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All of this would have been such welcome news to our good and generous friend, Jon Lovelace, who died in November. Jon's quiet, thoughtful, and inspiring support — in full partnership with his wonderful wife Lillian — will always be part of this organization's DNA. A moving remembrance of Jon, by my former colleague and dear friend Margie Lindbeck, can be found on page 11 of this program. And, with love and gratitude, we dedicate tonight's program to Jon's memory and in celebration of his extraordinary life.

We look forward to sharing with you many more wonderful performances like the one you are about to hear this evening. Thank you for your enthusiastic and generous support of the Los Angeles Master Chorale!

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Bruckner & Stravinsky

Sunday, February 12 at 7 pm

Los Angeles Master Chorale

Walt Disney Concert Hall

Grant Gershon, conductor

Mass No. 2 in E minor

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Kyrie

Gloria

Credo

Sanctus

Benedictus

Agnus Dei

(15 minute intermission)

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam

Anton Bruckner

Symphony of Psalms

Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)

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Unexpected Alliances Music of Bruckner and Stravinsky

"One hopes to worship God with a little art if one has any," Stravinsky once quipped. For all the revolutionary impact of his early ballets, Stravinsky's guiding aesthetic credo actually shares something essential with Bach and other composers from even earlier in the Western tradition who perceived themselves as craftsmen "for the greater glory of God." As he later said of his Mass setting from 1948, Stravinsky aimed to write "very cold music, absolutely cold, that will appeal directly to the spirit," bypassing the "heart" — which is to say what he considered the self-indulgent subjectivity of Romanticism, as represented above all by Wagner's legacy.

Although Anton Bruckner is often seen as writing in the shadow of Wagner, his own creative stance — in his secular symphonies and sacred music alike — has more in common with the composer of the Symphony of Psalms than might at first be assumed. The pairing on tonight's program makes this connection especially apparent. Bruckner's discovery of Wagner (which he had first made only a few years before writing his Mass in E minor) cast a powerful spell, to be sure, yet his actual sound world typically projects an austerity far removed from Wagner's sensual, all-encompassing fabric. Like Stravinsky in his Symphony, Bruckner's Mass reaches beyond classical tradition to reclaim elements from the past and incorporate them within a contemporary language. Most significantly perhaps, both composers channel a sincere spirituality the devout Roman Catholicism to which the Austrian composer a dhered throughout his life and, for Stravinsky, the Russian Orthodox faith he had returned to in 1926 — yet both transcend doctrinal complacency and narrow-mindedness.

Mass in E minor

Bruckner's better-known symphonies implicitly carry on the kind of spiritual contemplation found in his sacred music — a further indication of the universal character of this "God-intoxicated" composer's art. Quotations from his Masses are threaded into several of his symphonies, including his Ninth, which he dedicated to "the dear Lord." (Stravinsky, otherwise not at all a fan, found the Adagio from the Ninth to be "one of the most truly inspired of all works in symphonic form.") It was soon after completing the earliest version of his first officially numbered symphony, in 1866, that Bruckner composed the Mass No. 2 in E minor, which he revised in 1882.

Unlike his two other mature Masses, which were also written in the 1860s, the Mass No. 2 swerves away from the classical Mass tradition developed by Mozart, Haydn, and Schubert. There are no solo vocal parts and, even more unusually, the orchestra is reduced to a band of woodwind and brass. The result is a curious mix that at times evokes the Renaissance — though the Renaissance as filtered

through the adventurous harmony of the late 19th century. The Mass was commissioned for the dedication of the Votive Chapel attached to the neo-Gothic New Cathedral in Linz. (Just begun, it would become the largest of Austria's churches.) Bruckner, who at the time served as organist at the city's grand Old Cathedral, likely chose his unusual orchestration from practical necessity, since the new building was still under construction and the dedication ceremony, delayed until 1869, took place in the open air.

In fact, Bruckner uses the wind band with great restraint, calling for optional accompaniment, for example, in most of the Kyrie. Extended a cappella passages set to surprising harmonic shifts make this Mass especially challenging for its singers. Beginning with plaintive calm, for women's voices alone, the Kyrie soon swells to tremendous force, then repeats the process with men's voices. Bruckner pays homage to Renaissance style polyphony, weaving together a maximum of eight separate parts for the Christe and the return of the Kyrie. The renewed emphasis on the choral art and reference to the past (particularly Palestrina) has been associated with the aims of the contemporary Cecilian movement (see page 9).

