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MASTER CHORALE

**Young Southland Voices Showcased at the
29th Annual High School Choir Festival
Walt Disney Concert Hall
Friday, May 18, 2018**



(Los Angeles, CA) April 30, 2018 – The combined vocal force of over 900 high school students from 29 Southland schools can be heard at Walt Disney Concert Hall on Friday, May 18 when the Los Angeles Master Chorale presents the 29th Annual High School Choir Festival. The



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Festival choir concert at 1 PM will be conducted by Grant Gershon, the Master Chorale's Kiki & David Gindler Artistic Director, and guest artist Dr. Edith A. Copley. The program for the concert includes works by Joseph Haydn, Astor Piazzolla, Paul Simon, and more. Eighty-five students have been selected by their choir directors for a prestigious Honor Choir that performs on stage during the concert.

The concert is open to the public and free to attend. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. A limited number of tickets can be reserved at lamasterchorale.org. Tickets will also be available on the day of the concert on a first-come, first-served basis from 10 AM in the main lobby.

In addition to the Festival concert at 1 PM, the day includes a performance by a 16-member Los Angeles Master Chorale Chamber Ensemble in Walt Disney Concert Hall conducted by Associate Conductor Jenny Wong at 11 AM. This performance is a professional showcase for the students and is also open to the public. Tickets are required for this free event and can be reserved at lamasterchorale.org.

First held in 1989 and impacting thousands of young singers in the ensuing decades, the Los Angeles Master Chorale's Annual High School Choir Festival is one of the longest-running continuous education programs in Southern California. The Walt Disney Concert Hall performances are the culmination of an in-depth, year-long, in-school program that includes workshops for teachers and masterclasses for students and choral directors led by members of the Master Chorale.

Each year the Los Angeles Master Chorale engages a guest artist to be part of the Festival, increasing the young singers' exposure to the choral industry's top musicians. This year's guest artist, Dr. Edith A. Copley, is a Regents' Professor and Director of Choral Studies at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. She conducts the Shrine of the Ages Choir, an



acclaimed large choral ensemble at Northern Arizona University, and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in conducting and graduate choral literature.

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CALENDAR EDITORS:

WHAT:

29th Annual High School Choir Festival concert presented by the Los Angeles Master Chorale

WHEN:

Friday, May 18

- Los Angeles Master Chorale Chamber Ensemble performance at 11 AM
- High School Choir Festival performance (by students) at 1 PM

WHERE:

Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave.

TICKETS:

Open to the public; free entry. Limited advance ticket reservations available at lamasterchorale.org.

If no tickets are available online, people should come to the Walt Disney Concert Hall main lobby on the concert day where tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis by Master Chorale staff in the main lobby from 10 AM.

29TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR FESTIVAL CONCERT PROGRAM:

FESTIVAL CHORUS

Chindia

Alexandru Pascanu (1920-1989)

Quién Fuera Como el Jazmín

Carlos Guastavino (1912-2000)



No Time Traditional Camp Meeting Song
arr. Susan Brumfield

Nda wana Traditional South African Song
arr. Michael Barrett

FESTIVAL HONOR CHOIR

Libertango Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992)
arr. Oscar Escalada

It is Not Always May Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Panda Chant II Meredith Monk (b. 1942)

FESTIVAL CHORUS

The Heavens Are Telling Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Bridge Over Troubled Water Paul Simon (b. 1941)
arr. Kirby Shaw

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

Alexander Hamilton High School (Castle Heights) | Wendy Walsh, director

Arleta High School (Arleta) | Gregory Broadous, director

Arroyo High School (El Monte) | Jennifer Stanley, director

Azusa High School (Azusa) | Mary Kuo Turner, director

California High School (Whittier) | Dan Hawkins, director

Charter Oak High School (Covina) | Rebecca Portnoy, director

Covina High School (Covina) | Susan Silver, director

East Los Angeles Performing Arts (Los Angeles) | Melissa Rios, director

El Camino Real Charter High School (Woodland Hills) | Corinne Brennan, director

El Monte High School (El Monte) | Joel Whisler, director

Fullerton Union High School Academy of the Arts (Fullerton) | Scott Hedgecock, director

Glendale High School (Glendale) | Grace Sheldon-Williams, director



Glendora High School (Glendora) | Brian Trevor, director
Granada Hills Charter High School (Granada Hills) | Sarah White, director
John F. Kennedy High School (Granada Hills) | Suzanne Jones, director
Lakewood High School (Lakewood) | Ralph Siemsen, director
Mark Keppel High School (Alhambra) | Tony Azeltine, director
Mira Costa High School (Manhattan Beach) | Michael Hayden, director
Mission Viejo High School (Mission Viejo) | Sarah Norris, director
Montebello High School (Montebello) | Jessie Flasschoen, director
North High School (Torrance) | Keiko Clark, director
Norwalk High School (Norwalk) | Nancy Lanpher, director
Palos Verdes Peninsula High School (Rolling Hills Estate) | Dan Doctor, director
Ramon C. Cortines High School of VAPA (Los Angeles) | Drew Lewis, director
Rubidoux High School (Riverside) | Jeff Lin, director
San Gabriel High School (San Gabriel) | Cecilia Revilla, director
Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences (Granada Hills) | Paul Sims, director
Van Nuys High School (Van Nuys) | Brianne Arevalo, director
Venice High School (Venice) | Wendy Sarnoff, director

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Members of the press are welcome to attend, photograph, and film the 29th Annual High School Choir Festival concert. Please RSVP to Jennifer Scott, jscott@lamasterchorale.org

