SACRAMENTO CHORAL SOCIETY & ORCHESTRA

DONALD KENDRICK, MUSIC DIRECTOR

2019–2020 CONCERT SEASON 24

DEC 7, 2019 WELLS FARGO HOME *for the* HOLIDAYS SACRAMENTO MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Free Virtual Youtube Performance DECEMBER 1 – 31, 2020

Warmest season's greetings to you all!

Welcome to our **VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE** of the Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra's December 7, 2019 *Wells Fargo Home for the Holidays Concert*

The December 2019 concerts were once again sponsored by Wells Fargo and our favorite Christmas Elves Barbara and Darby Vickery. Since this performance was on Pearl Harbor Day, it seemed only fitting that we dedicate the evening to our Veterans and their families.

Little did we know that when we walked on stage last year, that it would be our last live music performance for some time, due to COVID-19. *Bah humbug!*

However, we are delighted to offer you and your friends and family – AND the world – a timely and powerful gift of music: A free, online, professionally-recorded, 5-camera shoot of last year's December 7, 2019 performance at Memorial Auditorium. This timely gift made possible through the kindness and talent of Dr. Ted Hoehn and his Team, is, in part, to support our American Federation of Musicians Local 12 professional orchestra players.

This performance will stream free online via Youtube on our website sacramentochoral.org from December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Please subscribe to our Youtube Channel and consider supporting the Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra.

NOW ON TO THE PERFORMANCE . . .

As in past years, our SCSO December 2019 concert began in darkness with all of the choirs surrounding the audience with candles up in the first balcony. After an opening greeting song from the Sacramento Children's Chorus, the full orchestra and SCSO Chorus exploded into American Composer Randol Alan Bass' brilliant setting of *Fanfare: Joy to the World*.

Then all the choirs processed solemnly downstairs to the stage as our SCSO orchestra played American Composer Leroy Anderson's joyful *A Christmas Festival.*

Please sit back and enjoy the SCSO's gift of music to our Community and the world via our December 2019 *Wells Fargo Home for the Holidays* performance in Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento.

May all your days be merry and bright... and Happy Holidays! May 2021 be kind to us all!

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Sacramento Children's Chorus, Alexander Grambow, Conductor Chad Somers, Tenor Christopher Cook Puppets

> Saturday, December 7, 2019 ~ 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm Sacramento Memorial Auditorium

WELLS FARGO HOME for the HOLIDAYS

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A Christmas Festival

Still, Still, Still I Wonder As I Wander The Sleepy Shepherd Boy Do You Hear What I Hear?

Magical Kingdom Deck the Halls The Grinch Medley It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year Leroy Anderson

Barlow Bradford Randol Alan Bass Gordon Thornett Emily Crocker

John Rutter Randol Alan Bass Matthew Naughtin Mark Hayes

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Christmas Pop Sing-Along		Lee Norris
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Away in the Manger		Mack Wilberg
Sleigh Ride		Leroy Anderson
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VI		
O Holy Night		John Rutter
Christmas Lullaby		John Rutter
Hallelujah! (Messiah)		G. F. Handel
VII		
Silent Night/God Bless Us Everyone		Gary Fry
A Christmas Garland		Alexander Courage
Ding Dong Merrily on High / God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen		

Ding Dong Merrily on High / God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas/We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Celebrating the Life of **FRANCIS RESTA** =

1925-2019

Decorated World War II Veteran Recently honored in Normandy in June 2019 by President Emmanuel Macron of France





SCSO Alumnus (1997– 2007) Married SCSO Alumna Carol Bergen Proud International SCSO Cultural Ambassador



Author of *The Combat Veteran and PTSD* Amazing advocate for Veterans and their Families Ballroom Dance Teacher Purveyor of kindness and goodness

The SCSO is honored to pay this fitting tribute to Francis Resta with this concert in Memorial Auditorium, Sacramento's performance venue dedicated to Veterans shortly after it was opened in 1927.

THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS CAROLS

THE ART OF THE CHRISTMAS CAROL extends back to the Middle Ages producing a rich and complex tradition over the centuries that continues to the present day. The carol genre covers a variety of styles, involving poetic forms both popular and courtly. The international nature of the carol brings together a vast array of diverse characteristics, each expressing similar religious sentiments and beliefs but created in a wide spectrum of musical idioms ranging from polyphony (a number of parts) to simple straightforward melodies.

Music Director Donald Kendrick has once again drawn together a colorful selection of seasonal works. **We welcome** tenor Chad Somers and also the Green Valley Theater *Grinch* puppets (Christopher Cook, Designer) and the Sacramento Children's Chorus, Alexander Grambow, Director. In addition, we are delighted to have **Vinny**, our *Make-A-Wish* star who will sing and conduct our professional symphony orchestra to bring sparkle and inspiration to us all.

Dallas-based American composer Randol Alan Bass is sometimes referred to as *Father Christmas* in the choral orchestral world. His orchestrations are fantastic as evidenced in his three works on the concert program.

Many of American cowmposer Leroy Anderson's works have been performed by the Boston Pops Orchestra under the direction of Arthur Fiedler. John Williams described him as "one of the great American masters of light orchestral music."

Utah-based American composers Barlow Bradford and Mack Wilberg have both garnered much attention for their fresh harmonic coloring of standard carols and their dramatic approach to well-known songs.

English composers John Rutter and Gordon Thornett make the holiday brighter through their charming and transparent holiday arrangements.

Gary Fry is an Emmy-winning Chicago-based composer who has completed a number of commissions for the Chicago Symphony, the Dallas Symphony and other orchestras around the nation.

Alexander Courage was an American orchestrator, arranger, and composer of music, primarily for television and film. He is best known as the composer of the theme music for the original Star Trek TV series.

LIVE MUSIC DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON provides a truly fine occasion for our Community to draw together and Memorial Auditorium, with its rich Sacramento history and intimate horseshoe style seating, provides a perfect setting for that most welcome feeling of connectedness as we prepare to embrace a new year! Merry Christmas and Happy 2020 from Wells Fargo and the SCSO!

> James McCormick, PhD SCSO President/CEO

CHRISTMAS PO

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

You better watch out you better not cry, you better not pout I'm tellin' you why Santa Claus is coming to town.

He's making a list he's checking it twice. He's gonna find out who's naughty and nice. Santa Claus is coming to town. He sees you when you're sleepin' He knows when you're awake He knows if you've been bad or good So be good for goodness sake.

You better watch out ... (repeat twice)

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ev'ry where you go. Take a look in the five and ten glistening once again with candy canes and silver lanes aglow.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas toys in ev'ry store. But the prettiest sight to see is the holly that will be on your own front door.

Silver Bells

City sidewalks busy sidewalks dressed in holiday style. In the air there's a feeling of Christmas.

Children laughing people passing meeting smile after smile and on ev'ry street corner you hear.

Silver bells, silver bells it's Christmas time in the city. Ring-a-ling hear them ring — Soon it will be Christmas day.

Winter Wonderland

Sleigh bells ring are you list'ning? In the lane snow is glist'ning. A beautiful sight we're happy tonight walkin' in a winter wonderland.

Gone away is the blue bird, here to stay is the new bird. He sings a love song as we go along walkin' in a winter wonderland.

DP SING-ALONG

In the meadow we can build a snow man Then pretend that he is Parson Brown He'll say are you married we'll say "no man, but you can do the job when you're in town." Later on we'll conspire as we dream by the fire to face unafraid the plans that we made walkin' in a winter wonderland.

Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul with a corn cob pipe and a button nose and two eyes made out of coal. Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale they say he was made of snow but the children know how he came to life one day. There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found. For when they placed it on his head he began to dance around.

