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CHORALE

23rd Annual

# High School Choir Festival

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# 23rd Annual High School Choir Festival

## CHAMBER SINGERS CONCERT & ORGAN DEMO

Friday, May 4 at 11 am  
 Walt Disney Concert Hall

Los Angeles Master Chorale  
**Chamber Singers**  
 Lesley Leighton, conductor  
 Sidney Hopson, percussion  
 John West, organ

### CHAMBER SINGERS CONCERT

***I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart***

Charles Lane, TENOR

Moses Hogan  
 (1957-2003)

***Io son la primavera***

William Hawley  
 (b. 1950)

***For My Father***

2. I love you more than words
3. I see my father

Lauren McLaren  
 (b. 1988)

***Dúlamán***

Daniel Chaney, TENOR, Sidney Hopson, PERCUSSION

Michael McGlynn  
 (b. 1964)

***The Pilgrim's Hymn***

Stephen Paulus  
 (b. 1949)

***Tres Cantos Nativos***

Sidney Hopson, PERCUSSION

Marcos Leite  
 (1952-2002)

***Immortal Bach***

Knut Nystedt  
 (b. 1915)

***The Red Shoes***

Sidney Hopson, PERCUSSION

Lesley Leighton  
 (b. 1963)

### ORGAN DEMONSTRATION

John West, ORGAN

### Los Angeles Master Chorale Chamber Singers

#### SOPRANO

Tamara Bevard  
 Karen Hogle Brown  
 Hayden Eberhart  
 Rachelle Fox

#### ALTO

Rose Beattie  
 Leanna Brand  
 Leslie Inman  
 Adriana Manfredi

#### TENOR

Daniel Chaney  
 Charles Lane  
 Michael Lichtenauer  
 George Sterne

#### BASS

Reid Bruton  
 Abdiel Gonzalez  
 Scott Graff  
 Vincent Robles

#### REHEARSAL PIANO

Lisa Edwards

## FESTIVAL CONCERT

Friday, May 4 at 1 pm  
 Walt Disney Concert Hall

Los Angeles Master Chorale  
 Grant Gershon, conductor  
 Louise Thomas, piano  
 John West, organ

### GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Terry Knowles, President and CEO  
 Los Angeles Master Chorale

### RECOGNITION OF DIRECTORS AND CHOIRS

Lesili Beard, Education Programs Manager  
 Los Angeles Master Chorale

### FESTIVAL CHORUS

***Va, pensiero (from Nabucco)***

Giuseppe Verdi  
 (1813-1901)

***I Will Be Earth***

Gwyneth Walker  
 (b. 1947)

***Ride the Chariot***

Sidney Hopson, PERCUSSION

arr. André Thomas  
 (b. 1952)

***Choose Something Like a Star***

Randall Thompson  
 (1899-1984)

***Yo le Canto Todo el Dia***

David L. Brunner  
 (b. 1953)

### FESTIVAL HONOR CHOIR

***Come away, sweet love***

Thomas Greaves  
 (fl. 1604)

***Tu Voz***

Shawn Kirchner  
 (b. 1970)

***Ching-a-ring-Chaw***

arr. Aaron Copland  
 (1900-1990)

### FESTIVAL CHORUS

***The Heavens Are Telling (from The Creation)***

John West, ORGAN

Joseph Haydn  
 (1732-1809)

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## Grant Gershon

MUSIC DIRECTOR



Photo: Alex Berliner

Now in his eleventh season, Grant has led more than 100 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: *Mugunghwa: Rose of Sharon* by Mark Grey; *You Are (Variations)* by Steve Reich; *Requiem* by Christopher Rouse; *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

### DID YOU KNOW?

# 10,000

more than 10,000 students have participated in the High School Choir Festival since 2001

#### Other appearances:

Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Santa Fe Opera, 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; made his Santa Fe Opera debut in 2011 conducting Peter Sellars' new production of Vivaldi's *Griselda*; led the world premiere performances of Daniel Catán's *Il Postino* with LA Opera in September 2010; led all 8 performances of *La Traviata* with LA Opera in 2009

#### 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 Councilors, 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 José Carreras on *The Tonight Show*

## Lesley Leighton

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTOR



**Official Position:** Associate Conductor of the Los Angeles Master Chorale

**Hometown:** Los Angeles, CA

**Education:** BA in choral conducting from Loyola Marymount University with Paul Salamunovich; MM in vocal performance from the University of Southern California

with Judith Oas Natalucci; DMA in choral conducting from the University of Southern California with Jo-Michael Scheibe

**As a conductor/clinician:** guest conducted for El Dorado Opera (*Amahl and the Night Visitors*, 2012; Mozart Requiem, 2011); Santa Monica Summer Sing-along series (Fauré Requiem, Vaughan Williams *Serenade to Music*, 2010); worked as a clinician for Vox Femina (2012), the Brandeis Summer Workshop series (2011), Oaks Christian High School (2011), LRMHC High School Festival (2010-12), LAUSD Choral Festivals (2010-12)

