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# A LERNER & LOEWE CELEBRATION

Lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner 1918-1986	Music by Frederick Loewe 1904-1988
Leslie Katter, Soprano	Noel Anthony Escobar, Tenor Eugene Brancoveanu, Baritone
CAMELOT	Overture Camelot What Do the Simple Folk Do? If Ever I Would Leave You
PAINT YOUR WAGON	I Talk to the Trees They Call the Wind Maria There's a Coach Comin' In I'm On My Way
GIGI IN	Say A Prayer for Me Tonight Thank Heaven for Little Girls The Night They Invented Champagne I Remember It Well Gigi TERMISSION
BRIGADOON	Come To Me, Bend To Me The Heather On the Hill I'll Go Home with Bonnie Jean Almost Like Being In Love
MY FAIR LADY	Overture Wouldn't It Be Loverly With A Little Bit Of Luck The Rain In Spain I Could Have Danced All Night Get Me To The Church On Time On the Street Where You Live Show Me I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face Finale – I Could Have Danced All Night



#### MISSION

The mission of your Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra (SCSO) is to provide worldclass choral orchestral music for the people of the Greater Sacramento Region and beyond.

Since its establishment, the SCSO, conducted by Donald Kendrick, has grown to become one of the largest symphonic choruses in the United States. Members of this auditioned, volunteer, professional-caliber chorus, hailing from six different Northern California counties, have formed a unique arts partnership with their own professional symphony orchestra.

The Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra is governed by a Board of Directors responsible for the management of the Corporation. An Advisory Board and a Chorus Executive elected from within the ensemble also assist the SCSO in meeting its goals.

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**A WARM WELCOME** to our 29th season's final concert celebrating the legacy of Broadway's dynamic duo, Alfred Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe. It's been 18 long years since we have brought this performance to our Sacramento stage. For many of us, today's concert will be an amazing trip down memory lane.



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Playwright Alan Jay Lerner (1918-1986) and composer Frederick Loewe (1904-1988) first met in 1942. For the next 50 years, as successors of Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe enriched the American musical theater with some of its most poignant, rousing, and memorable lyrics, engaging books and powerful musical scores. Had they not met, **Brigadoon** would never have emerged from the mists of the Scottish Highlands to make the world feel "Almost Like Being in Love"... no one would have been there to "Paint Your Wagon"... **My Fair Lady** would still be a less than lyrical English girl from George Bernard Shaw's **Pygmalion** who couldn't sing a note... we might never have thought to "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" like "**Gigi**"... and **Camelot** would most likely have stayed within the pages of Arthurian legend.

#### Alan Jay Lerner

Alan Jay Lerner was one of three sons of Joseph J. Lerner, who founded Lerner Stores, Inc. He was educated in England and at the Choate School in Wallingford, Connecticut, before entering Harvard. He studied at the Juilliard School of Music during vacations from Harvard. After graduating in 1940 with a B.S. degree, he wrote advertising copy and radio scripts for such programs as the "Philco Hall of Fame."

"Lyrics, no less than music, are written to be heard. A lyric without its musical clothes is a scrawny creature and should never be allowed to parade naked..." Alan Jay Lerner, 1978

#### Frederick Loewe

Austrian-born Frederick "Fritz" Loewe was the son of Edmund Loewe, an eminent operetta tenor. When he was two, Frederick accompanied his father on a tour of the United States. The youngster played piano at four and, at nine, composed the tunes for a music hall sketch in which his father toured Europe. In 1924 the younger Loewe again traveled with his father to America where he tried teaching music and playing at Greenwich Village night clubs. When music failed to earn him a living, he worked as a busboy in a cafeteria and as a riding instructor at a New Hampshire resort. He took up flyweight boxing and failed, then went West, cowpunching, gold mining, and carrying mail on horseback over the Montana mountains before returning to New York where he found work as a piano player.





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#### The Lerner & Loewe Collaboration

The first Lerner & Loewe collaboration was a musical adaptation of Barry Connor's farce *The Patsy* for a Detroit stock company in 1942. They called it *Life of the Party* and it enjoyed a nine-week run that encouraged them to continue with the musical comedy *What's Up*? which opened on Broadway in 1943. Lerner wrote the book and lyrics with Arthur Pierson, and Loewe composed the music. It ran for 63 performances and was followed in 1945 by their *The Day Before Spring.* 



It was when the curtain went up to the haunted strains of bagpipes on the night of March 13, 1947, and the mist-shrouded Scottish Highland village of **Brigadoon** first appeared, that the team of Lerner and Loewe emerged as potentially legendary. The musical, which after its original 581 performances on Broadway, toured extensively and has been revived frequently, won the "best musical"award from the New York Drama Critics Circle the year it opened and was hailed as having "evoked magic on Broadway."

Between *Brigadoon* and *Paint Your Wagon*, the next team effort by Lerner and Loewe, Lerner wrote *Love Life*, with music by Kurt Weill, which was selected as one of the best plays of the 1948-49 Broadway season, plus the story, screenplay and lyrics for the films *Royal Wedding* and *Brigadoon* and the story and screenplay for *An American in Paris*, for which he won an Oscar in 1951.

