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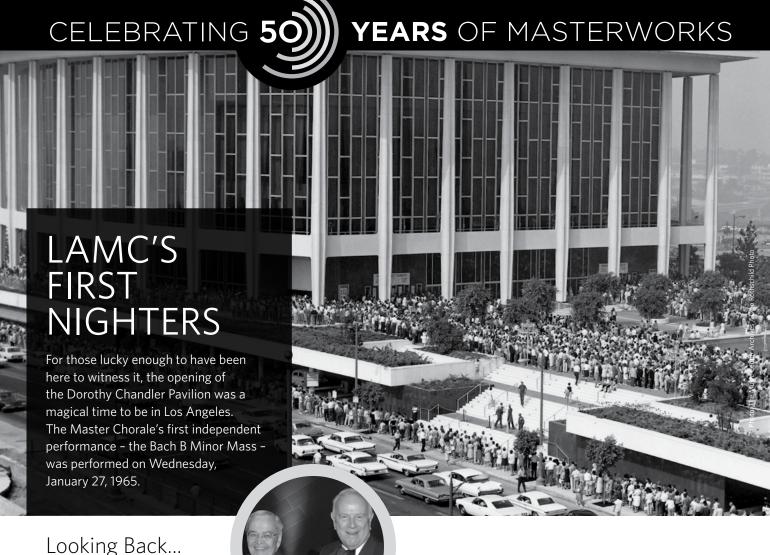
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Mass in B minor, BWV 232

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

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Kyrie eleison

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Kyrie eleison

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Gloria in excelsis Et in terra pax

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Gratias agimus tibi

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Qui tollis peccata mundi

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris Niké St. Clair, mezzo soprano Quoniam tu solus sanctus

Cum Sancto Spiritu

Symbolum Nicenum (Credo)

Credo in unum Deum Patrem omnipotentem

Et in unum Dominum Suzanne Waters, soprano | Michele Hemmings, mezzo soprano

Et incarnatus est Crucifixus Et resurrexit

Et in Spiritum sanctum Dominum Vincent Robles, baritone

Confiteor Et expecto

Sanctus

Sanctus

Osanna, Benedictus, Agnus Dei et Dona nobis pacem

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By Thomas May

A MONUMENT FOR HEAD & HEART: BACH'S MASS IN B MINOR

The music gathered into that vast compilation known as the Mass in B minor spans more than three decades of J.S. Bach's career. Bach himself never heard it from beginning to end, and the work remained unperformed in its entirety for over a century after Johann Sebastian prepared the final stage of his manuscript between August 1748 and October 1749. (The Sanctus is the only part of the work known for certain to have been performed during the composer's lifetime.)

Not until almost the middle of the following century was a complete edition of the Mass published. Like many another work by Bach, it might have fallen into oblivion all too easily – an intolerable thought for anyone who has been moved by this monumental masterpiece. The turn-around in its fortunes – from obscurity to recognition that the Mass emblematizes Bach's particular genius – was one of the dramatic results of the Bach revival that gathered steam in the nineteenth century.

In fact, the Mass in B minor also stands apart within the context of Bach's modus operandi when writing sacred music, which normally was geared toward pragmatic liturgical use. Bach seems to have conceived the Mass as a grand, "abstract" compilation – as an artistic and spiritual testament – although he did subdivide the score in such a way that it could be performed either in whole or in part. Bach arranged the texts from the Ordinary of the Latin Mass into a vast structure comprising 27 individual movements. The unusual subdivisions in his surviving manuscript contain clues relating to the complicated genesis of the Mass in B minor.

Many details are still unexplained, but a basic chronology has emerged. Bach undertook a setting of the first two sections of the Ordinary (Kyrie and Gloria) in 1733, shortly after the accession of Frederick Augustus II as Elector of Saxony. Despite Luther's stress on the language of the people to enhance communal worship, liturgical practice in Leipzig during Bach's day allowed for full-scale musical settings of the Latin texts of parts of the Ordinary to be used on special feast days (i.e., the Kyrie, Gloria and Sanctus). Indeed, Bach had written a Sanctus in 1724 and went on to create four other so-called "Lutheran Masses" later in the 1730s.