Oh! Frosty the snowman was alive as he could be

And the children say he could laugh and play

just the same as you and me, just the same as you and me.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose And if you ever saw it you would even say it glows. All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games. Then one foggy Christmas eve Santa came to say Rudolph with your nose so bright won't you guide my sleigh tonight Then how the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer you'll go down in history.

White Christmas

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas just like the ones I used to know. Where the tree tops glisten and children listen to hear sleigh bells in the snow. I'm dreaming of a white Christmas with ev'ry Christmas card I write.

May your days be merry and bright

and may all your Christmases be white.



MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dr. Donald Kendrick

A native of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Donald Kendrick first arrived in Sacramento in 1985 to become the Director of Choral Activities at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS). For the past 34 years, he has worked diligently to create awareness of the power and importance of the choral and choral orchestral art via three important pillars in our society: Community, State, and Church. His impact as an educator and conductor has



greatly enhanced the quality of life in our region and has resonated on national and international levels.

In 1996, Don became the founding conductor of the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra (SCSO), the only chorus among the 12,000 community choruses in the United States to have a collective bargaining agreement with a professional orchestra. The SCSO regularly presents choral orchestral concerts in Sacramento at the Community Center Theater, Memorial Auditorium and Fremont Presbyterian Church. Under Don's leadership, SCSO also undertakes extensive education and outreach to Veterans and countless nonprofits serving the underprivileged.

Under Don's direction, the SCSO has produced eleven professionally mastered CDs and has a unique KVIE PBS documentary that is shown nationally throughout the United States. (Available on YouTube) He has received numerous awards including a "Legend of the Arts" award from the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission for his dedication to our Community.

In May 1995, Don made his Carnegie Hall conducting debut in a performance of Verdi's *Requiem*. In May 2003, he returned to Carnegie Hall with the SCSO to conduct a triumphant performance of Orff's *Carmina Burana*.

Don and the SCSO have represented Sacramento as great international choral ambassadors around the world with performances in Europe in Munich, Prague, Vienna and Budapest (2004), in Venice, Lucca and at the Vatican in Rome (2013), in Notre Dame in Paris, the American Cemetery, L'Abbaye St. Martin de Mondaye (Normandy), and St. Paul's Cathedral in London (2015), and in Latvia, Estonia and Finland (2017). Don also led a contingent of 220 Sacramento singers and guests to China with performances in Beijing, Tianjin, Xian, Jinan (Sacramento's Sister City) and a special performance on the Great Wall. In 2008 he made his debut with the SCSO in LA's Disney Hall in a well-received performance of the Mozart *Requiem*. In 2009 Don led the SCSO on a tour of Western Canada with performances in Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia.

In 1993, Don co-founded the Sacramento Children's Chorus (SCC) with his former graduate student Lynn Stevens. The SCC regularly partners with the SCSO in its *Wells Fargo Home for the Holidays* and other performances throughout the season.

Don is also Organist and Director of Music at Sacramento's Sacred Heart Church where he conducts Vox Nova and Schola Cantorum. The latter ensemble has

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recorded eight professionally mastered CDs and has toured throughout North America, Spain, England, Italy, Austria and Germany. In 2005, Schola Cantorum was selected to perform at the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association in Los Angeles. Under Don's direction, Schola has performed for two Popes at the Vatican in Rome: Pope Benedict in 2007 and Pope Francis in 2013.

During his 33 years of teaching at Sacramento State, before his recent retirement in May 2018, Don oversaw the growth of three choirs, taught advanced conducting, led his students on international tours to Europe, China and Canada, and produced countless memorable performances. He also established the Graduate program in Choral Conducting and worked closely with more than 35 graduate students. Don took great pleasure in linking Sacramento State to the Community. Consequently, he was awarded one of the University's first Community Outreach Awards in 2004. He was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Capitol Section of the California Music Educators Association (CMEA). He took great pride and joy in organizing high school festivals such as "Real Men Sing" and the "Women's High School Festival." For many years he has served as the Choral Representative of the California Music Educators Association (CMEA–Capitol Section), providing young singers with the opportunity to experience excellence in choral music together.

