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High School Choir Festival



GRANT GERSHON'S  ANNIVERSARY SEASON



LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE

22nd Annual High School Choir Festival

Founded by the Los Angeles Master Chorale Associates

Grant Gershon | Music Director

Chamber Singers Concert & Organ Demo

Friday, April 15 - 11 am

Walt Disney Concert Hall

Los Angeles Master Chorale Chamber Singers

Lesley Leighton, conductor

Lisa Edwards, piano

John West, organ



CHAMBER SINGERS

Three Folks Songs

Norman Luboff

Tender Love

Riders in the Sky

The Deer Chase

Abendlied, Op. 69, No. 3

Josef Rheinberger

2 songs from *O Mistress Mine*

Nils Lindberg

Shall I Compare

A Ditty

The Silver Swan

Orlando Gibbons

In These Delightful Pleasant Groves

Henry Purcell

O Crux

Knut Nystedt

Unclouded Day

arr. Shawn Kirchner

ORGAN DEMONSTRATION

John West, organ

Festival Concert

Friday, April 15 - 1 pm
Walt Disney Concert Hall

Grant Gershon, conductor
Louise Thomas, piano
John West, organ

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Terry Knowles, President,
Los Angeles Master Chorale

RECOGNITION OF DIRECTORS AND CHOIRS

FESTIVAL CHORUS

Chindia Alexander Pascanu

Sure on This Shining Night Samuel Barber

Alma Llanera Pedro Gutiérrez, arr. Angel Sauce

Ubi caritas Ola Gjeilo

Ain'-a That Good News William L. Dawson

FESTIVAL HONOR CHOIR

Laudamus te (from Gloria) Francis Poulenc

Stars I Shall Find David Dickau

Wana Baraka arr. Shawn Kirchner

FESTIVAL CHORUS

Hallelujah (from Messiah) George Frideric Handel

John West, organ

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Grant Gershon MUSIC DIRECTOR



Now celebrating his 10th Anniversary Season, Grant has led more than 90 performances with the Chorale at Disney Hall. In addition to conducting acclaimed performances of the classics, he has expanded the choir's repertoire significantly by conducting a number of world premieres: *You Are (Variations)* by Steve Reich; *Requiem* by Christopher Rouse; *Mugunghwa: Rose of Sharon* by Mark Grey; *City of Dis* by Louis Andriessen; *Sang* by Eve Beglarian; *A Map of Los Angeles* by David O; *Spiral XII* by Chinary Ung; *Dream Variations* by Andrea Clearfield; *Music's Music* by Steven Sametz; *Voici le soir* by Morten Lauridsen; *Messages and Brief Eternity* by Bobby McFerrin and Roger Treece; *Broken Charms* by Donald Crockett; *Rezos (Prayers)* by Tania León; *WEAVE* by Meredith Monk (West Coast Premiere).



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 Ian 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 *Il 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 July 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);

A Good Understanding (Decca), *Glass-Salonen* (RCM), *You Are (Variations)* (Nonesuch) and *Daniel Variations* (Nonesuch) with the Master Chorale; *The Grapes of Wrath* (PS Classics)

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*

Lesley Leighton ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR



Official Position: Assistant Conductor of the Los Angeles Master Chorale

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Education: BA in choral conducting from Loyola Marymount University; MM in vocal performance from the University of Southern California; DMA all-but-dissertation in choral conducting from the University of Southern California with her mentor and nationally recognized choral conductor, Jo-Michael Scheibe

As a professional singer: has performed with many of the world's most eminent conductors, including Pierre Boulez, Zubin Mehta, Lorin Maazel, Simon Rattle, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Roger Norrington, Gustavo Dudamel, and Grant Gershon; opera credits include principal

appearances with New York City Opera, Los Angeles Opera, Glimmerglass Opera, Köln Opera, and Glyndebourne

As a conductor: has guest conducted the Fauré *Requiem* with Santa Monica Annual Summer Sing-along series, and conducted the Mozart *Requiem* for El Dorado Opera Company in March 2011; has prepared the LA Master Chorale for Bramwell Tovey and the LA Philharmonic's performance of *Candide* at the Hollywood Bowl

As an educator: inaugurated the Los Robles Master Chorale's annual High School Choral Festival in March 2010; launched a new choral leadership workshop for high school students in the fall of 2010

Other positions: Artistic Director of the Los Robles Master Chorale, USC's Oriana Women's Choir, and New West Symphony Chorus; next season will take over as artistic director for the Los Robles Children's Chorus, which will become a part of the Los Robles Master Chorale organization

Los Angeles Master Chorale



Photo: Steve Cohn

Los Angeles Master Chorale Chamber Singers

SOPRANO

KAREN HOGLE BROWN
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AMY FOGERSON
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TRACY VAN FLEET

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DANIEL CHANEY
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In 1964 a Founding Resident Company of the Music Center; now in its 47th season!