At the same time, the slower middle sections of both the Gloria and, above all, the Credo seem to depart from the straightforward directness the Cecilians called for. Here Bruckner — a composer not usually associated with "programs" — reveals a remarkable talent for dramatic word painting, particularly in his setting of the few lines that recount the human experience of Jesus. The thrilling antiphonal blocks of sound for "et resurrexit" give way in the final sections to apocalypse . Curiously, the outer parts of the Credo stand out as the only sections of the Mass that Bruckner sets in triple meter.

Bruckner's intensive six-year study of counterpoint in his 30s had its payoff, as we hear in the lively double fugue concluding the Gloria. But along with dense baroque counterpoint, the E minor Mass reveals the influence of earlier contrapuntal styles: the eight-part canon beginning the Sanctus actually quotes a theme from Palestrina's Missa Brevis, building in a carefully planned crescendo to the exclamation "Dominus Deus Sabaoth," which Bruckner surrounds with a halo of forceful brass. In his classic overview of the composer, Robert Simpson calls the Sanctus "perhaps the finest single movement in the whole of Bruckner's early maturity."

The Benedictus, set as a separate movement, synthesizes the ancient text with sonata form, elaborating astonishing harmonic sequences in the development, while the Agnus Dei finds its way to a radiant resolution of its searching character. Here, in the final measures, Bruckner creates overarching unity by recalling the Kyrie. For all its deliberate archaism as

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well as concision, Simpson writes, aspects of the Mass (especially the Sanctus) point ahead to the mature style he later evolved, with its vastly expanded time scale in which musical processes unfold.

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam ("The Mouth of the Righteous")

We don't tend to think of Bruckner as a miniaturist, but some of his most grippingly beautiful music can be found in the short choral pieces and motets he set to sacred texts. As do his mighty symphonies, these compositions lift us out of the ordinary, mundane flow of time by inspiring — albeit with far simpler means — a sense of reverberant spaciousness, of sanctuary beyond the horizon. Like the Mass in E minor, Os justi (for mixed a cappella chorus, and again in eight parts) was in fact associated in the composer's mind with a particular sacred space: this time not in Linz, but with the marvelous baroque Augustinian monastery Church of St. Florian (not far from Linz in Upper Austria), where Bruckner also served as organist and where he was later buried. Setting verses from Psalm 36, he wrote Os justi for Ignaz Traumihler, St. Florian's chorus master and a friend. This kind of motet is known as a "gradual," meaning a hymn usually taken from the Psalms that is sung during the Mass liturgy after the epistle.

Bruckner composed Os justi in 1879 (around the time of the Sixth Symphony), when he had already been based in Vienna for over a decade. But its musical language looks back to some of the Cecilianist ideals with which the E minor Mass is routinely linked. Traumihler was in fact a leading figure in that movement, though Bruckner ultimately found its aesthetic restrictions too limiting. In this context, it's interesting to note that he drew attention to the motet's ultra-simple (in a sense, "minimalist") harmonic language in a letter to Traumihler: "It is written without sharps and flats, without the chord of the seventh, without the six-four chord, and without chordal combinations of four and five simultaneous notes." Instead, the piece unfolds in the archaic Lydian mode, one of the old modes from Gregorian chant (F to F using only white keys on the piano). Despite avoiding modulation, notes biographer Derek Watson, "this motet is profoundly emotional in effect, the contrapuntal main section being introduced by a homophonic passage including antiphonal responses between the male and female voices of the choir."

Symphony of Psalms

The interplay of stark economy and sacred texts in the *Symphony of Psalms* (composed in 1930 on a commission for the Boston Symphony) must have astonished audiences who saw Stravinsky's neoclassical reappropriation of musical styles from the past, as in the ballet *Pulcinella*, merely as a witty game — even if most of the music for which he was known up to that point was connected in some way with the theater. Biographer Stephen Walsh suggests that the worldwide Depression — which forced a rude awakening from the giddy exuberance of the 1920s — may have left its mark on the work's genesis and points to a wave of spiritually themed works by several contemporaries around this time.