Don studied at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, and he holds a doctoral degree from the Eastman School of Music where he also served on the faculty. He has taught at Louisiana State University, the University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music in Stockton and at the University of Regina in Saskatchewan.

As Don embraces his semi-retirement years, we are pleased that he is continuing to guide and nurture the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra as well as his two choirs at Sacred Heart Church, Schola Cantorum and Vox Nova. Now that he has more free time, Don is looking forward to exploring the art of cooking, writing more music, traveling, gardening, and getting to know the American River Parkway.

ARTISTS



Chad Somers, Tenor

Chad Somers has received praise for his "mastery in music and voice" in addition to delivering "moving performances" which are "uniquely personal" and "particularly eloquent" by Phindie and Stage Magazines. Hailed by the Philadelphia City Paper as a singer who, "actually acts," Chad uses his rich background in theater to bring new vitality to the stage.

On the stage in 2018, Mr. Somers appeared in *The Light in the Piazza* in addition to presenting a semi-staged version of Maxwell Davies' post-modern masterpiece *Eight Songs for a Mad King* with Ensemble ID.

A champion of new music, in 2017 Mr. Somers collaborated with Jake Heggie to sing the role of Manfred Lewin in the East Coast premiere of his opera.

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Out of Darkness. He also performed with Musica Nova as the Sprecher in Lachenmann's *Zwei Gefühle* and recently presented Babbitt's *Two Sonnets* with the OSSIA New Music in Rochester, NY. He regularly works with composers such as Lachenmann, Heggie, Matthew Curlee, and Reese Revak to premiere new works. His partnership with Philadelphia Composer's Ink led a premiere of *A Song Symphony* (Revak) and a collection of songs from Philadelphia Composers in recital for *Songs of Metamorphosis: Transformation in Music.*

In the spring of 2014, Mr. Somers won First place in Philadelphia Regionals for the Classical Singer Competition. Only a few months before, Chad premiered the award winning opera, *The Black Cat* (Revak). Ranked by Stage Magazine as one of the top picks of the Fringe Festival, the Philadelphia press met the new work with applause. Chad enjoyed praise for his visceral and chilling portrayal of the Narrator in the highly stylized opera.

Mr. Somers has appeared in many companies such as Opera Saratoga's Opera to Go!, Philadelphia Opera Collective, Poor Richard's Opera, and Opera Libera. A soloist with LyricFest in Philadelphia, Chad also regularly appears in recitals throughout the upstate New York and Philadelphia regions.

Recently, Mr. Somers completed a Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Performance and Literature with a minor in Vocal Pedagogy from the Eastman School of Music. His lecture recital, focusing on healthy vocal production for extended vocal techniques found in contemporary music, earned a unanimous nomination for the Eastman Lecture Recital Award. He studies with Carol Webber. When not singing, Chad cheers the St. Louis Cardinals at home with his wife and son in the Bay Area, CA.

Green Valley Theatre Company

Green Valley Theatre is an award winning company committed to bringing out what is most fun about the theatrical experience with productions that inspire, engage, and tickle the funny bone. Recent productions include the regional premiere of *Nevermore: The Imaginary Life* and *Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe, The Last Five Years, In the Heights,* and *Shockheaded Peter.* Led by Artistic Director Christopher Cook, Green Valley Theatre is dedicated to the principle that theatre is a vital component in a vibrant and civil society and as such creates works to enhance the appreciation of theatre as a humanizing art form by celebrating and supporting the rich diversity of our Sacramento community.

The Grinch Medley

Christopher Cook – Director and Puppet Designer Victoria Timoteo – Puppeteer Ariel Ryan – Puppeteer

SACRAMENTO CHILDREN'S CHORUS



Alexander Grambow, artistic director and conductor, believes that music provides children with a unique way to learn about the world, and a safe and nurturing opportunity for self-expression. He directs SCC's Crescendo, the advanced touring choir and Dolce, the high school choir. Before joining SCC, Mr. Grambow taught in Twin Rivers Unified School District where he oversaw successful music programs at Foothill High School and at Foothill Ranch Middle School.

