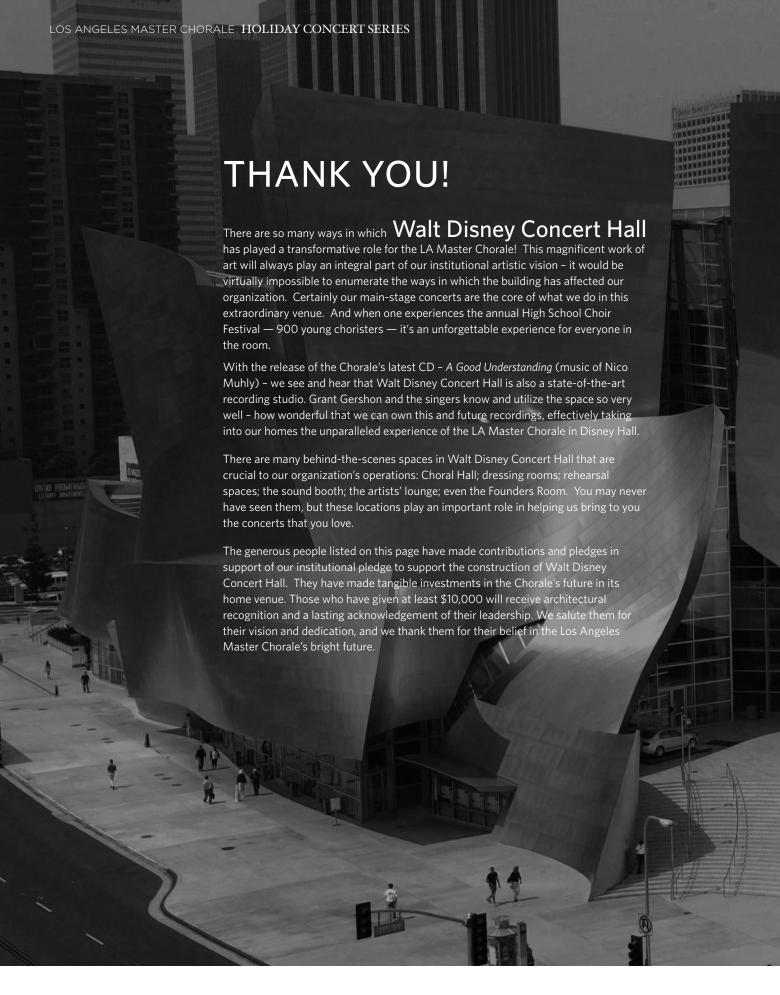
But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Recitative (Soprano)

If God be for us, who can be against us? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again, who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory and blessing. Blessing and honour, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.





