

## **Orange County Catholic Chorale Recruiting New Members for 2007 Season**

**Huntington Beach, Calif.** - Orange County Catholic Chorale, a mixed chorus of more than 100 voices under the direction of Brian Dehn, is actively recruiting new members for its 2007 season. Candidates should have choral experience, sight-reading ability, and be available to attend Tuesday evening rehearsals. All voice parts are being recruited (especially tenors and basses), and membership is open to all who meet audition requirements. The audition will include exercises to verify tonal memory, pitch ability, and sight reading skills. Candidates also should bring three copies of a song to sing that illustrates their vocal ability.

Auditions will be held at Cornelia Connelly High School, 2323 West Broadway, Anaheim on August 22 and September 5 from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. For more information or to schedule an appointment time, contact Christine Blodgett at (714) 421-4614. An orientation meeting about the chorale will be held for new and returning members on September 12 at 7:30 p.m., Cornelia Connelly High School auditorium.

Season's highlights for 2007 include a November Thanksgiving concert, a February Valentine's soiree of love songs with annual silent auction fundraiser, the Lenten Laetare Sunday major masterworks concert in March with full orchestra and annual July patriotic concert.

The Orange County Catholic Chorale, Inc., established in 2005, is a **501(c)3** nonprofit performing arts corporation dedicated to fostering and expanding the opportunities for quality, classical music in the community. Open to any denomination, the Chorale focuses on improving singers' abilities to contribute to their own parish liturgies, to uphold the living tradition of sacred music, and to encourage the creation and continued performance of new works by Catholic composers as well as masterworks of the past. For more information regarding auditions, the Chorale, or how to become a financial benefactor of the Chorale, contact Christine Blodgett at (714) 421-4614.

## **Orange County Catholic Chorale Receives 501(c)3 Nonprofit Status**

**Huntington Beach, Calif., April 11** - The Orange County Catholic Chorale, Inc., - a 100-voice, interdenominational choral ensemble dedicated to promoting appreciation and knowledge of choral music through the performance of masterworks concerts -- has been granted tax deductible, nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation status from the Internal Revenue Service.

With the new nonprofit status, the Chorale can accept tax deductible contributions from individuals and organizations. It views this next phase as an opening to many doors: "We have operated with volunteer and pro bono contributions for two years," said Christine Blodgett, president of Chorale. "Now we will

be able to seek corporate sponsorship and individual donations to help us offer more programs to the community.”

“Next year, we hope to include our first international music composition contest to encourage the creation of new choral works,” adds Brian Dehn, founder and artistic director. “This new status will help us achieve this goal.”

The Chorale's first fundraising effort will be a Silent Auction and “Evening with Mozart” at the Huntington Beach Central Library Theater on April 16 beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door. Proceeds from the event will help fund the Chorale's June 16th concert, with full orchestra, of Mozart's *Great Mass in C Minor* at St. John the Baptist Church, Costa Mesa.

## Chorale Seeking Additional Singers for Mozart Mass

**Huntington Beach, Calif., March 14** -- It's still not too late to join up! The Orange County Catholic Chorale is seeking additional singers, especially tenors and basses, to perform in a June 16 concert featuring the West Coast premiere of a new version of Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor, recently reconstructed by Mozart scholar Robert Levin. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 1015 Baker Street, Costa Mesa. Singers are also needed for the Chorale's performance of the Mass with the Czech National Symphony in Smetana Hall, Prague July 22. For more information call Christine Blodgett at (714) 421-4614.

## Orange County Catholic Chorale to Host 'Evening With Mozart'

**Huntington Beach, Calif., Feb. 17** -- The Orange County Catholic Chorale will help celebrate Mozart's 250th birthday with an all-Mozart entertainment extravaganza April 21, at 8:00 pm in the Huntington Beach Central Library Theater. Called *An Evening with Mozart* the event will include guest soloists from the Chorale as well as pianist Barbara Worsley performing Mozart selections.

The Chorale's First Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser will precede the performance at 6:30 pm in the downstairs library meeting rooms. Suggested donation for the evening's double-billed event is \$15 and refreshments will be provided. Tickets will be available at the door.

Individuals or local merchants wanting to donate items to the auction may contact the Chorale at [OCCC05@Verizon.net](mailto:OCCC05@Verizon.net) or call Christine Blodgett at (714) 421-4614. Tax-deductible acknowledgement receipts will be provided as well as publicity in the auction program. Proceeds from the auction will help defray orchestra expenses for the Chorale's June masterworks concert “Mozart Mass in C Minor” featuring more than 100 singers and 40-piece orchestra.

The Orange County Catholic Chorale, Inc. is a 100-voice, interdenominational Southern California musical ensemble dedicated to promoting appreciation and knowledge of choral music through the performance of masterworks concerts and events for the local community.

## **Orange County Catholic Chorale Begins Rehearsals for Mozart Masterworks Performance**

**Huntington Beach, Calif., Jan. 13** -- Orange County Catholic Chorale, a mixed chorus of more than 100 voices under the direction of Brian Dehn, will begin rehearsal for its upcoming June performance of the Mozart Mass in C Minor on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 1015 Baker Street, Costa Mesa.

All voice parts are still being recruited (especially tenors and basses), and participation is open to all who meet audition requirements. Candidates should have choral experience, sight-reading ability, and be available to attend subsequent Tuesday evening rehearsals. For more information e-mail [OCCC05@verizon.net](mailto:OCCC05@verizon.net) or call (714) 421-4614 for more information.

## **Orange County Catholic Chorale Schedules Orientation Night for New Members**

**Huntington Beach, Calif., Dec. 15** -- Orange County Catholic Chorale, a mixed chorus of more than 100 voices under the direction of Brian Dehn, has scheduled an additional orientation meeting about the chorale for interested new and returning members January 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 1015 Baker Street, Costa Mesa.

All voice parts are being recruited for its upcoming May masterworks concert (especially tenors and basses), and membership is open to all who meet audition requirements. Candidates should have choral experience, sight-reading ability, and be available to attend Tuesday evening rehearsals.

The May concert will feature the West Coast premiere of Robert Levine's recently reconstructed Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor. This version of the Mass was commissioned by Carnegie Hall to honor Mozart's 250th anniversary in 2006. Two performances are being planned. Musical scores and practice CDs will be available at the orientation meeting. Rehearsals will held on Tuesday evenings beginning in mid-January.

An *optional* European tour to Prague, the Czech Republic, is scheduled for July 18-29 where the Chorale will perform the Mozart Mass with the Czech National Symphony in Smetana Hall , under the direction of Brian Dehn. Also included on the tour are visits to Kadovy Vary and Dresden, Germany. Space is available for friends and family members wishing to accompany the Chorale. Contact the

Orange County Catholic Chorale at (714) 421-4614 for additional information or visit the web site for details on cost and complete tour itinerary.

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