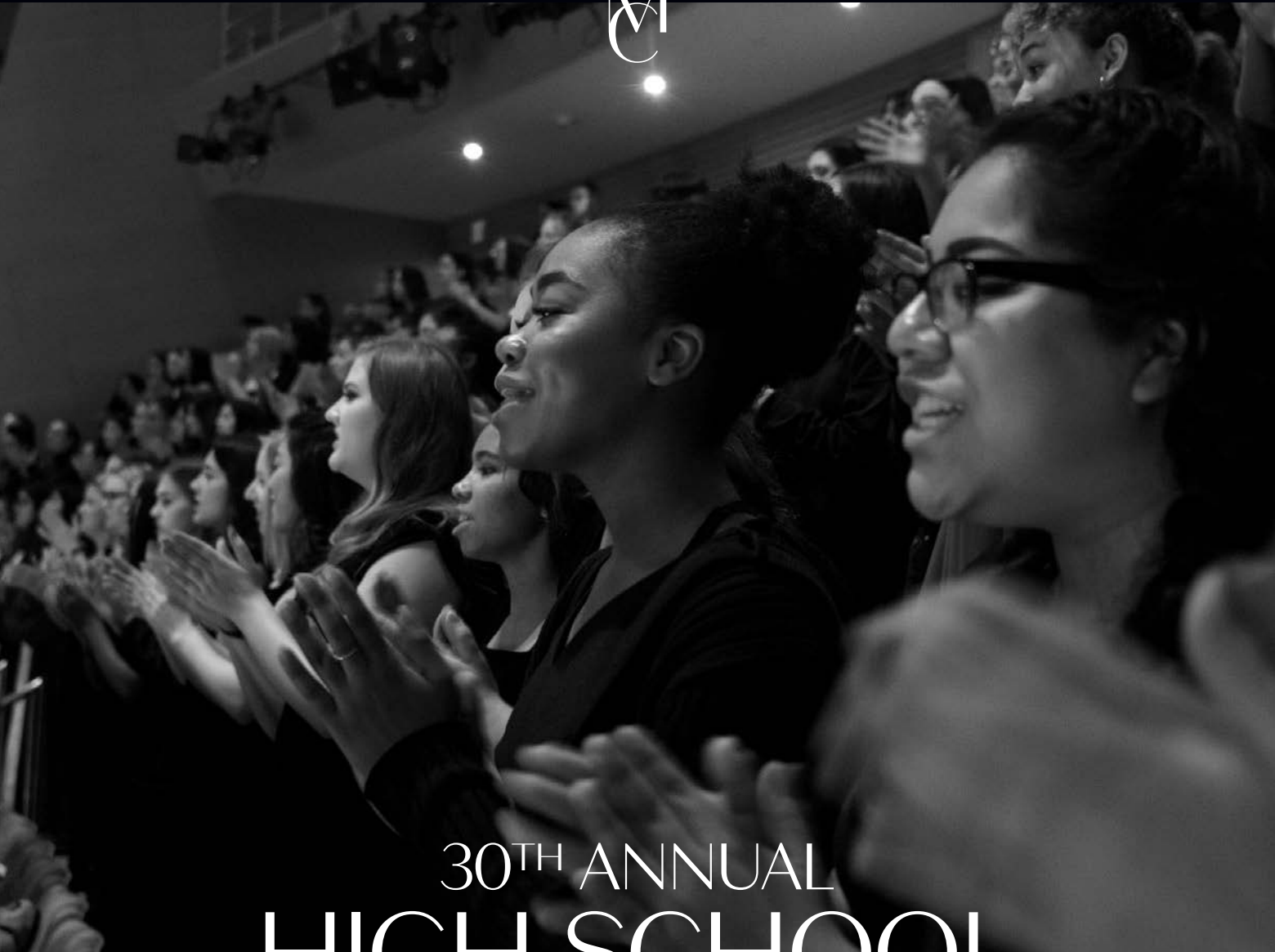


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WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL



## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR FESTIVAL

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CHAMBER ENSEMBLE  
CONCERT

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019 - 11 AM  
WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL

JENNY WONG .....conductor  
LISA EDWARDS..... piano

Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Machine ..... Eric Whitacre (b.1970)  
*Alannah Garnier, Anna Schubert, Christina Bristow, sopranos; Abdiel González, baritone*

