
Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra

Quarterly Newsletter: Fall Edition, Season 28, 2023-24



Welcome to the SCSO Season 28!

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A message from SCSO Music Director, Donald Kendrick

Greetings,

Can you believe the SCSO is embarking on our 28th Season? We are excited to share what we have in store for you!

We eagerly anticipate commencing our 2023-24 season in style with our *Stained Glass Music of the Spheres* Concert on Saturday, October 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Fremont Presbyterian Church. This jubilant celebration of music will feature Ken Dula, our first-ever Countertenor soloist, our SCSO Chamber Ensemble, and three other incredible soloists in works by Handel, Vivaldi, Zelenka, Gjeilo, and Forrest.

On December 9th, join us for a joyful and heartwarming afternoon filled with festive holiday classics and the spirit of the holiday season! The SCSO's Annual *Home for the Holidays* Concert at The Sacramento Memorial Auditorium will feature Academy Award-winning soloist, Finn Sagal. Often described as "Frank Sinatra reborn," Mr. Sagal is an exceptional singer! The SCSO promises a delightful holiday experience for the whole family.

To conclude the holiday season, we invite you to participate in SCSO's Annual *Handel's Messiah Sing-Along* on December 26th at 2 p.m. hosted at First United Methodist Church in Midtown, Sacramento. This is a great opportunity for music enthusiasts of all levels to join their voices with the SCSO. Given the popularity of this event, we recommend securing your tickets in advance through our website.

In 2024, we will start off the year strong with *European Masterworks – Dvorak Stabat Mater* on March 2nd @ 3 p.m. at SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center. Known for its exquisite harmonies and profound emotional impact, the *Stabat Mater* is arguably Dvorak's finest work. Our world-class soloists will be a life-changing experience!

Our grand finale will take place in May with ***Rodgers & Hammerstein* on May 4th @ 3 p.m. at**

SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center. This Celebration performance invites guests to dress up in cocktail attire to enjoy beloved songs from your favorite musicals like *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *The Sound of Music*, *Oklahoma*, and more. With captivating choreography and costumes woven into the performance, we're bound to have more fun than should be allowed for humans! Our exceptional soloists, singers, and musicians are eagerly anticipating this event, and we hope you won't miss it.

Season 28 will officially wrap for our members after an SCSO Summer International tour in June 2024 to Northern Italy, where we will perform *Mozart's Requiem* in iconic venues in the Lake Como, Lake Maggiore, and Cinque Terre areas. After a four-year hiatus from travel due to the pandemic, we are excited to bring the SCSO back to the international stage while immersing ourselves in the rich culture and music of Europe. Be sure to stay tuned as we share highlights from this thrilling tour via our social media and newsletters.

Would you like to save on ticket costs this season? We're delighted to announce that the SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center Box Office has expanded its staff and hours for ticket sales. You can avoid costly service fees by directly calling the Box Office to reserve your tickets.

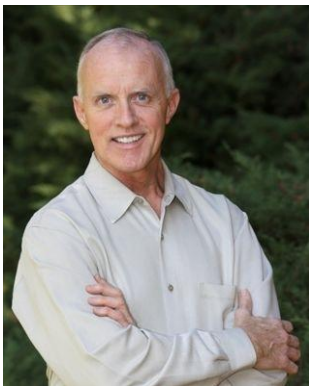
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Did you notice three of our performances are scheduled for the afternoon? In response to numerous requests, we are pleased to make these adjustments to our schedule this season.

Lastly, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your friendship and support throughout these many years. The SCSO continues to demonstrate its resilience and dedication to bringing beautiful music to our community and beyond. We invite you to join us for what promises to be an extraordinary Season 28. For more information about SCSO Season 28, please visit our [website](#).

Sincerely,

Donald Kendrick
SCSO Music Director



SCSO Member Spotlight: Michael Clohossey

Get to know the SCSO Members

Today we are featuring Michael Clohossey, a current SCSO Bass 1 member who has been with us for 4.5 years. Michael's musical passion began in middle school and later flourished in



high school, where he had the privilege of participating in a remarkable choir. Michael first embarked on his musical journey with the encouragement of Marsha Mannis, a high school choir mate, and SCSO Soprano.