#### Other conducting positions:

Artistic Director of the Los Robles Master Chorale and Music Director of New West Symphony Chorus

**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 an educator:** inaugurated Los Robles Master Chorale's annual High School Choral Festival and High School choral leadership workshop, in addition to its Young Composer's Competition

## Los Angeles Master Chorale



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### HEAR THE LA MASTER CHORALE IN CONCERT

Sunday,  
June 10, 7 pm

Walt Disney  
Concert Hall

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#### Music Directors:

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

**Accomplishments:** 27 commissions; 76 premieres of new works, of which 44 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 multi-week residency program, *Voices Within*, that teaches songwriting and collaborative skills to nearly 400 students each year; an annual High School Choir Festival celebrating its 23rd year in 2012; invited dress rehearsals; the LA Master Chorale Chamber Singers, an ensemble from the Chorale that sings at culmination performances and the High School Choir Festival, and gives master classes throughout the year

**On disc:** with Music Director Grant Gershon includes Nico Muhly's *A Good Understanding* (Decca); Philip Glass' *Itaipú* and Esa-Pekka Salonen's *Two Songs to Poems of Ann*

*Jäderlund* (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, Amy Fogerson, AGMA Delegate.

## 2012 HONOR CHOIR PARTICIPANTS\*

### SOPRANO

Amanda Aceves-Lopez  
Rebekah Anderson  
Jocelyn Bear  
Jennifer Campbell  
Kimberly Caseres  
Holly Davis  
Linda Giron  
Jazmin Gonzalez  
Danielle Jaen  
Ashley Koo  
Jane Lam  
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Mira Lauritzen  
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Justina Nguyen  
Michelle Qi  
Carolina Rios  
Emily Sara Sanchez  
Ariana Verhauz  
Samantha Wilson

### ALTO

Seol Baek  
Araceli Baeza  
Bridget Bartlow  
Viola Chan  
Gabriella Chea  
Colleen Cheung  
Heather Gillis  
Aimee Gonzales  
Vung Khai  
Kaya Kubota  
Jessica Meza  
Savannah Molina  
Mary Onyango  
Justine Pasa  
Maria Salazar  
Katie Theobald  
Leslie Torres  
Julia Truong  
Shawne West  
Talibah West

### TENOR

Manfred Anaya  
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Bryce Leafman  
Jesse LeBlanc  
Anthony Martinez  
Neftaly Mendieta  
Denis Navas  
Gabriel Rios  
Julian Ronquillo  
Peter Van

### BASS

Christian Bhagwani  
Angel Cabral  
Edgardo Castilla  
Jong Hyuan Han  
Nicholas Krsnich  
Henry Lam  
Bryan Le  
David Morales  
Carlos Ortiz  
Michael Owens  
Sean Paez  
Louis Rabaso  
Sam Ramirez  
Mike Stimpson  
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### Organ Extravaganza

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Pärt | De Profundis  
Parry | I Was Glad  
Mealor | Ubi caritas  
Muhly | A Good Understanding  
WEST COAST PREMIERE  
Muhly | Bright Mass with Canons  
Finzi | God Is Gone Up  
Weir | Ascending Into Heaven  
WEST COAST PREMIERE  
115 singers | pipe organ

### Monteverdi Vespers

Sunday, November 18, 2012 - 7 pm

Monteverdi | Vespers of 1610  
with *Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra*  
40 singers | *Musica Angelica* | soloists

### Rejoice! Bach Magnificat

Sunday, December 16, 2012 - 7 pm

Vivaldi | Gloria  
Bach | Magnificat  
48 singers | chamber orchestra | soloists

### Brahms Requiem

Saturday, January 26, 2013 - 2 pm  
Sunday, January 27, 2013 - 7 pm

Lieberson | The World in Flower  
WEST COAST PREMIERE  
Brahms | Ein Deutsches Requiem  
115 singers | orchestra | soloists

### Poulenc & Vaughan Williams

Sunday, April 14, 2013 - 7 pm

Poulenc | Salve Regina  
Vaughan Williams | Mass in G minor  
Vaughan Williams | Five Mystical Songs  
Poulenc | Figure humaine  
62 singers | organ | soloists

### The American Concert

Sunday, June 2, 2013 - 7 pm

Whitacre | Three Songs of Faith  
Barber | Agnus Dei *and* Sure on this Shining Night  
Ives | General William Booth Enters Into Heaven  
Carter | Tarantella  
Betinis | Toward Sunshine, Toward Freedom: Songs of  
Smaller Creatures  
with *classic spirituals of Jester Hairston,*  
*William Dawson and Moses Hogan*  
115 singers | piano

### HOLIDAY CONCERTS

#### Holiday Wonders: Festival of Carols

Saturday, December 8, 2012 - 2 pm  
Saturday, December 15, 2012 - 2 pm  
62 singers | pipe organ | brass

#### Messiah Sing-Along

Monday, December 17, 2012 - 7:30 pm  
orchestra | soloists | You're the chorus!

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40 singers | orchestra | soloists

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