Bumble Bee. .... arr. Anders Edenroth (b. 1963)

Seven Last Words of the Unarmed: III Amadou Diallo ..... Joel Thompson (b. 1988)  
*Luc Kleiner, baritone*

“Child of Wonder” from *The Sacred Veil*. .... Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

Hold On!. .... arr. Marques Garrett (b. 1984)

POP-UP PERFORMANCE

Immediately following the Chamber Ensemble performance, the students and Guest Artist Eric Whitacre will perform Pentatonix’s *Sing* (arranged by Ben Bram) on the Grand Avenue staircase of Walt Disney Concert Hall! The performance features tenor Charlie Kim and the students will be accompanied by Sidney Hopson and the drumline students from Santa Monica High School.

Audience members are invited to watch this pop-up performance on Grand Avenue.  
Please follow the directions of the ushers when exiting the hall.

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JOHN WEST ..... organ  
LOUISE THOMAS .....piano  
SIDNEY HOPSON ..... percussion

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jean Davidson, President & CEO  
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Lesili Beard, Director of Education  
Bryant Danner, Chair of Los Angeles Master Chorale Board Education Committee

FESTIVAL CHORUS

Hallelujah Chorus ..... George Frideric Handel (1685 – 1759)

The Word Was God.....Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)

Journey Home .....Abbie Betinis (b. 1980)

Hanacpachap cussicuinin. .... Juan Pérez Bocanegra (1598 – 1645)

FESTIVAL HONOR CHOIR

Kanaval ..... Sydney Guillaume (b. 1982)  
*Charlie Kim, tenor*

Cloudburst ..... Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

FESTIVAL CHORUS

Fly to Paradise.....Eric Whitacre  
*Suzanne Waters, soprano*

Lean on Me ..... Bill Withers (b. 1938)

# GRANT GERSHON

KIKI & DAVID GINDLER ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Hailed for his adventurous and bold artistic leadership and for eliciting technically precise and expressive performances from musicians, Grant Gershon is currently in his 18th season as the Kiki & David Gindler Artistic Director of the Los Angeles Master Chorale having led over 200 Master Chorale performances at Walt Disney Concert Hall including numerous world premieres and works by contemporary composers.

Gershon is the Resident Conductor of LA Opera and most recently conducted the West Coast premiere of Philip Glass' *Satyagraha*. He made his acclaimed debut with the company with *La Traviata* in 2009 and has subsequently conducted *Il Postino*, *Madame Butterfly*, *Carmen*, *Florencia en el Amazonas*, *Wonderful Town*, *The Tales of Hoffmann*, and *The Pearl Fishers*. In November 2017 he conducted the world premiere of John Adams' *Girls of the Golden West* for San Francisco Opera

and he made his Dutch National Opera debut conducting the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra in performances of *Girls of the Golden West* in March 2019. In May 2019 he will conduct performances of the Master Chorale's acclaimed Peter Sellars-directed production of Orlando di Lasso's *Lagryme di San Pietro* at Cal Performances, Berkeley, the Barbican Centre in London, Sage Gateshead, Cité de la Musique in Paris, and the Lensic Performing Arts Center in Santa Fe. In July 2019 Gershon and the Master Chorale will open the Salzburg Festival with a performance of *Lagryme*.

Gershon was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Thornton School of Music in 2002 and received the USC Alumni Merit Award in 2017. He is a member of the Board of Councilors for the Thornton School and the Board of Directors of Chorus America.

# LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE

The Los Angeles Master Chorale is widely recognized as the country's leading professional choir and one of Southern California's most vibrant cultural treasures. Hailed for its powerful performances, technical precision, and artistic daring, the Master Chorale is led by Grant Gershon, Kiki & David Gindler Artistic Director, and Jean Davidson, President & CEO. Grammy Award-winning composer Eric Whitacre currently serves as the ensemble's Swan Family Artist-in-Residence. It is a founding resident company of The Music Center and choir-in-residence at Walt Disney Concert Hall. Chorister positions are highly sought-after and the fully professional choir is a diverse and vocally dynamic group showcasing the many voices of L.A.