After a 45-year hiatus from choral music, Don Kendrick gave Michael a chance to rediscover his love for singing and we are so glad he did! The dedication and musicianship of Don Kendrick and Ryan Enright, SCSO Organist, remind him of those early mentors, and he feels honored to sing alongside such exceptional musicians.

Reflecting on his favorite SCSO memory, Michael highlights the Spring 2019 SCSO performance, *Light and Fire* as a defining moment, reigniting his confidence and commitment to sharing beautiful music in Sacramento. While nearly every piece of music is new to him, the *Mozart Requiem* stands out as a key learning experience, helping him develop effective at-home routines for mastering new music.

Currently, Michael has taken on the role of Assistant Bass Lead, a position that has broadened his responsibilities and deepened his connections within the SCSO community.

Michael values getting to know fellow singers by name and aims to be a resource for enhancing their experiences. When asked what sets the SCSO apart, Michael emphasizes its strong commitment, leadership, and support, wishing such qualities for all performing arts groups.



For those considering joining the SCSO, Michael's advice is to take the first step to audition with Don, embrace the commitment, and understand that this group offers a profound choral and orchestral experience that can deepen one's love for music. He emphasizes that Don and Ryan will bring out the best in you, making the journey fun.



As Season 28 approaches, Michael looks forward to the excitement of learning new music and hopes that audience members, whether seasoned classical music enthusiasts or newcomers, will find beauty and wonder in the upcoming SCSO performances scheduled for Season 2023-24. Finally, he shares that his musical journey has brought renewed balance to his life, stimulating different aspects of his brain and adding richness to his new exciting life stage—retirement!



Big thanks to Michael for sharing your story with us!

Choral news makes headlines



Growing research suggests singing in a choir is good for your health

Multiple published studies are pointing to the physical and mental health benefits of singing with others! [Keep Reading...](#)

Catch up with our SCSO Alumni



Michele Pascoe (right)



Get to know the SCSO Alumni

Did you know the SCSO has over 550 Alumni? We are grateful to each of them who have shared their time and talent throughout the years to enhance the quality of the cultural life of our region. Today, we are featuring SCSO Alumna, Michele Pascoe.

Michele Pascoe has been a dedicated member and alumna of the SCSO since 2003. Michele joined as a First Soprano after reading an article about the SCSO in the Sacramento Bee. Her musical journey began at a young age, harmonizing with her sisters and even performing for a radio show! After a neighbor gifted her family a piano, Michele started formal music training at the age of thirteen with piano lessons and has enjoyed the journey ever since.

During her time as an active SCSO member, Michele's most cherished and memorable performances with the SCSO include an unplanned A Cappella section of Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* in Germany. Her favorite piece, *Lux Aeterna* by Morten Lauridsen, has left a profound impact on her musical career and Michele's most memorable performances with the SCSO were at Carnegie Hall, Disney Hall, and a touching performance in Vienna, Austria.

As a dedicated SCSO alumna, Michele has actively contributed to the SCSO as a Board Secretary and volunteer recruiter and praises the organization's teamwork behind the scenes, guided by Jim McCormick and Don Kendrick.

Curious about joining the SCSO? Michele encourages newcomers to jump in and experience the life-changing music and friendships that the SCSO has to bring.

Lastly, looking ahead to the SCSO's upcoming 28th Season, Michele is excited to continue her volunteer work with the organization and plans to attend all concert performances in the

2023-24 season.



Big thanks to Michele for sharing your story with us!

Michele Pascoe (right)

Upcoming SCSO Concerts



October

28

SCSO Stained Glass: Music of the Spheres Concert

7:30 PM @ Fremont Presbyterian Church

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December

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SCSO Home for the Holidays Concert

3 PM @ Sacramento Memorial Auditorium

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