

## Orange County Catholic Chorale Recruiting New Members

**Huntington Beach, Calif.** - Orange County Catholic Chorale, a mixed chorus of more than 70 voices under the direction of Brian Dehn, is actively recruiting new members for its 2008-2009 season. Although not required, but preferred, candidates should have choral experience, sight-reading ability, and must be available to attend Tuesday evening rehearsals. All voice parts are being recruited (especially tenors and basses) and membership is open to individuals of all denominations who meet audition requirements.

An ordination night will be held at Cornelia Connelly High School, 2323 West Broadway, Anaheim on October 28, 7:30 PM. Completion the audition link [form](#) to schedule an audition. The audition includes brief exercises to verify tonal memory, pitch ability, and sight-reading skills.

Season's highlights include Beethoven's *Mass in C* in May along with the choral movement to his 9th Symphony. An annual patriotic concert is scheduled for July. A special fundraising performance of "*Sister's Christmas Catechism: Whatever happened to the Magi's Gold?*" will be held at the Servite High School Theater, Anaheim, November 22, 2008.

## Orange County Catholic Chorale and Meistersingers to Participate in "Portraits of Voice" Concert

**Huntington Beach, CA** -- Members from the Orange County Catholic Chorale and Meistersingers will participate in the "*Portraits of Voice - A Personal Dedication to Luciano Pavarotti*" concert at the OC Pavilion October 4.

The program features Georganne Gould, Alexander Greschenko - former Bolshoi Ballet soloist, and CG Ryche - world class percussionist. The audience will experience the emotional translation of voice through stunning ballet and lyrical dancers, and enjoy their favorite songs of Luciano Pavarotti, Andrea Bocelli, Sarah Brightman, Celine Dion and more. This brilliant, inspirational collaboration of voice, ballet, lyrical dance is accompanied by world-class musicians and award-winning choreographers.

Selections to be performed by the Chorale and Meistersingers include: *Nessun Dorma*, *Canto De la Terra*, *Lacrimosa* from "Requiem" by Hoppy, *A Question of Honor*, and *Va Pensiero*. The OC Pavilion is located at 801 N. Main St. Santa Ana. Tickets are available at [www.ocpavilion.com](http://www.ocpavilion.com).

## Orange County Catholic Chorale to Present Patriotic Concert Sunday, June 29

**Huntington Beach, CA (Jun 15)** - The Orange County Catholic Chorale and the San Francisco Solano Catholic Church community will present the *5th Annual Stars and Stripes Forever Concert*, Sunday, June 29 at 2 p.m. in the parish church. This year's concert features some of the most loved spirituals and hymns reflecting the musical heritage of our country as well as many moving patriotic songs 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 church choirs throughout Orange County and surrounding area, the Chorale will be accompanied by a brass and wind ensemble. An audience sing-a-long will also be included. San Francisco Solano Catholic Church is located at 22082 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita.

## West Coast Premiere of New Mack Wilberg *Requiem* and Haydn 'Lord Nelson Mass' Slated for Orange County

**Huntington Beach, CA (Mar. 27)** - More than 100 members of the Orange County Catholic Chorale and the Meistersingers, under the direction of Brian Dehn, will premiere the new *Requiem* by Mack Wilberg, interim director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, with full orchestra and soloists May 17, 8:00 PM at Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano. Also on the program is Haydn's 'Lord Nelson' Mass. Feature soloists include soprano, Courtney Taylor, mezzo soprano, Kimberly Sogioka, tenor, Ernest Alvarez and bass, Peter Atherton.

Although not in your traditional *Requiem* format, Wilberg creates a new and very moving, introspective and poignant modern variation, drawing inspiration from Brahms and Vaughan Williams. This latest composition brings a fresh and contemporary approach to the time-honored tradition of the Catholic Requiem. It was originally premiered by the Mormon Tabernacle in April of 2007 in Salt Lake City. This concert marks only the second live performance.