"This symphony, composed to the glory of GOD, is dedicated to the Boston Symphony Orchestra on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of its existence," wrote Stravinsky on the title page. This seemingly casual intermingling of sacred and secular intentions is the first of numerous indications that nothing is to be taken for granted with the *Symphony of Psalms*. Despite his allusion to the genre of symphony, the three-movement work is a far cry from classical archetypes. The idea of an epic choral symphony as pioneered by Beethoven in his Ninth actually finds its virtual antithesis in Stravinsky's compact structure. The *Symphony* unfolds in three movements, connected without breaks, each of which becomes longer than the preceding movement.

The unusual orchestration also signals his difference from the standard repertory. What's omitted is as important as what Stravinsky uses: the absence of clarinets and upper strings and expansion of upper and lower woodwinds, as well as brass, make for a unique and sometimes chilly clarity. Gone is the traditional warm blend of orchestra and voices. In fact, the writing emphasizes a sense of division between the chorus and instrumental ensemble. But the loss of comfortable sonic illusions engenders an austere beauty.

Stravinsky's use of Latin from the Vulgate translation of the Psalms has a distancing effect well-suited to this sound world. (His setting of Jean Cocteau's text for *Oedipus Rex* as translated into Latin had explored this powerful distancing effect a few years before the *Symphony*.) Acerbic chords of E minor — the tonality of Bruckner's second Mass — alternate with jerky, quasi-baroque toccata patterns in the instrumental prelude that sets the first movement in motion. Against hints of an ongoing march, the chorus, singing verses from Psalm 38 (in the Vulgate numbering), pleas for divine assistance. As Leonard Bernstein aptly notes, "It's a prayer with teeth in it, a prayer made of steel." Their prayer, expressing humanity lost and wandering in the wilderness, intensifies before coming to rest on a solidly resonant G major chord.

But in the second movement the sense of wandering continues, in the form of a fugue on two themes. The first theme is instrumental, while the second, given to the chorus, works downward from sopranos to basses. Stravinsky describes this movement, which sets verses from Psalm 39, as an "overt use of musical symbolism" in three stages which represent the image of "waiting for the Lord" as "an upside-down pyramid of fugues." The architecture, Stravinsky observes, builds from the instrumental to the "next and higher stage" in the "human fugue." The climactic outburst in the final minute (the "third stage," corresponding to the psalmist's "new song" of praise and thanksgiving) "unites the two fugues." It's fascinating, incidentally, to compare the composer's geometrical imagery with the architectural metaphor of a "sonic cathedral" that is so typically associated with Bruckner's music.

To the words of praise from Psalm 150, the third movement presents this "new song" as yet another surprise in the *Symphony*. Once again, Stravinsky defies expectations. He avoids the kind of music conventionally associated with rejoicing through his depiction of gentle awe and his use of contrasting tempos. The distant serenity of the slow opening chorus yields to a faster passage which is based on an obsessively repeated rhythmic figure (in fact the first music Stravinsky conceived for the piece). There's also a curious passing echo of *The Rite of Spring*.

Added to all this are hints of a circus atmosphere — another example of the work's striking juxtapositions of material. The slow music returns, followed by an agitated passage Stravinsky wrote was intended to depict Elijah ascending to heaven with his horses and chariot. The final hymn's "calm of praise," he adds, "must be thought of as issuing from the skies." The chorus rotates around three simple notes as Stravinsky sweeps away all contradictions with a final, lingering chord of C major. Pristine yet somehow sounding completely novel and newly minted, this is the last of Stravinsky's awe-inspiring surprises in one of his greatest achievements.

Thomas May is the program annotator for the Los Angeles Master Chorale.

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Mass No. 2 in E minor By Anton Bruckner

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kvrie eleison.

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,

miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi,

suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.

Cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Credo

Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem coeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium.

Et in unum Dominum, Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula.

Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri per quem omnia facta sunt. Oui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de coelis.

Kyrie

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to all those of good will. We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee.

We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

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

Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art the Lord. Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Credo

I believe in one God, The Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ. the only begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, light from light, true God from true God. Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made. Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven.

ex Maria Virgine. Et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato, passus, et sepultus est.

Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in caelum. sedet ad dexteram Patris.

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

Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit.

Oui cum Patre et Filio

simul adoratur et conglorificatur, qui locutus est per Prophetas.

Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apolstolicam Ecclesiam.

Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum.

Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum. et vitam venture saeculi. Amen

Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus

Benedictus aui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

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

Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary. And was made man. Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. he suffered, and was buried.

> And on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, and he sits at the right hand of the Father.

He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; and of his kingdom there will be no end

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and

the Son

is adored and glorified, who spoke to us through the Prophets.

And I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the remission of sins.