Between the two schools, he taught 5th through the 12th grades and directed four choirs and two bands. Previously, Mr. Grambow taught in Stockton Unified School District at Harmony Stockton, an El Sistema inspired program, which is a globally recognized music program known for its musical and social benefits.

Mr. Grambow graduated from the University of the Pacific with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education with an emphasis in voice. While attending UOP, Mr. Grambow was the recipient of the Presser Scholarship. Mr. Grambow trained with Lynelle Wiens at UOP and currently studies voice with Robin Fisher.

Mr. Grambow's performing experience includes Music Circus, Woodland Opera House Theatre Company, Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra and Westminster Church Choir. He is also Music Director at Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Isabel Arguelles Kayla Asada Marion Bahm Larkin Barnard-Bahn Alazé Benson Isabella Brenneman Sophia Breslau Maddie Corcoran Alana Cunningham Norah Finney

Elizabeth Forgang Yamilet Garcia Emily Hancock Ambrosia Holland Lily Kilgore Sophia Lucas Victoria Lucas Emily Martin Zema Nasirov Salome Ospina Natalie Park Julia Payne Molly Robinson Tallulah Smith Libby Snyder Adrien Thompson Bianca Tidwell Grace Trivedi Clare Wilson

ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I

Cindy Lee, Concertmaster Michael Anderson, Emeritus Jolán Friedhoff, Assistant Concertmaster Sandra Chong Catherine Heusner Marie Flexer Pei-Yun Lee Sarena Hsu Dain Chen

VIOLIN II

Erika Miranda, Principal Mark Tammes, Assistant Principal Mary Blanchette Ingrid Peters Chase Spruill Pamela Buck

VIOLA

Melinda Rayne, Principal Lynne Richburg, Assistant Principal James Een Gay Currier

CELLO

Susan Lamb Cook, Acting Principal Jia-mo Chen, Acting Assistant Principal Drew Ford Alex Chong

BASS

Thomas Derthick, *Principal* Steve Comber, *Assistant Principal*

FLUTE

Mathew Krejci, *Principal* Gail Edwards Elizabeth Coronata

PICCOLO Elizabeth Coronata

OBOE Ruth Stuart, *Principal* Cindy Behmer Elena Sloman

ENGLISH HORN Elena Sloman

CLARINET Sandra McPherson, *Principal* Karen Wells

BASSOON Joan Burg, *Principal* Maryll Goldsmith

FRENCH HORN Katie Dennis, Principal Cara Jones Janis Lieberman, Assistant Principal, Keith Bucher, Emeritus Heidi Trefethen

TRUMPET Michael Meeks, *Principal* John Leggett Ari Micich

TROMBONE

Dyne Eifertsen, *Principal Joel Elias, Emeritus* Steve Thompson Taylor Fong

TUBA Julian Dixon, *Principal*

TIMPANI Matthew Darling, Principal Stanley Lunetta, Emeritus

PERCUSSION Thomas Rance, *Principal* Mike Passaris

HARP Emily Mader, Principal

ORGAN Ryan Enright, *Principal*

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Cheryl Young

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Robert Aldrich Lee Blachowicz Zane Brown Frank Chan Michael Clohossev Tom Cluster Richard Corbell George Cvek Benjamin Garcia Marvin Gatz Edward Gibson Kolby Harpstead Richard March John Martin Ruben Ovanedel Charles Potter Tom Pvne Jonathan Riseberg Joel Schwartz Nathanael Shea Ken Simonin Talbott Smith Lloyd Stout Moses Taylor Tim Taylor John Thompson Benjamin Wald Brent Wallace John Zapata Jordan Zhang

ACCOMPANIST

Ryan Enright



The human spirit rises with every performance



Music is a universal language. It has the power to communicate powerful thoughts and deep feelings, uplifting our spirits and uniting us as a community.

Let's join together in celebrating the Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra.



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