

Chorale Seeks Executive Board President

Huntington Beach, CA, Dec. 15 -- The Orange County Catholic Chorale (OCCC), a 501(c)3 performing arts organization, is soliciting candidates for the position of President of its Executive Board. The Chorale is the only chorus of its kind in the Western U.S and provides exceptional performances of choral/orchestral masterworks. With several west coast premiers to its credit, OCCC is dedicated to creating a focused program schedule of the most respected musical masterworks along with the commissioning of new choral music.

In this non-compensated position, the President assists the Artistic Director in providing general leadership direction for the Chorale and information to its members, conducts all meetings of the organization and of its Board, and represents OCCC to the community as required. In addition, the President coordinates grant applications and other fund raising efforts throughout the year. For a complete job description, [click here](#).

Persons living in Orange County or surrounding areas wishing to be considered should submit their resume by January 15, 2008, along with a cover letter detailing why they want to be considered, to: *OCCC-President Search Committee, 18656-A Main Street #350, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.*

Orange County Catholic Chorale Recruiting New Members for 2007-2008 Season

Huntington Beach, Calif. Sept - Orange County Catholic Chorale, a mixed chorus of more than 60 voices under the direction of Brian Dehn, is actively recruiting new members for its 2007-2008 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 September 25 and 27.

Season's highlights for 2007-2008 include: Vivaldi's *Gloria* December 1; Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* May 3 along with the west coast premier of Mack Wilber's *Requiem*; and conclude with the annual patriotic concert June 28. Also, a silent auction fundraiser and soiree "Where the Met Meets Broadway" will be held at a Newport Beach estate in March.

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. To schedule an audition or, for more information about the Chorale, contact Christine Blodgett at (714) 421-4614.

Orange County Catholic Chorale to Present Patriotic Concert Sunday July 1

Huntington Beach, Calif. May 22 -- The Orange County Catholic Chorale and the San Francisco Solano Catholic Church community will present the *4th Annual Stars and Stripes Forever Concert*, Sunday, July 1st at 2 p.m. in the parish church.

The theme for this year's free concert, "Celebrating the American Dream" features some of the folk tunes - Irish, Welsh, Scottish, German, and Italian songs -- that reflect the cultural background of the Chorale members. Like patches in a quilt, they form part of the cultural musical heritage of America. Also included will be many well-loved patriotic songs and hymns including *God Bless America*, *Armed Force Medley*, *Song for the Unsung Hero*, *From Sea to Shining Sea*, and *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

Consisting of nearly 70 singers from choirs throughout Orange County and surrounding area, the Chorale will be accompanied by a brass and wind ensemble with featured a performance by a barbershop quartet. An audience sing-a-long will also be included. San Francisco Solano Catholic Church is located at 22082 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita.

Orange County Catholic Chorale to Perform Duruflé's *Requiem* March 18th

Huntington Beach, CA Feb. 22 -- The Orange County Catholic Chorale(OCCC), under the direction of Brian Dehn, will present the rarely performed, full orchestral version of Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem, Opus 9*, Sunday, March 18, 8 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 1015 Baker Street, Costa Mesa.

Also on the program are featured works by other French composers including *Cantique de Jean Racine* by Gabriel Fauré and *Psaume XXIV* by Lilly Boulanger. Joining the Chorale will be the Meistersingers performing Francis Poulenc's *Quatre Motets Pour Un Temps de Penitence*.

Duruflé's setting of the Requiem Mass has been called the consummate example of the integration of Gregorian chant and 20th-century French harmonies. The work, which includes the ancient texts of the Catholic Mass for the Dead, draws upon Gregorian chant for its point of inspiration. Duruflé composed the Requiem in 1947, shortly after World War II, as a memorial to his father who died working in the French Resistance Movement. The piece is considered by many to be the masterpiece of one of the greatest composers of 20th-century France.

The OCCC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, non denominational performing arts organization dedicated to singing sacred choral-orchestral repertoire. It offers the Orange County community a unique opportunity to hear

infrequently performed, great choral music. Tickets are available for \$18 at the door or advanced, pre-sale discounted tickets may be ordered at the Chorale's web site through March 6. For more information, visit OCCatholicChorale.org.

Orange County Catholic Chorale to Hold 2nd Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser and "Love Song Soirée"

Huntington Beach, Calif , Jan, 30 --The Orange County Catholic Chorale will hold its 2nd Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser and "Love Song Soiree" entertainment extravaganza on February 17 beginning at 5:30 pm at Garden Grove United Methodist Church, 12741 Main Street, Garden Grove. In celebration of Valentine's Day, the entertainment segment will include guest soloists from the Chorale as well as pianist Dr. Barbara Worsley performing classic romantic love songs of years past as well as the present day. Suggested ticket donation for the evening's double-billed event is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple, and tickets will be available at the door. Refreshments also will be provided.

Individuals or local merchants wanting to donate items to the auction may contact the Chorale though its website www.OCCatholicChorale.org or call Christine Blodgett at (714) 878-8733. Tax-deductible acknowledgement receipts will be provided. Proceeds from the auction will help defray orchestra expenses for the Chorale's March masterworks concert - *Durufilé Requiem* - featuring more than 80 singers and 40-piece orchestra.

The Orange County Catholic Chorale, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c) 3 performing arts organization dedicated to promoting appreciation and knowledge of choral music through the performance of masterworks concerts and events for the local community.