In addition to the Annual High School Choir Festival, the Master Chorale's education programs include Voices Within residencies that encourage students to write and perform their own songs, and an expansive Oratorio Project for high school students. In July 2018 the Master Chorale presented Big Sing California, the largest group singing event in state history, encompassing a concert in Disney Hall that was broadcast live to venues in five other cities in California and also livestreamed online. [www.lamasterchorale.org](http://www.lamasterchorale.org)

*The singers of the Los Angeles Master Chorale are represented by the American Guild of Musical Artists, AFL-CIO; Elyse Willis, AGMA delegate.*

## LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

SOPRANO	ALTO	TENOR	BASS
Christina Bristow	Garineh Avakian	Adam Faruqi	Abdiel González
Alannah Garnier	Adriana Manfredi	Charlie Kim	James Hayden
Caroline McKenzie	Laura Smith Roethe	Charles Lane	Luc Kleiner
Anna Schubert	Niké St. Clair	Anthony Ray	Ben Lin

# GUEST ARTISTS

JENNY WONG  
ASSOCIATE CONDUCTOR



As Associate Conductor of the Los Angeles Master Chorale, Jenny Wong has conducted concerts and prepared choruses for Gustavo Dudamel and the LA Phil, Susanna Mälkki, Eric Whitacre, María Guinand, and Music Academy of the West, including the U.S. premiere of Tan Dun's *Buddha Passion*. This season, Wong conducted performances of Orlando di Lasso's *Lagryme di San Pietro* in Australia, Mexico, North Carolina, and Los Angeles. Wong also guest-conducted Grammy-winning ensemble the Phoenix Chorale in Phoenix, Arizona. A native of Hong Kong, Wong won consecutive champion titles at the World Choir Games and the International Johannes Brahms Choral Competition with the Diocesan Girls' School Choir. Wong has been a conducting fellow for Oregon Bach Festival, Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, and Distinguished Concerts International New York. Previously Visiting Director of Choral Activities at University of the Pacific, Wong earned her Doctor of Musical Arts from USC.

ERIC WHITACRE  
GUEST ARTIST



A Grammy®-winning composer and conductor, Eric Whitacre's concert music has been performed throughout the world by millions of amateur and professional musicians alike, while his ground-breaking Virtual Choirs have united singers from over 120 different countries. A graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, Eric currently holds the position of Swan Family Artist-in-Residence with the Los Angeles Master Chorale having completed a five-year term as Composer-in-Residence at the University of Cambridge, UK. Eric has conducted choral and orchestral concerts around the globe, including sold-out concerts with the London Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Minnesota Orchestra.

A charismatic speaker, Eric has given keynote addresses for many Fortune 500 companies and global institutions including Apple, Google, the World Economic Forum in Davos, the United Nations Speaker's Programme, and two main stage TED talks.

# 2019 HONOR CHOIR PARTICIPANTS

SOPRANO	ALTO	TENOR	BASS
Lillian Alwood	Fiona Andersons	Pablo Acosta	Bryan Alvarez
Emily Burley	Eliana Bane	Peter Alunan	Aram Antonyan
Zamara Clark	Destiny Coleman	Enrique Berganza	Jose Arana*
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Kathy Lam	Gabriela Palavicini	Daniel Lopez	Justin Lawrence
Maria Medina	Brianna Perez	Luke Lopez	Zevy Malmeth
Marciel Perez	Sophia Phung	Marco Martinez	Mo Morris
Hannah Pitts*	Elisa Pitts*	Rean Mondejar	Matthew Robledo*
Madeline Rahn	Angela Prince	Bryan Morales	Jahmal Rogers
Amber Ramos	Michela Quinn	Sean Peters	Adam Rooney
Samantha Rubio	Katja Rivera	Sarah Ruopp	Zev Spencer-Shapiro
Taylor Schonbuch	Stefanie Santos	Kenny Salado	Alexander Steele
Brianna Shepherd	Helen Tsui	Zachery Serafin	Fernando Temiquel*
Katherine Stephens	Brenna Willes	Javier Silva	Kenneth Tran
Veronica Torres		Casey Staten	Kevin Villa
Iyari Vargas		Julian Torres	Kevin Villaparedes
Eileen Velasquez*		Qui-Shawn Tran	Cameron Vincent
Shauna Wegher		Frank Villanueva	
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\*Handbell players for the performance of Cloudburst.

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