Music Directors:

Grant Gershon, since 2001; Paul Salamunovich, 1991-2001; John Currie, 1986-1991; Roger Wagner, 1964-1986

Accomplishments:

26 commissions; 68 premieres of new works, of which 43 are World Premieres; ASCAP/Chorus America Award for Adventurous Programming (1995, 2003 and 2010); Chorus America Education Outreach Award (2000 and 2008) for *Voices Within*

In the community: a 12-week residency program *Voices Within* that teaches songwriting and collaborative skills to more than 300 5th graders each year; an annual High School Choir Festival celebrating its 22nd year in 2011; the LA Master Chorale Chamber Singers, an ensemble from the Chorale that sings at culmination performances and the High School Choir Festival; masterclasses; invited dress rehearsals

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"*

On film: Motion picture soundtracks with Grant Gershon include *Lady in the Water*, *Click* and *License to Wed*; 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*

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

2011 HONOR CHOIR PARTICIPANTS

SOPRANO

Lily Abram
Breanna Barnes
Veronica Bautista
Roshan Berentes
Lourdes Cabezas
Victoria Minerva Chayes
Bridget Felix
Linda Girón
Alayne Hsieh
Sally Kurosaki
Emily Lopez
Astrid Morales
Megan Moylan
Calida Roca
Grace Schwartzberger
Briana Thomas
Ariana Verhauz
Ashley Yeung

ALTO

Devonne Armenta
Alicia Beatty
Rebecca Berry
Janice Choi
Nataly Estrada
Rebecca Felix
Maria Anna Celina Gatchalian
Rachel Gonzalez
Janine Ibrahim
Colette Lopez
Janice Mangangey
Miranda Mendoza
Brenda Quijada
Denise Reyes
Sofia Rezvani
Diana Rongavilla
Briana Solorio
Joy Tran
Kathleen Velasquez

TENOR

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Slater Astle
Frankie Castro
Kevin Chung
Fidel Cortez
John Espino
Miguel Gomez
Eric Lin
Josh Lucas
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Nolan Monsibay
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Micah Williams

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Lux Aeterna

Sunday, October 16, 2011 – 7 pm

Whitacre | Her Sacred Spirit Soars

Jennefelt | Music for a big church; for tranquility

U.S. PREMIERE

O'Regan | Tal vez tenemos tiempo

Kirchner | Heavenly Home

Lauridsen | Lux Aeterna

115 singers | pipe organ

the little match girl passion

Sunday, November 13, 2011 – 7 pm

Bach | Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied

Newton | Mass U.S. PREMIERE

Bach | Fürchte dich nicht

Lang | the little match girl passion

32 singers | percussion and solo instruments

Rejoice! A Classical Christmas

Sunday, December 11, 2011 – 7 pm

Poulenc | Four Christmas Motets

Distler | The Christmas Story

Ferko | A Festival of Carols

Lauridsen | O Magnum Mysterium

62 singers | harp

Bruckner & Stravinsky

Sunday, February 12, 2012 – 7 pm

Bruckner | Mass in E minor

Stravinsky | Symphony of Psalms

115 singers | wind orchestra

Bach: St. John Passion

Saturday, March 31, 2012 – 8 pm

Sunday, April 1, 2012 – 7 pm

Bach | St. John Passion

with *Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra*

40 singers | Musica Angelica | soloists

Andes to the Sea

Sunday, April 29, 2012 – 7 pm

Galián | Salseo

Grau | Caramba

and other vibrant Venezuelan songs

Gabriela Lena Frank | WORLD PREMIERE

with *folk jazz ensemble Huayucaltia*

62 singers | Huayucaltia

Tribute to Górecki

Sunday, June 10, 2012 – 7 pm

Górecki | Lobgesang

Brahms | Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz

Górecki | Five Marian Songs

Górecki | Miserere

115 singers | glockenspiel

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Holiday Wonders: A Festival of Carols

Saturday, December 3, 2011 – 2 pm

Saturday, December 10, 2011 – 2 pm

Joy to the World, The First Noel,

Hark the Herald Angels Sing and more

Rutter | Gloria

115 singers | pipe organ | brass

Messiah Sing-Along

Monday, December 12, 2011 – 7:30 pm

Handel | Messiah

chamber orchestra | soloists | You're the Chorus!

Handel: Messiah

Sunday, December 18, 2011 – 7 pm

Handel | Messiah

48 singers | chamber orchestra | soloists

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