In the case of the Kyrie and Gloria from 1733, Bach wanted to win the support of the new Elector, whose capital of Dresden had established itself as the advanced musical center of the German-speaking world. Frederick Augustus's predecessor had converted to Catholicism to claim the Polish throne, and his long reign had thus reinstated a Catholic presence in this stronghold of the Reformation: Catholic and Lutheran musical traditions now coexisted in the Dresden Court.

Thus Bach's musical offering, which would be appropriate for either religious context, was a smart diplomatic move, one which he hoped would give him extra leverage in dealing with his local enemies in Leipzig. He did eventually garner a new honorific title from Dresden as "composer to the royal court chapel," but this had little practical effect on his situation. Bach remained at his Leipzig post for the rest of his life, though he

continued to cultivate his contacts with the rich musical culture of Dresden, which was celebrated for its impressive collection of Catholic sacred music by such past masters as Palestrina.

Evidently Bach's exposure to these older traditions triggered his interest in setting the remainder of the Latin Mass. Scholars now generally agree that Bach began assembling the score for the complete Mass in B minor in 1748. He incorporated the Kyrie and Gloria written fifteen years previously and now took on the Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei. In terms of the work's emerging architecture, these parts would have to be proportionate to the ambitious scale established by those preceding movements. (The Kyrie and Gloria together last about an hour and account for a good half of the Mass's entire length.)

According to this chronology, the Mass would have been Bach's final large-scale project, completed in the fall of 1749. After this point, the composer's advancing blindness made it impossible to continue work. The score's handwriting bears moving physical witness to Bach's deteriorating condition. In contrast to the fluid calligraphy of the manuscript of 1733 we find a painful, crabbed script, as seen on the final page of the "dona nobis pacem," after which Bach inscribed the phrase "Fine: D.S.G." (i.e., "Dei Soli Gloria") or "The End: To God Alone [Belongs] the Glory." The structure of the complete Mass allowed Bach to ponder the endurance of traditions of liturgical music that had survived through the centuries: this provided a foundation on which he could build a monument encompassing the full spectrum of his own genius.

Encyclopedic Scope, Not a Miscellany

One of the most startling facts about the Mass in B minor is that very little – if any – of the score assembled in 1748-49 consists of "new" music. Instead, Bach recycled material from earlier in his career. Musicologists use the somewhat confusing term "parody" to describe this process, in which preexisting music is retrofitted to new texts. Even the Kyrie and Gloria from 1733 are known to contain at least some parody elements. Some Bach specialists speculate that every movement in the B minor Mass originated from an earlier model in Bach's catalogue, though many of these sources have been lost

In his study of the work, George B. Stauffer explains that parody was valued as an aesthetic choice in the Baroque era; its architectural equivalent would be the tendency to build up and around a pre-existing structure or ruin. For Bach in particular, parody provided a method to refine and perfect earlier work. Rather than merely "recycle" an earlier piece, he subtly adjusted its music to the contour and meaning of the new Latin texts. Moreover, the Mass gave Bach a seemingly more permanent context in which to "store" a wide range of examples spanning his career. The earliest source goes back to one of his first cantatas, from his Weimar days, which was reconfigured for the Crucifixus. And Bach didn't limit himself to sacred cantatas. He also appropriated secular vocal works and instrumental movements for the effort.

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Yet Bach's meticulous method of selection ensured that his B minor Mass encompassed not an arbitrary miscellany but stylistic range that was genuinely encyclopedic. His score extends across the range of international styles and genres of the high Baroque but also across time, from medieval chant to recent developments that would soon evolve into the Classical style. Bach's mastery allows him to crystallize all of these cross-currents into a unified structure that embodies both his "musical science" and his most profound theological beliefs. At the same time, he weaves esoteric symbolism (see **sidebar**) together with such popular idioms as love duets and dances in an inextricable embrace, appealing to head and heart alike.

The great music scholar Wilfrid Mellers homes in on the deeper significance of Bach's dramatic contrasts and references to day-to-day life in otherworldly contests. In *Bach and the Dance of God* – which contains some of the most richly insightful reflections ever made on the Mass in B minor – Mellers points to Bach's "apprehension of mortality" in the Benedictus: "he has discovered what bliss and mercy mean, and makes from that knowledge a music purged...[T]he whole of the Benedictus's purgatorical meditation is a 'middle section' to the worldly hubbub of the Osanna: a moment outside time that man may occasionally discover or rediscover."

