

L O S A N G E L E S

MASTER CHORALE

GRANT GERSHON, KIKI & DAVID GINDLER ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

GALA 2023 HONORS
COMPOSER AND GRAMMY AWARD WINNER GERMAINE
FRANCO AND LA ARTS RECOVERY FUND

Featuring Songs and Musical Highlights from Germaine Franco's film scores, including *Coco*, *Little*, *Dora and the Lost City of Gold*, and *Encanto*



Friday, April 14, 2023 at Walt Disney Concert Hall
6 p.m. Reception in Blue Ribbon Garden
7 p.m. Concert
8 p.m. Dinner, BP Hall

Concert-only tickets for GALA 2023 start at \$40
Premium packages (concert, reception, dinner) start at \$1,000

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(Los Angeles, CA) Thursday, February 23, 2023 – The **Los Angeles Master Chorale**, the country's preeminent professional choir, will honor composer and GRAMMY winner Germaine Franco and the LA Arts Recovery Fund, represented by Stephania Ramirez, executive director for the Perenchio Foundation, at [GALA 2023](#), on Friday, April 14, 2023 at Walt Disney Concert Hall.

The Artistic Honoree for GALA 2023, composer Germaine Franco, is the Los Angeles Master Chorale's first female Artistic Honoree and is one of the most unique award-winning composers working in Hollywood today. Her oeuvre includes collaborations with film directors, storytellers, and musicians from the Chorale on studio blockbusters, independent features, television series, as well as concert and choral music. Her ebullient music from *Coco* was featured by the Chorale on its "Opera and Film Choruses" program at Walt Disney Concert Hall in June 2019. Franco is the first Latina, and only the sixth woman, to be nominated for the Oscar for Best Original Score for the 2021 Disney Animation Studios film *Encanto*. Franco won a 2023 GRAMMY Award for Best Score Soundtrack for Visual Media for *Encanto*.

The Philanthropic Honoree for GALA 2023 is the LA Arts Recovery Fund. A collaboration of local and national philanthropy, and the largest-ever pooled private investment for arts in Los Angeles County, the LA Arts Recovery Fund distributed \$36.1 million to 90 art organizations for post-pandemic rebuilding. The grant recipients span visual arts, theater, music, dance, literary arts, and arts education while all demonstrate exceptional regional or local significance in L.A. County. The Los Angeles Master Chorale was honored to receive a two-year grant of \$1.5 million, a philanthropic milestone in the ensemble's 58-year history.

GALA 2023 will feature the Los Angeles Master Chorale in a one-night-only concert event that highlights Germaine Franco's distinctive musical achievements and influences, with newly-commissioned arrangements created specifically for this program and heard for the first

time. Franco will join the Chorale on stage to perform on percussion, alongside a 17-member orchestra. Special guest soloists include sought-after live and session vocalist Toni Scruggs and emerging young talent Danny Duran. Conducted by Grant Gershon, Kiki & David Gindler Artistic Director, and Jenny Wong, Associate Artistic Director, this landmark concert will also spotlight music that makes L.A. culture so unique, including works by Zanaida Robles, Carlos Guastavino, Antonio Estévez and Otilio Galíndez. The program will open with the Chorale's legendary Surround Sing, with voices enveloping the audience from the highest reaches of Walt Disney Concert Hall, an experience that Alex Ross, writing in [The New Yorker](#), recently described as “shiver-inducing”.

All proceeds from GALA 2023 will benefit the Los Angeles Master Chorale's artistic and youth education programs serving students throughout Los Angeles.

Generous support for GALA 2023 is provided by Platinum Table Sponsors Kiki Ramos Gindler and David Gindler. The Event Sponsor is AmaWaterways, the Official River Cruise Line of the Los Angeles Master Chorale.

The Gala Host Committee is led by Co-Chairs Melissa Romain and Dr. Annette L. Ermshar, and members Chip W. Baik, Kiki Ramos Gindler, Martha Groves, Jenny S. Kim, Ron Myrick, Sonia Randazzo, Lisa Richardson, Meredith Palmer Torres, and Tracy Van Fleet.

Distinguished Honorary Gala Hosts include Michael Abels, Doug Aitken, Nilo Alcala, Jeff and Joan Beal, Edie Lehmann Boddicker, Alan Chapman, Billy Childs, Saunder Choi, Danny Elfman, Reena Esmail, Frank Gehry, Philip Glass, Osvaldo Golijov, Shawn Kirchner, Morten Lauridsen, Heitor Pereira, John Powell, James Muhammad, Anne Akiko Meyers, Lalo Schifrin, Peter Sellars, Derrick Skye, Georgia Stitt and Jason Robert Brown, Pinar Toprak, Dale Trumbore, Rufus Wainwright, Eric Whitacre and Laurence Servaes, and Christopher and Elyse Willis.

GALA 2023 PROGRAM

Surround Sing Musical Selections:

GERMAINE FRANCO *La Limpia* from Vida (sung in Nahuatl)

OTILIO GALÍNDEZ arr. ALBERTO GRAU *Caramba*

JUAN GUTIÉRREZ PADILLA *Mirabilia testimonia tua*

Songs and musical highlights from Germaine Franco's multi-faceted film scores, including *Coco*, *Little*, *Dora and the Lost City of Gold*, and her GRAMMY Award-winning music from *Encanto*:

Coco

A Quien Yo Amo

Proud Corazón

Un poco loco

The World Es Mi Familia

Encanto

Impresiones del Encanto

I Need You

Antonio's Voice

El Camino de Mirabel

Little

I'm Back

Black Girl Magic

Dora and the Lost City of Gold

El Camino Real de Parapata

He Has Angered the Gods

Veni Sancte Spiritus, Zanaida Robles

Quién fuera como el jazmín, Carlos Guastavino

Mata del alma sola, Antonio Estévez

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