## La Jolla Symphony and Chorus David Chase, Choral Director

# Music of the Americas

### St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church Sunday, March 11, 2012

#### Procession

Hanacpachap

17th-century Peruvian Lyrics are in Quechuan

Happiness of heaven, a thousand times I will adore you. Keep in mind, fruitful tree, hope of men, support of the weak, my call.

#### Canada

I Beheld Her, Beautiful as a Dove

by Healey Willian Liturgical Motet No. 3 for Feast of Our Lady

The Banks of Loch Erin

Newfoundland Folksong, arr. Derek Healy

Feller from Fortune

Newfoundland Folksong, arr. Harry Somers

**USA** 

Lark

by Aaron Copland (1938) Poem by Genevieve Taggard (1927)

Michael Blinco, baritone

O Lark, O Lark, from great dark arise!
O Lark of Light, O Lightness like a spark,
Shock ears and stun our eyes
singing the dayrise, the great dayrise!
O Lark of Light, Lark, Rise!
O Believer, Rejoicer, Say,
O Lark, alert, Lark, Rise!
Say, before Evidence of Day, The Sun is risen!
O Lark, alive, Lark, Rise!
Where no Sun is, Come loudly in the air!

Let ear and eye prepare to see and hear, truly to see and hear,
To hear thy threefold welcome in the air,
To see all dazzle after long despair.
To see what none may see now, Singer, fair!
O Lark, alert, O lovely, lovely, chanting, arrow Lark, Sprung like an arrow from the bow of dark,
O Lark, arise!
Sing the dayrise, the great dayrise!

Second-place winner of the 2011 La Jolla Symphony Young Artists competition, baritone Michael Blinco most recently performed John Adams' "Wound Dresser," a Pulitzer Prize-winning composition, with Steven Schick and the La Jolla Symphony. A student of Carol Neblett, he is a member of the San Diego Opera Chorus and performs as both soloist and chorus member of the Bach Collegium San Diego.

#### This is the Garden

Vincent Persichetti (1952) Text by ee cummings (1925)

#### Women of La Jolla Symphony Chorus

this is the garden:colours come and go, frail azures fluttering from night's outer wing strong silent greens serenely lingering, absolute lights like baths of golden snow. This is the garden:pursed lips do blow upon cool flutes within wide glooms, and sing (of harps celestial to the quivering string) invisible faces hauntingly and slow.

This is the garden. Time shall surely reap and on Death's blade lie many a flower curled, in other lands where other songs be sung; yet stand They here enraptured, as among the slow deep trees perpetual of sleep some silver-fingered fountain steals the world.

The Vision

Dale Jergensen (1971) Text Lawrence Ferlinghetti Big Fat Hairy Vision of Evil (Part I) (1961)

Reading:

Excerpt from Autobiography, Lawrence Ferlighetti (1958)

Stewart Shaw

Soloists:

Constance Lawthers, Christine Lehman, Pamela Surko, Marianne Schamp,

Sean McCormac, Mark Walters, Otto Sorensen

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington(1945)

Penny Steinman, soloist

#### Latin America

Mata del Anima Sola (Tree of the lonely soul)

Antonio Estevez (Venezuela) inspired by poem of Alberto Aravelo Torrealba

Myles Mayfield, soloist

Tree of the lonely soul, wide opening of the riverside--now you will be able to say:
Here slept Cantaclaro. [the balladsinger]

With the whistle and the sting of the twisting wind, the dappled and violet dusk quietly entered the corral.

The night, tired mare, shakes her mane and black tail above the riverside; and, in its silence, your ghostly heart is filled with awe.

Arbolucu (Tree of Sorrow)

Spanish Folksong

Traditional song sung by Rebecca Ramirez Sean McCormac, guitar

#### Arbolucu (Tree of Sorrow)

The young and beautiful Parizataco fell in love with the Sun ... When the Sun rejected her love, she slew herself ... Her tribe cremated the body and from the ashes sprang The Tree of Sorrow, whose beautiful lovely blossoms never opened in the daytime. Only under the cool light of the moon and stars did the flowers unfold and fill the night air with heavy sweet perfume.

Little tree, you have withered despite having the fountain at your feet And strength in your trunk And, in your branches, love.

Tio Guachupecito

Karen Johns, soloist

Columbian Folksong, arr. Rito A. Mantilla

Cancioncilla Romantica Venezolana

a canon by Juan Bautista Plaza, arr. David Chase

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You looked with tenderness at the fleeting twilight, the brilliant fire of the sea. Far away, distant birds became enraptured with the light. I only listened to your heart.

My heaven was in you.