It's hard *not* to resort to architectural metaphors in attempting to come to terms with the achievement of the Mass in B minor. Every parameter of the work – tonality, meter, scoring, stylistic character – is constructed with careful attention to symmetry and proportions within the larger whole. The B minor Mass has an immediate impact as awe-inspiring both in its immensity and in its intricacy of detail as a Gothic cathedral.

Rhetorical Range and Color

The introductory measures contain a threefold choral repetition of the basic plea for mercy that is concise yet overwhelming in its emotional weight. This, together with the harmonic richness of the five-part choral layout (as opposed to the more usual four parts), clues us in to the tremendous structure Bach is about to unfold.

An elaborate instrumental introduction prefaces the widely fugal treatment of the first **Kyrie**. Its pathos contrasts strikingly with the charming duet for sopranos of the Christe eleison, where Bach unabashedly turns to the secular idiom of an amorous operatic duet. The lighter, freer, more "up-to-date" pre-Classical writing here is then followed by an imitation of the severely controlled fugue associated with Palestrina and the "antique style" in the second choral Kyrie eleison. Yet Bach integrates these stylistic contrasts into a coherent tonal plan: the key of each movement traces an ascending B minor triad (B minor—D major—F-sharp minor), which conveys a sense of forward progression that continues on with the Gloria.

Set primarily in D major, the **Gloria** resolves the darkness of the opening B minor (the "relative minor" of D). The title "B minor Mass" – not Bach's own, but a later invention of nineteenth-century publishers – is something of a misnomer, since the true home key of the work as a whole is actually D major. These two keys represent the emotional poles anchoring the Mass, outlined by the Kyrie and Gloria, respectively: an attitude of supplication that emphasizes the suffering of our human condition versus one of joyful praise for divine perfection and order.

Bach subdivides the Gloria into nine movements, neatly balancing choral and solo elements and displaying the brilliant rhetorical range and color of the Leipzig cantatas. He interweaves movements for chorus (accompanied by the full orchestral ensemble) with ones that deftly spotlight each solo voice together with each obbligato instrument. The opening Gloria in excelsis, for example, alludes to the nativity scene and the festive atmosphere of Christmas music, reinforced by the sound of timpani and trumpets, while *galant* stylishness in the sprightly Laudamus te (a duet for mezzo soprano [in this performance] and solo violin) is juxtaposed with Renaissance dignity in the Gratias agimus tibi. The dark anxiety of B minor returns for the Qui tollis and Qui sedes (a chorus followed by aria). Following the "royal" imagery (see sidebar) of the Quoniam, Bach caps the Gloria with a lofty five-part chorus in three-quarter time in the concluding Cum Sancto Spiritu.

Symmetry and Drama

The perfect symmetry of the palindrome underlies the massive **Credo's** architecture. Initially Bach worked with a plan of eight movements, but

Esoteric Meanings Encoded in the Mass in B minor

Several lifetimes could be (and have been) spent attempting to decrypt the complex layers of meaning and suggestion Bach threads throughout the score. These include fascinating examples of numerological imagery: the letters spelling out "Credo," for instance, add up to 43 in the system Bach used, and the word is proclaimed by the chorus 43 times.

He also scores in a way that alludes to familiar sonic imagery: the festive atmosphere of Christmas music is evoked in the Gloria, for example, by the celebratory use of timpani and trumpets. The Quoniam features bass and obbligato horn, often used to represent royalty and thus a signifier of Jesus. The conductor and Bach expert Helmuth Rilling suggests that the opening horn motif moreover symbolizes Jesus' perfection because it outlines an octave (itself a symbol of perfection) and is shaped as a palindrome (two Ds an octave apart followed by C# and then the first two Ds in reverse), foreshadowing in microcosm the architectural design of the massive Credo movement.

Bach's Score

The manuscript for the Mass in B minor (now preserved in the Berlin State Library) survives in a fragile state as an assembly of 188 pages, divided into four parts titled as follows: *Missa* (for the Kyrie and Gloria), *Symbolum Nicenum* (a more formal title for the Nicene Creed text, i.e., the Credo, which was sometimes applied to stand-alone musical settings of this part of the Ordinary), *Sanctus*, and *Osanna/Benedictus/Agnus Dei et Dona nobis pacem*.