**Paint Your Wagon** rolled in in 1951, and then, five years later, on March 15, 1956, **My Fair Lady** opened and became one of the most spectacular successes artistic and financial—in the history of the American theater. Playing a record 2,717 performances on Broadway alone, it went on to break all other existing world records. This musicalization of Shaw's classic **Pygmalion** was named "outstanding musical of the year" by the New York Drama Critics Circle, and by millions of theater goers.

Lerner and Loewe's next collaboration was on the film adaptation of the Colette novel *Gigi*, another success filled with songs destined to become standards.

There was more collaborating to come—the film version of the Antoine de Saint-Exupery fable *The Little Prince* in 1972, but the 1960 Broadway hit *Camelot* which brought Arthurian England to life for its most shining hour, rang the curtain down on the phenomenon of Lerner and Loewe. Loewe, who had suffered a heart attack in 1958, went into retirement.

In tribute to his long time former partner, Lerner wrote, "There will never be another Fritz... Writing will never again be as much fun. A collaboration as intense as ours inescapably had to be complex. But I loved him more than I understood or misunderstood him, and I know he loved me more than he understood or misunderstood me."

#### Camelot (1960)

*Camelot*, the follow up to Lerner and Loewe's smash hit *My Fair Lady* is based on T. H. White's novel *The Once and Future King*. The novel—which deals with the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table—actually consists of four books, and the rights to the first of these books *(The Sword and the Stone)* had already been purchased by Disney. So Lerner and Loewe acquired the rights to the last three books and focused on Arthur's later years and the love triangle between King Arthur, Queen Guenevere, and Sir Lancelot. *Camelot* proved to be another huge success for Lerner and Loewe. It opened at the Majestic Theatre on December 3, 1960 and closed January 5, 1963 after a run of 873 performances. Richard Burton made his musical debut as King Arthur and Robert Goulet made his New York debut as Lancelot. Julie Andrews, a personal friend of T.H. White's played the role of Guenevere. The 1967 screen version featured Richard Harris, Vanessa Redgrave, and Franco Nero.

#### Paint Your Wagon (1951)

**Paint Your Wagon** deals with the California Gold Rush of 1853. It tells the story of a grizzled prospector named Ben Rumson whose daughter discovers gold near their camp. Word of the strike quickly spreads, and before Ben knows what hit him, there are nearly 4,000 inhabitants of the new town of Rumson. But the luck doesn't last—and neither does the gold. The town is deserted as quickly as it filled up, and Ben is left with nothing but his hopes and dreams. James Barton returned to the musical stage for the first time in 20 years to play Ben in the original production which opened at the Shubert Theatre on November 12, 1951 and ran for 289 performances. During this run, Barton was succeeded by Burl Ives and Eddie Dowling. The 1969 film featured Clint Eastwood, Lee Marvin and Jean Seberg.

#### Gigi (1958)

The enchanting story of Gigi, a Parisian school girl, a big extravaganza, was set in the musical-comedy Paris that we all know. This lush production featured the gorgeous costumes of turn-of-the century Paris, an eye-filling set and some of the best of Lerner and Loewe's works such as Thank Heaven for Little Girls, I'm Glad I'm Not Young Anymore, The Night They Invented Champagne, I Remember It Well and, of course, the title song, Gigi. *Gigi*, the musical comedy hit from Broadway, pokes fun at the care of mothers in grooming their daughters in propriety. This topsy turvy Cinderella tale is the story of a young girl who has been trained from childhood to catch a man but not matrimonially, as she is the daughter of a long line of "grand cocottes" who are not the marrying kind. This Broadway musical hit started out as a novel by the famous French author Colette, was made by Anita Loos into a non-musical stage production in 1951 and became Lerner and Loewe's Oscar-winning musical film in 1958.

In 1973, Lerner and Loewe adapted *Gigi* to still another medium, turning it into a stage musical that delighted New York audiences with its paradoxical jests about a family of women who always lived out of wedlock, who are scandalized when the daughter they have carefully groomed to follow their own demimondaine careers, takes the unconventional course of getting married. The play takes many a French twist on the theme of a clan that brings their child up more strictly than most girls are raised (even in turn-of-the-century Paris) but for a perverse end, and who consider themselves completely, respectable. In one of the most hilarious songs, The Contract, Gigi's aunt and grandmother dicker with lawyers over just what her first romantic prospect plans to provide along with his dishonorable intentions.

#### Bridagoon (1947)

**Brigadoon** was the first big hit for the magical team of Lerner and Loewe. Inspired by Germelshausen, a German story by Friedrich Gerstäcker, **Brigadoon** revolves around two American tourists, Tommy Albright and Jeff Douglas, who stumble upon a misty little Scottish town. Tommy soon falls in love with a local lass, Fiona MacLaren, but as the two men quickly discover, this mysterious little town only reawakens for one day every hundred years.

**Brigadoon** opened at the Ziegfeld Theatre on March 13, 1947 and ran for 581 performances. It established Lerner and Loewe as the successors of Rodgers and Hammerstein. The 1954 screen version featured Gene Kelly, Cyd Charisse, and Van Johnson.