Written in 1798 and one of the twelve Masses composed by Haydn, the Lord Nelson Mass is considered by many to be his most dramatic, transporting the listener from feelings of utter despair in the opening *Kyrie* to a great and certain joy in the final movement. Also called *Missa in Angustiis* (Mass for times of anguish), it is a reflection of the uncertain times in which it was written.

Tickets for the May 17 performance are available from [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com), Chorale members, OCCC web site, or at the door for \$20. Visit [www.OCCatholicChorale.org](http://www.OCCatholicChorale.org) for more information about the concert and the Chorale. Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano is located at 31522 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano.

The OCCC, founded in 2005, is a nondenominational 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. Meistersingers, formed in 2000, is dedicated to excellence in choral music performance and to enriching society by educating the community as they preserve the past, promote the present and foster the future of choral art. With three highly successful recordings to their credit as well as invitations to perform around the world, they are quickly becoming a recognized major force in the choral world. For more information on the Meistersingers, visit [www.meistersingers.org](http://www.meistersingers.org).

## Orange County Catholic Chorale to Hold 3rd Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser at the Village Crean

**Huntington Beach, CA** (Jan 21) – The Orange County Catholic Chorale will hold its 3rd Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser and entertainment extravaganza on March 29, beginning at 5:30 pm at The Village Crean, 2300 Mesa Drive, Newport Beach. The entertainment segment will include guest soloists saluting the worlds of Opera and Broadway with complimentary hor'dourves and wine tasting. Tickets are \$50 per person by advance reservation *only (no tickets will be sold at the door)*. Free valet parking will be provided. Reservation information for the semi-formal event is available on the Chorale's web site, [www.OCCatholicChorale.org/events](http://www.OCCatholicChorale.org/events); or you may request ticket information by writing: OC Catholic Chorale, Attn: Auction Fundraiser, 18685-A Main Street #350, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

Auction items include original art, antiques, jewelry, autographed first edition books, home gift baskets, gift certificates, and many other unique items. A Partial listing of Items available for auction may be viewed on the Chorale's web site. Individuals or local merchants wishing to donate items may contact the Chorale at [OCC05@verizon.net](mailto:OCC05@verizon.net). Tax-deductible acknowledgement receipts will be provided. Proceeds from the auction will help defray orchestra expenses for the Chorale's May masterworks concert - Haydn *Lord Nelson Mass* and the west coast premier of the Mack Wilberg *Requiem* - featuring more than 100 singers and 40-piece orchestra.

The Chorale is a 501(c)(3) non profit performing arts organization dedicated to promoting appreciation and knowledge of choral music through the performance of masterworks concerts and events for the local community. The amount of the ticket and purchased auction items, if greater than fair market value, are tax deductible. Only cash and checks will be accepted for payment.

## Orange County Catholic Chorale Recruiting New Members in January

**Huntington Beach, Calif.** - Orange County Catholic Chorale, a mixed chorus of more than 70 voices under the direction of Brian Dehn, is actively recruiting new members on January 29 from 7 to 9:30 PM at Cornelia Connelly High School, 2323 West Broadway, Anaheim. Although not required (but preferred) candidates should have choral experience, sight-reading ability, and must be available to attend Tuesday evening rehearsals. All voice parts are being recruited (especially tenors and basses) and membership is open to individuals of all denominations who meet audition requirements. The audition will include exercises to verify tonal memory, pitch ability, and sight-reading skills. If possible, candidates also should bring three copies of a song to sing that illustrates their vocal ability.

Highlights of the Chorale's season include Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* May 17 along with the west coast premier of Mack Wilberg's *Requiem* and conclude with the annual patriotic concert June 29. Also, a silent auction fundraiser and soirée "Where the Met Meets Broadway" will be held at the Village Crean, Newport Beach, March 29.

For more information about the Chorale visit [www.OC.CatholicChorale.org](http://www.OC.CatholicChorale.org). To request an audition time during the month of February, email [OCC05@verizon.net](mailto:OCC05@verizon.net) or fill out the audition inquiry form on the website. 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.