These make up the complete Ordinary of the Catholic Mass traditionally divided into five parts in a musical setting. Bach's unusual subdivisions, though, turned out to contain clues to the making of the Mass in B minor which have been painstakingly teased out by scholars.

at some point he decided to set the Et incarnatus apart as a separate movement. The result was to give the Credo a powerful and symbolically meaningful symmetry centered around three choral movements that encapsulate the essentials of Christian theology (Et incarnatus, Crucifixus and Et resurrexit). In this plan, the Crucifixion lies literally at the center of the Credo. These movements are surrounded by two solos, while pairs of choruses frame the entire structure. The opening pair, moreover, mirrors the concluding one: In both Bach connects material derived from Gregorian chant (the Credo itself and the Confiteor) with exuberant choruses.

While earlier Bach had alternated "modern" music with movements in "antique style," the opening Credo in unum Deum uses counterpoint to juxtapose ancient chant simultaneously with Baroque language (the "walking bass" figure). The descending passacaglia pattern of the Crucifixus is the epitome of the emotive power found in Baroque word painting and prepares for the exultant resolution of Et resurrexit. Here dogma becomes bracing musical drama.

The **Sanctus** comes from a stand-alone setting written for the Christmas service of 1724, when Bach experimented with his most extensive choral-instrumental layout to date by writing for a six-part chorus. The **Osanna** expands the chorus to eight parts, while both sections draw on familiar dance rhythms, transforming the joy of bodily motion into a symbol of spiritual ecstasy. In the **Benedictus**, the dark pathos of B minor returns one last time. (Set as a duet for tenor and obbligato instrument, performance practice in recent decades has opted for flute over violin even though Bach's score doesn't specify the instrument here.)

Separated by a reprise of the Osanna, the **Agnus Dei** mirrors the introspective humility of the Benedictus but also echoes the intimacy of the Christe eleison. Bach concludes with another cross-reference, setting the Dona nobis pacem to the same music as that of the Gratias agimus tibi of the Gloria. The result serves both as a unifying element and as an emblem of Bach's (re)compositional art.

— Thomas May, program annotator for the Los Angeles Master Chorale, writes about the arts and blogs at memeteria.com.

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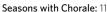
Guest artist appearances: Pergolesi's Stabat Mater; Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass; Handel's Messiah; Bach's St. John Passion and BWV 182; Mozart Requiem with both the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and Helmuth Rilling, and the Fresno Philharmonic; Le Salon de Musique Chamber Ensemble

Opera performances: Siebel, Gounod's Faust; Oberon, Britten's A Midsummer Night's Dream; Florence, Britten's Albert Herring; Ramiro, Mozart's La finta giardiniera; Nina in Golijov's Ainadamar with Long Beach Opera; musical theatre includes Anybodys, West Side Story

Previous Chorale solos: Messiah Sing-Along 2012



ADRIANA MANFREDI MEZZO SOPRANO



Hometown: Costa Mesa, California

Education: Oberlin College; California Institute of

the Arts (CalArts)

Has appeared as a guest artist with: LA Philharmonic, Boston Court, Ravinia Festival

Previous Chorale solos: Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*; Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*; Handel's *Messiah*, Lang's *the little match girl passion*

Tours: JVC Japan (Osaka, Tokyo)

Other Positions: Faculty, Classical Voice Conservatory at Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA), CalArts

Film/TV Credits: film soundtracks include Wreck-It-Ralph, Frozen



PABLO CORÁ TENOR

Seasons with Chorale: 12

Hometown: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Education: Ithaca College; Indiana University

Has appeared as a guest artist with: Tesserae, BCSD; Piffaro; Musica Angelica, Folger Consort, Catacoustic Consort, Theatre of Voices, Carmel Bach Festival

Opera performances: Faerie Queen, Dido and Aeneas; La Descente d'Orphée; Les Arts Florissants, Die Fledermaus

Recordings: Cappella, Padilla: Sun of Justice; LAMC, Steve Reich: Daniel Variations, Steve Reich: You Are (Variations) and Glass-Salonen; The Concord Ensemble, The Victory of Santiago and Il Trionfo d'amore e della morte

Previous Chorale solos: Messiah, St. Matthew & John Passions, Christmas Oratorio and Magnificat; Missa Criolla, Navidad Nuestra and Celebrar!

