

PRESS RELEASE

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MASTER CHORALE

**Los Angeles Master Chorale to Present Five
Christmas Choral Concerts in Walt Disney Concert
Hall**

December 2-18



Festival of Carols with Eric Whitacre

December 2 & 9, 2 PM

Bach: The Six Motets

December 10, 7 PM



Handel's Messiah

December 17, 7 PM

37th Annual Messiah Sing-Along

December 18, 7:30PM

CONCERT TICKETS START AT \$29
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(Los Angeles, CA) October 12, 2017 – The Los Angeles Master Chorale will perform five festive Christmas concerts in Walt Disney Concert Hall in December. The choral programs are a much-loved Los Angeles holiday tradition and these concerts frequently sell out.

A blend of favorite Christmas carols and songs and popular classical compositions, the series of concerts also includes a *Messiah* Sing-Along concert which allows the audience to sing as the choir. Tickets to all concerts start at \$29 and are available now online from lamasterchorale.org, by calling the Box Office at 213-972-7282, or in person from the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion box office, Monday – Saturday, 10 AM to 6 PM.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

With Eric Whitacre

Saturday, December 2, 2017 – 2 pm

Saturday, December 9, 2017 – 2 pm

Los Angeles Master Chorale's Swan Family Artist-in-Residence Eric Whitacre will conduct this year's perennially popular Festival of Carols concerts that feature traditional favorites alongside new arrangements of popular carols and songs. This year's concerts will include the premiere of a new 20-minute Christmas-themed work composed by Whitacre, *The Boy Who Laughed at Santa Claus* based on the Ogden Nash poem. Three other Whitacre works — *Glow*, *Lux Aurumque* and *little tree* — feature in the concerts, as do arrangements by LA Master Chorale tenor and former Composer-in-Residence, Shawn Kirchner, that have become firm audience favorites. The 100 members of the Master Chorale will be joined by special guests from the National Children's Choir for these performances.

PROGRAM

ALFRED BURT Caroling, Caroling
MYKOLA LEONTOVYCH (arr. PETER J. WILHOUSKY)Carol of the Bells
ERIC WHITACRE.....Glow



Jenny Wong, conductor
48 singers
2 cellos, 2 portative organs

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Sunday, December 17, 2017 – 7 pm

Kiki and David Gindler Artistic Director Grant Gershon leads a performance of Handel's *Messiah* sung by the Los Angeles Master Chorale. This year marks the 275th Anniversary of the first performance of *Messiah* in Dublin, Ireland. The following evening, the audience becomes the choir at the 37th Annual *Messiah* Sing-Along. The soloists for both *Messiah* concerts are all members of the Master Chorale.

PROGRAM

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL Messiah

Grant Gershon, conductor
48 singers
Chamber orchestra
Anna Schubert, soprano
Julia Metzler, mezzo-soprano
Timothy Gonzales, tenor
Luc Kleiner, baritone

37TH ANNUAL MESSIAH SING-ALONG

Monday, December 18, 2017 – 7:30 pm

Grant Gershon leads the audience in singing Handel's *Messiah* at this annual festive and fun concert that attracts a full house each year. A limited number of VIP ticket packages are available, giving audience members the chance to perform on stage alongside members of the Los Angeles Master Chorale.

PROGRAM

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL Messiah

Grant Gershon, conductor
Audience is the chorus
Chamber orchestra



Emma-Grace Dunbar, soprano
Jessie Shulman, mezzo-soprano
Joseph Lopez, tenor
John Buffett, baritone

*Walt Disney Concert Hall is located at 111 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles.
Programs and artists are subject to change.*

TICKETS & BOX OFFICE INFORMATION:

Tickets to all concerts are available now, starting from \$29:

Online: lamasterchorale.org

Phone: 213-972-7282

Tickets can be purchased in-person at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Box Office Monday – Saturday, 10 AM – 6 PM.

On concert days, box office staff can be reached at 213-972-7282 beginning at 10 AM and the Disney Hall Box Office will be open for will call and sales beginning 2 hours prior to curtain time. Group rates are available. Los Angeles Master Chorale offers \$10 Student Rush Tickets at the box office 2 hours prior to the performance, subject to availability. Student ID required; 1 ticket per ID. Please call for additional details.

Please note: children under the age of six are not admitted to Los Angeles Master Chorale concerts.

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