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WEDNESD 6:30 PM	DAY, DECEMBER 1 Lohengrin	8:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre	8:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre	8:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre
8:00 PM	LA Opera /Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre	8:00 PM	Randy Newman's <i>Harps & Angels</i> CTG / Mark Taper Forum	8:00 PM	Randy Newman's <i>Harps & Angels</i> CTG / Mark Taper Forum	TUESDAY, 8:00 PM	DECEMBER 21 Manhattan Transfer Christmas Show
8:00 PM	Pierre-Laurent Aimard in Recital Presented by LA Phil /	THURSDA' 6:30 PM	Y, DECEMBER 9 Lohengrin LA Opera /Dorothy Chandler Pavilion	THURSDA' 8:00 PM	Y, DECEMBER 16 McGegan Conducts Mozart and Haydn		Presented by LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall
8:00 PM	Walt Disney Concert Hall Randy Newman's Harps & Angels	8:00 PM	Next to Normal		LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall	8:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre
6.00 PIVI	CTG / Mark Taper Forum		CTG / Ahmanson Theatre	8:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre	WEDNESD	AY, DECEMBER 22
THURSDA' 7:30 PM	Y, DECEMBER 2 Rigoletto	8:00 PM	Randy Newman's <i>Harps & Angels</i> CTG / Mark Taper Forum	8:00 PM	Randy Newman's Harps & Angels	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM	Randy Newman's <i>Harps & Angels</i> CTG / Mark Taper Forum
	LA Opera / Dorothy Chandler Pavilion	FRIDAY, DE 8:00 PM	ECEMBER 10 Hilary Hahn Plays Tchaikovsky	FRIDAY DE	CTG / Mark Taper Forum ECEMBER 17	8:00 PM	Natalie MacMaster: A Celtic Christmas
8:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre		LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall	11:00 AM	McGegan Conducts Mozart and Haydn		Presented by LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall
8:00 PM	Randy Newman's Harps & Angels	8:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre		LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall	8:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre
EDIDAY DI	CTG / Mark Taper Forum ECEMBER 3	8:00 PM	Randy Newman's <i>Harps & Angels</i> CTG / Mark Taper Forum	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Music Center Holiday Sing-Along Active Arts at the Music Center Music Center Plaza	THURSDA	Y, DECEMBER 23
8:00 PM	Denève Conducts Beethoven LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall	SATURDAY	/, DECEMBER 11	8:00 PM	Holiday Organ Spectacular	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM	Next to Normal
8:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre	2:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre		Presented by LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall	8:00 PM	Eileen Ivers: An Irish Christmas
8:00 PM	Randy Newman's <i>Harps & Angels</i>	2:30 PM	Holiday Wonders: A traditional Christmas concert	8:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre		Presented by LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall
	CTG / Mark Taper Forum		LAMC / Walt Disney Concert Hall	8:00 PM	Randy Newman's Harps & Angels	FRIDAY, DI 2:00 PM	ECEMBER 24 Next to Normal
2:00 PM	Y, DECEMBER 4 Denève Conducts Beethoven LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall	2:30 PM & 8:00 PM	Randy Newman's <i>Harps & Angels</i> CTG / Mark Taper Forum		CTG / Mark Taper Forum		CTG / Ahmanson Theatre
2:00 PM	Next to Normal	7:30 PM	Rigoletto LA Opera /Dorothy Chandler Pavilion	11:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Y, DECEMBER 18 Holiday Sing-Along Presented by LA Phil /	1:00 PM	DECEMBER 26 Next to Normal
& 8:00 PM		8:00 PM	Hilary Hahn Plays Tchaikovsky	& 2.30 FW	Walt Disney Concert Hall		CTG / Ahmanson Theatre
2:30 PM & 8:00 PM	Randy Newman's <i>Harps & Angels</i> CTG / Mark Taper Forum		LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall	2:00 PM & 8:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre	8:00 PM	DECEMBER 27 Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre
6:30 PM	Lohengrin LA Opera /Dorothy Chandler Pavilion	1:00 PM	DECEMBER 12 Next to Normal	2:00 PM	Rigoletto	TUESDAY	DECEMBER 28
	DECEMBER 5	1:00 PM	CTG / Ahmanson Theatre Randy Newman's <i>Harps & Angels</i>	2:30 PM	LA Opera /Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Randy Newman's Harps & Angels	8:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre
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1:00 PM & 6:30 PM	Randy Newman's <i>Harps & Angels</i> CTG / Mark Taper Forum	2:00 PM	LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall	8:00 PM	McGegan Conducts Mozart and Haydn	8:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre
2:00 PM	Denève Conducts Beethoven		LA Opera /Dorothy Chandler Pavilion	SUNDAY	LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall DECEMBER 19	THURSDA' 2:00 PM	Y, DECEMBER 30 Next to Normal
2:00 PM	LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall Rigoletto	7:00 PM	Rejoice! <i>Messiah</i> LAMC / Walt Disney Concert Hall	1:00 PM	Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre	& 8:00 PM	CTG / Ahmanson Theatre
7:00 PM	LA Opera /Dorothy Chandler Pavilion 30th Annual Messiah Sing-Along LAMC / Walt Disney Concert Hall	2:00 PM	DECEMBER 14 30th Annual Messiah Sing-Along	1:00 PM & 6:30 PM	Randy Newman's <i>Harps & Angels</i> CTG / Mark Taper Forum	6:30 PM & 8:00 PM	ECEMBER 31 Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre
TUESDAY, 8:00 PM	DECEMBER 7 Next to Normal	& 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	LAMC / Walt Disney Concert Hall Next to Normal CTG / Ahmanson Theatre	2:00 PM	McGegan Conducts Mozart and Haydn LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall	7:00 PM & 10:30 PM	New Years Eve with 1 Kristin Chenoweth Presented by LA Phil /
8:00 PM	CTG / Ahmanson Theatre Randy Newman's <i>Harps & Angels</i>	8:00 PM	Randy Newman's <i>Harps & Angels</i> CTG / Mark Taper Forum	7:00 PM	30th Annual Messiah Sing-Along LAMC / Walt Disney Concert Hall		Walt Disney Concert Hall
	CTG / Mark Taper Forum						

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 PM

Blind Boys of Alabama Christmas Show

Presented by LA Phil /

Walt Disney Concert Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Rigoletto

LA Opera /Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Presented by LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall

7:30 PM

8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Rigoletto

Natalie Cole

Presented by LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall

LA Opera / Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

7:30 PM

8:00 PM