Film/TV Credits: License to Wed, Lady in the Water



STEVE PENCE BARITONE

Seasons with Chorale: 9

Hometown: Costa Mesa, California

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

Has appeared as a guest artist with:

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with New West Symphony, Bach's B minor Mass with Los Angeles Chamber Choir, Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem* with Orange County Choral Society, Mendelssohn's *Elijah* with Lark Society

Opera performances: Alonso in *The Tempest,* Sarastro in *Die Zauberflöte,* Figaro in *Le Nozze di Figaro*

Previous Chorale solos: Bach's Magnificat, Bach's St. John Passion, Jesus in Bach's St. Matthew Passion; Mozart/Handel Messiah; Haydn's Creation, Lord Nelson Mass, and Theresienmesse



NIKÉ ST. CLAIR MEZZO SOPRANO

Seasons with Chorale: 12

Hometown: Debrecen, Hungary

Education: BM in Choral Conducting/MusEd/ Theory, Liszt Academy of Music, Budapest; MM, DMA in progress in Choral Conducting, USC

Guest artist appearances: with LA Chamber Choir, Mozart Requiem, C Minor Mass; Bach B Minor Mass

Recordings: A Good Understanding; Górecki: Miserere with LAMC

Previous Chorale solos: Bach St. John Passion, Magnificat; Handel Messiah

Tours: John Adams *El Niño* with LA Philharmonic/ LAMC to NYC; John Adams *The Gospel According* to the Other Mary with LA Philharmonic/LAMC to Lucerne, Paris, London, NYC

Film Credits: Avatar; Smurfs 2; This is the End; Battle: LA; 2012; X-Men Origins; Rite; Earth



JON LEE KEENAN TENOR

Seasons with Chorale: 7

Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada

Education: DMA in Vocal Arts from USC, BM in Vocal Performance and Jazz Studies from UNLV

Opera performances: Normanno in *Lucia di Lammermoor* (Opera Saratoga); Monostatos in *Die Zauberflöte* (Aspen Opera Theatre); Lechmere in *Owen Wingrave* (USC Opera); Don Basilio/Don Curzio in *Le nozze di Figaro* (Pacific Opera Project)

Recordings: Santa Fe Desert Chorale on *Christmas in Santa Fe;* Spring 2014 album release of Britten folk songs

Previous Chorale solos: Distler's Weinachtsgeschichte, Handel's Messiah, Charpentier's Messe de minuit pour Noël, Bach's St. Matthew and St. John Passions

Unique Facts: also known as an accomplished jazz bassist and member of Disciples Trio



VINCENT ROBLES BARITONE

Seasons with the Chorale: 4

Hometown: Monrovia, California

Education: BM in Vocal Performance, University of Redlands; MM in Vocal Performance, California State University, Northridge

Performs regularly with: LA Opera Chorus, LA Opera Outreach, All Saints Episcopal Church, Pasadena (Bass Section Leader/Soloist), Guild Opera

Opera performances: Dancairo in Carmen, Gianni Schicchi in Gianni Schicchi, Demetrius in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Father in Hansel and Gretel, Cesare in Giulio Cesare, Fiorello in Barber of Seville. Dr. Falke in Die Fledermaus

Previous Chorale solos: Bach *St. John Passion:* "Mein Teurer Heiland", Handel's *Messiah*, Shawn Kirchner's *Rocking Carol*

TEXT & TRANSLATION

Mass in B minor

By Johann Sebastian Bach

Missa

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie 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 altissime. 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.

Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.

Cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Symbolum Nicenum (Credo)

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

Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum. Filium Dei unigenitum, et ex Patre natum ante omni

saecula.

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

Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto

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

Missa

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.

Symbolum Nicenum (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. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary. And was made man. Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate,

passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in caelum: sedet ad dexteram Dei 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.

Qui cum Patre, et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur: qui locutus est per Prophetas.

Et unam sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum.

Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

Sanctus

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

Osanna, Benedictus, Agnus Dei et Dona nobis pacem

Osanna in excelsis.

Benedictus

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Osanna in excelsis.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

miserere nobis.

Dona nobis pacem.

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 he no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and

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.

Osanna, Benedictus, Agnus Dei et Dona nobis pacem

Hosanna in the highest.

Renedictus

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. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, Grant us peace.

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Galvanism...the occult... these were topics of conversation Mary Shelley had with her guy pals in the early 1800's, when, on a dare from Lord Byron, Shelley decided to see who could pen the scariest horror story. At age 19, Mary Shelley wrote a novel born out of a dream she had about an eccentric scientist, Victor Frankenstein, who creates a grotesque monster during a laboratory experiment. Dr. Frankenstein regrets having given life to the creature and is horrified by what he has made. The dark, mythic story is filled with mystery, romance, and revenge - a gothic tale considered to be one of the earliest examples of science fiction.









Applause for Messiah Sing-Along Guest Conductor CHRIS NEE

The Los Angeles Master Chorale applauds this year's Messiah Sing-Along guest conductor Chris Nee for her stellar performance when she took to the podium at Walt Disney Concert Hall to conduct the "Hallelujah" Chorus on December 11. Nee, the Emmy Award-winning creator and executive producer of Disney Junior's "Doc McStuffins," an imaginative animated series about a six-year-old girl who runs a clinic for stuffed animals and broken toys, is no stranger to the Sing-Along. She and her good friend Laura McCreary have been coming to the Sing-Along for years — 13 to be precise! Says Nee: "Laura and I made a promise to each

other that whoever made it big first would buy the guest-conducting stint for the other. Laura beat me to it!" McCreary, also a writer and producer for television, made a generous donation to the Master Chorale to secure the conducting spot for Nee. "We are so grateful to Laura's generosity, and for Chris's bravery. It's not easy staring down 2000 choristers, but Chris wielded the baton like a pro!" said LAMC President & CEO Terry Knowles. The conducting

experience included a private tutorial with

Music Director Grant Gershon, and a post-concert reception in the guest conductor's private dressing room backstage after the performance. The rights to guest-conduct at next year's Sing-Along will be auctioned off at LAMC's annual gala benefit Golden on Grand being held January 25th at the

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

right: Chris Nee at the conductor's podium at Disney

left: Music Director Grant Gershon coaching Chris Nee pre-concert



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Peter and the Starcatcher 2:00 PM Center Theatre Group / & 8:00 PM Ahmanson Theatre Runs through January 12

The Steward of Christendom 8:00 PM Center Theatre Group / Mark Taper Forum Runs through Jan 5

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

New World Symphony with Eschenbach 8:00 PM LA Phil / Walt Disney Concert Hall

Runs through January 12

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Chamber Music Society 8:00 PM LA Phil /

Walt Disney Concert Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

AX BRAHMS PROJECT: Ax & Ticciati LA Phil / 8:00 PM

Walt Disney Concert Hall Runs through Jan 19

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

World City: Black Violin 11:00 AM The Music Center / & 12:30PM W.M. Keck Amphitheatre

Black Violin

8:30 PM The Music Center /

BP Hall in Walt Disney Concert Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

A Word or Two

3:00 PM Center Theatre Group /

Ahmanson Theatre Runs through Feb 9

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Urbański Conducts Chopin & Prokofiev

8:00 PM LA Phil /

Walt Disney Concert Hall Runs through Jan 26

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Toyota Symphonies For Youth: Vivaldi's Four Seasons

11:00 AM LA Phil /

> Walt Disney Concert Hall Runs through Feb 2

Bach B Minor Mass

2:00 PM LA Master Chorale /

Walt Disney Concert Hall Runs through Jan 26

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Green Umbrella: Contemporary Legends

8:00 PM LA Phil /

Walt Disney Concert Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike Center Theatre Group / 8:00 PM

Mark Taper Forum Runs through Mar 9

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

Royal New Zealand Ballet: Giselle 7:30 PM The Music Center /

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Runs through Feb 2

Hilary Hahn and the Los Angeles Philharmonic 8:00 PM LA Phil /

Walt Disney Concert Hall

Runs through Feb 2