Chili Con Carne

by Anders Edenroth (The Real Group)

Rebecca Ramirez and Penny Steinman, soloists

## Meet David Chase and La Jolla Symphony Chorus

Conductor of the La Jolla Symphony Chorus since 1973, David Chase serves as a lecturer in the UCSD Music Department. Under his leadership the 130-voice ensemble performs a mixture of musical styles that combine standard repertory with new or rarely performed works. Dr. Chase is a graduate of the Ohio State University, and received his doctorate at the University of Michigan. He has been on the music faculty at Palomar College in San Marcos, California, since 1974. In addition to his academicwork, he has performed and recorded with the Robert Shaw Festival Chamber Chorus in Souillac, France and at Carnegie Hall.

La Jolla Symphony Chorus is recognized for its musical excellence, high standards, and imaginative programming. In addition to concerts given with its sister organization, the La Jolla Symphony Orchestra at the University of California, San Diego, the chorus has sung with the San Diego Symphony Orchestra under the batons of Jung Ho Pak, Maximiano Valdés, Julian Wachner, Yoav Talmi, Mitch Miller and Robert Shaw.

Members of the chorus have made numerous tours and have been designated official "Cultural Ambassadors" from the City and County of San Diego. Among these traveling performances are four tours to Europe, one to Mexico, and residences at the Kathaumixw Festival in British Columbia and the Mendocino Festival in Northern California. Their most distinctive tour was to the Kingdom of Bhutan, where they were invited by the Royal Government to be the first Western classical music ensemble to perform throughout that remote Himalayan nation. On Labor Day weelemd (May 27, 2012) La Jolla Symphony Chorus will perform Benjamin Britten's Spring Symphony in Carnegie Hall under the direction of David Chase.

## La Jolla Symphony and Chorus

Founded in 1965 by Patricia Smith
David Chase, Choral Director
Kenneth Bell, Assistant Conductor
Victoria Heins-Shaw, Accompanist
Mea Daum, Manager

Marianne & Dennis Schamp, Librarians - Stewart Shaw, Chorus Facilities

| SOPRANO            | Rachel Millstein   | Debby Park         | Steven Westhydeman |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Young Ju (Danbi)   | Nancy Moore        | Barbara Peisch     | Bill Ziefle        |
| Ahn                | Emily Peterson     | Yasaman Pirahanchi |                    |
| Judy Bocchi-       | Yi Hong Sim        | Rebecca Ramirez    |                    |
| Manuche            | Mitzi Sobash       | Valerie Rubins     | BASS               |
| Christine Bull     | Penny Steinman     | Satomi Saito       | Dorian Bell        |
| Anna Busija        | Jeanne Stutzer     | Marianne Schamp    | Kenneth Bell       |
| Frances Castle#    | Julie Sullivan     | Janet Shields#     | Jack Beresford     |
| Sally Dean         | Mary Ellen Walther | Carol Slaughter    | John Carpenter     |
| Emilie DoanVan     | Jill Witkowski     | Jil Stathis        | Charles Carver     |
| Beda Farrell       |                    | Pamela Surko       | Scot Cheatham      |
| Meryl Gross        | ALTO               | Sarah Warisi       | Bob Chen           |
| Felicia Gutierrez  | June Allen         |                    | Rodrigo Contreras  |
| Marty Hambright    | Kathy Archibald    |                    | Timothy Davis      |
| Martha Hamilton    | Sonja Brun         | TENOR              | Paul Engel         |
| Ida Houby          | Kim Burton         | Walter Desmond#    | Peter Gourevitch   |
| Anita Ip           | Peggy Clapp        | Bill Eadie         | Bryan Heard        |
| Karen Johns        | Ellie Elphick      | David Horstman     | David Hertzel      |
| Donna Johnson      | Karen Erickson     | Michael Kasa       | J. Rodney Jee      |
| Hima Joshi         | Vicki Heins-Shaw   |                    | Don Jenkins        |
| Karen Kakazu       | Emily Holzer       | Anthony Leonard    | William Miller     |
| Kathryn Kinslow    | Deanna Johnson     | Marty Marion       | John Noyes         |
| Rachel Kolb        | Cindy Jorstad      | Myles Mayfield     | Gilbert Omens      |
| Jacquelyn Lane     | Jin-Soo Kim        | Sean McCormac      | Stewart Shaw#      |
| Constance Lawthers | Rachael Lapidis    | Ryan Morgan        | Steve Shields      |
| Christine Lehman   | Jean Lowerison     | Joseph Mundy       | Otto Sorensen      |
| Ka-Tung            | Robin Mayfield     | Allan Sohl         | Richard Tilles     |
| (Karen)Leung       | Helen Mout         | Dennis Turner      | Mark Walters       |
| Mona McGorvin      | Thien Nguyen       | Dellilis Tuttiei   | Robert Wennerholt  |
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#Section Leader

## Appreciation Expressed

La Jolla Symphony and Chorus wishes to thank St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, Father Donald Coleman, and Minister of Music Rebecca Steinke Harris for their gracious hospitality in welcoming the community and chorus to share the *Music of the Americas* in their beautiful sanctuary.