I await the resurrection of the dead.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God. who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Symphony of Psalms By Igor Stravinsky

Exaudi orationem meam, Domine, et deprecationem meam. Auribus percipe lacrimas meas. Ne sileas.

Quoniam advena ego sum apud te et peregrinus, sicut omnes patres mei.

Remitte mihi, ut refrigerer Prius quam abeam et amplius non ero.

Expectans expectavi Dominum, et intendit, intendit mihi. Et exaudivit preces meas: et eduxit me de lacu miseriae.

et de luto faecis, et statuit super petram pedes

et direxit gressus meos. Et immisit in os meum canticum novum.

carmen Deo nostro. Videbunt multi et timebunt: et sperabunt in Dominum.

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Alleluia.

Laudate Dominum in sanctis Ejus; laudate Eum in firmamento virtutis Ejus.

Laudate Dominum. Laudate Eum in virtutibus Ejus. Laudate Dominum in virtutibus

Laudate Eum secundum multitudinem magnitudinis Ejus. Laudate Eum in sono tubae.

Alleluia.

Laudate Dominum. Laudate Eum.

Laudate Eum in timpano et choro;

laudate Eum in cordis et organo.

Laudate Eum in cymbalis benesonantibus, laudate Eum in cymbalis jubilationibus. Laudate Dominum. Laudate Eum.

Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.

Omnis spiritus laudet Eum.

Alleluia. Laudate Dominum.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry. Hold not Thy peace at my tears. Do not keep silent. For I am a stranger with Thee and a sojourner, as all my fathers were. O spare me, that I may recover

before I go hence, and be no more.

strength

I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined to me. And heard my cry: and led me from the lake of miserv. and out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock:

and directed my steps. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, a song unto our God. Many shall see it, and fear: and shall trust in the Lord.

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Praise God in His holiness; praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise God.

Praise Him for His mighty acts. Praise God for His mighty acts.

Praise Him according to His

excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet.

Alleluia. Praise God. Praise Him.

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance:

praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise Him upon the loud cymbals;

praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Praise God. Praise Him.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Let everything that hath breath praise Him.

Alleluia. Praise God.

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam By Anton Bruckner

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam,

et lingua ejus loquetur judicium. Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius, et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus. Alleluja.

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom.

and his tongue speaks what is just. The law of his God is in his heart. and his feet do not falter.

Alleluia.

The Cecilian Movement

Stravinsky has been called the Picasso of music because he seemed to make a style of changing styles, yet a unifying thread to his work is a vehement reaction against the excessive egoism of Romanticism. Even before he was born, the Roman Catholic Cecilian movement, named after the patron saint of music, took shape as an effort to combat what was perceived as the increasing worldliness of sacred music — a tendency the classical masters themselves were accused of inspiring. In contrast to the symphonic complexity found in Mass settings by Mozart, Haydn, and Beethoven, the Cecilianists wanted to revive earlier chant and the voice-centered polyphony of the Renaissance as represented by such icons as Palestrina.

With its evocation of Palestrina and prominent use of a cappella passages, Bruckner's Mass in E minor is often described as taking inspiration from the reformist aims of the Cecilianists, with whom he had several close associations. At the same time, as musicologist Paul Hawkshaw observes, Bruckner "could never empathize with the anti-modernist sentiment" of the movement, which became increasingly doctrinaire. The Cecilianists in turn were critical of the majority of his sacred music, making an exception for this work. Hawkshaw instead finds in the Mass's "consciously retrospective elements" a "musical analogue to the neo-Gothic aesthetic" of the New Cathedral in Linz for which the work was specifically commissioned.

— Thomas May

COMPOSERS



Anton Bruckner

Born: September 4, 1824 in Ansfelden, Austria

Died: October 11, 1896 in Vienna

Education: began musical training as a child, but later attended school at the Monastery at St. Florian where he studied violin, singing and organ; after dabbling in schoolteaching, was appointed organist in Linz where he began studying with Viennese thoerist Simon Sechter; later studied orchestration with Otto Kitzler

Wagner: after being introduced to Wagner's music by Kitzler, he continued to cultivate his knowledge of and admiration for the composer, whom he came to refer to as the "Meister aller Meister"

Notable compositions: *Missa solemnis, Festkantate*, Mass in E minor, *Ave Maria*, Mass in D minor, Symphony no. 1 in C minor, Mass in F minor, *Locus iste, Virga Jesse floruit*, Symphony no. 5, String Quintet, Symphony no. 7

Performer: an accomplished organist, he became well known as an improviser at the organ; had a reputation as an international virtuoso, established by highly acclaimed tours to Paris and London



lgor Stravinsky

Born: June 17, 1882 in Orantienbaum (now Lomonosov), Russia

Died: April 6, 1971 in New York

Education: born to a musical family: his father was a widely recognized bassbaritone and his mother was an amateur pianist; attended St. Petersburg University as a law student, where he met Vladimir Rimsky-Korsakov, son of the composer who later became his teacher

Known for: his stylistic diversity and innovations in rhythm and harmony; composed in roughly three periods: Russian/nationalistic period, Neoclassical period, and Serial period; also known as a pianist and conductor, often premiering his own works

Notable compositions: Russian period: The Firebird, Petrushka, Rite of Spring, Les Noces; Neoclassical period: Pulcinella, Oedipus Rex, Symphony in C, The Rake's Progress; Serial period: Cantata, Three Songs from Shakespeare, Agon, Canticum Sacrum, The Flood

Emigration: travelled to France to work with Diaghilev's *Ballets Russes* and stayed in Western Europe once World War I began and the Russian borders closed; lived in Switzerland and then France, where he became a citizen in 1934; later moved to Los Angeles and became a naturalized American citizen in 1945



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A REMEMBRANCE by Marjorie Lindbeck

Jon Lovelace was an extraordinary person. His gentle wisdom, vast intellect, graceful humor and twinkling smile were his hallmarks. All of us at the Los Angeles Master Chorale who were fortunate enough to spend time with Jon treasured every second in his presence. While Jon was clearly a giant in business, his humble modesty and sincere interest always put you at ease and made you the center of his universe.

Jon and his equally extraordinary wife, Lillian, approached the Los Angeles Master Chorale many years ago to share their interest in choral music — an interest fostered by Lillian's mother who was a choral director — and their admiration for the Chorale's then new conductor, Grant Gershon. One of our first wonderful visits with the Lovelaces followed a morning press conference to announce the Chorale's inaugural season at Walt Disney Concert Hall. We enjoyed a sunlit lunch on the Lovelaces' patio in their Beverly Hills home, and I remember Jon soaking up Grant's every word as he detailed plans to inaugurate the new hall, cited works that would be commissioned and laid out a vision for the future. Jon recognized talent! But, more significantly, he recognized the need to nurture that talent — to provide the resources for Grant and the Chorale and then watch the magic unfold as the art form soars, pushes boundaries, inspires us and grows.

On another visit we traveled to Santa Barbara to meet with the Lovelaces. Lillian kept us company while we waited for Jon, who wanted to catch one more early morning movie at the Santa Barbara Film Festival. Without needing to ask, I was confident the Lovelaces supported that festival, too. Their interests are myriad, and their philanthropy unparalleled. They have made gifts to the Chorale which have sustained, challenged and encouraged LAMC. Their unwavering support and love for Grant and our talented professional singers continue to inspire each of us.



There was never anyone happier or more excited than Jon Lovelace when attending an LAMC dress rehearsal of a brand new work. He always appreciated its uniqueness and recognized the importance of creating new works and nurturing gifted composers. While we would be trying to find ways to thank them for their pivotal role in creating a new work, it was always Lillian and Jon who were eager to thank us for the experience of participating and hearing it.

We miss Jon enormously, but his legacy is evident everywhere. The Los Angeles Master Chorale will continue to strive to fulfill Jon's often unstated expectations — that we simply do our best as artists and administrators, discipline ourselves in ways to accomplish that, and continue to make art and great music.

We know each of you joins the Chorale family in remembering Jon Lovelace with great affection and boundless admiration, and in celebrating with Lillian and the Lovelace family, as well as with the countless numbers throughout the world who no doubt considered Jon their friend, an extraordinary life.

Marjorie Lindbeck is a Master Chorale donor and subscriber, and she was its General Manager for 10 years until she retired in June 2011.

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8.00 PM

Chucho Valdes & The Afro Cuban Messengers • Cubano Be Cubano Bop: Poncho Sanchez & His Latin Jazz Band with Terence Blanchard Presented by LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall

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7:30 PM

Organ Recital: Olivier Latry Presented by LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall

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Dutoit Conducts 8.00 PM

Debussy and Prokofiev

LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall

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