#### My Fair Lady (1956)

Perhaps the most popular musical of the 1950s, My Fair Lady came into being only after Hungarian film producer Gabriel Pascal devoted the last two years of his life to finding writers who would adapt George Bernard Shaw's 1914 play *Pygmalion* into a musical. Rejected by the likes of Rodgers and Hammerstein and Noël Coward, Pascal finally turned to the younger but very talented duo of Frederick Loewe and Alan Jay Lerner. My Fair Lady was later to become the pinnacle of the Lerner & Loewe partnership. The story revolves around Eliza Doolittle, a coarse little peddler of flowers in Covent Garden who agrees to take speech lessons from phonetician Henry Higgins in order to fulfill her dream of working in a flower shop. Eliza succeeds so well, however, that she outgrows her social station and—in a development added by librettist Lerner—even manages to get Higgins to fall in love with her. *My Fair Lady* opened at the Mark Hellinger Theatre on March 15, 1956 and enjoyed a run of 2,717 performances which lasted more than nine years. The original production featured Rex Harrison as Henry Higgins and Julie Andrews as Eliza. The 1964 film version starred Rex Harrison, Stanley Holloway and Audrey Hepburn.

-James P. McCormick, Ph.D.



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#### Leslie Katter, Soprano

Praised for her "shimmering tone," award-winning soprano Leslie Katter is sought-after in a variety of musical styles for her "effortless high notes" and "captivating performances." She recently made her company debut with Ars Minerva as Olimpia in Domenico Freschi's *Olimpia Vendicata*, under the baton of conductor, Matthew Dirst. Leslie performed with Lamplighters



Music Theatre as Lady Lilette Sauvoirfaire in Burwell and Sasser's world premiere, *By Georges!*, under the baton of conductor Mary Chun, and as Sibella Hallward in Steven Lutvak's *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, under the baton of conductor Brett Strader. She made her role debut with West Edge Opera as Aveline Mortimer in its production of *Elizabeth Cree*, by Kevin Puts, under the baton of conductor Robert Mollicone. Prior to that, she performed in Brecht's *The Threepenny Opera* with West Edge Opera, under the baton of conductor David Möschler, as well as with the Lamplighters Music Theatre company, and the Handel Opera Project. Ms. Katter made her professional debut as Die Königin der Nacht in Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* with Waffle Opera. Favorite roles of hers include Cunegonde from Bernstein's *Candide*, and Lucia from Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor*.

A native Oregonian, Leslie graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree in Voice Performance from Willamette University, and a Master of Music degree in Vocal Performance from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. She received the Encouragement Award from the Washington District of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, and has performed in master classes for artists such as Frederica von Stade, Victoria Livengood, John Churchwell, Sheri Greenawald, Patricia Wise and Patricia Craig, among others.



#### Noel Anthony Escobar, Tenor

Born and raised in the Bay Area, Noel began singing at the age of 18. His father had sung professionally with some of the biggest names in Latin music, such as Tito Puente, Pete Escovedo and Luis Enrique. Influenced by his father, Noel began to sink his teeth into many genres of Latin music in the Spanish language, aspiring to follow in the footsteps of such artists as Luis Miguel,

Ricardo Montaner and Juan Luis Guerra. Noel discovered his love for American musicals with the 1978 release of the film, *Grease*. He realized he had been bitten by the musical theatre bug when he found himself reciting the entire score from the movie 24 hours a day. He started pursuing the arts and theater as a hobby and it wasn't until he saw a touring production of *West Side Story* and the San Francisco company of *The Phantom of the Opera*, that he finally realized performing was his true passion. Noel's love affair with the theatre arts began.

Noel began his Bay Area Theatre career in the spring of 1997 when he was cast in Douglas Morrisson Theatre's production of *Guys & Dolls* at the age of 23. Naturally, his first audition piece was a Spanish ballad called *Sabor a Mi*. With that, he made an impression on the director, and was cast in the ensemble as a dice-rolling genuine sinner. From there, Noel went on to work on some of the most highly regarded regional stages in and around the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2003, he became a member of the Actors' Equity Association, the union of professional stage managers and actors. From chorus boy to leading man, Noel has enjoyed every opportunity given to him. Noel is a five-time nominee of the San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award and a recipient of the 2011 award for best featured actor in a musical for his work in *She Loves Me*. He is also a four-time nominee of the Shellie Award and a recipient of the 2012 Best Supporting Actor, and 2015 and 2016 Best Actor in a musical award for his work in *She Loves Me*, *Les Miserables*, and *The Music Man*, respectively. Noel can be heard on the Premier Studio Cast Recording of *The Fourth Messenger*, singing the role of Sam.

When not performing in a character role, Noel has sung with the San Francisco Symphony, the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra, for various galas, fundraisers, weddings, nightclubs and in 2010, had the honor of singing the National Anthem for the World Champion San Francisco Giants at Oracle Park. His one man show *A Taste of Me*, premiered at the Lesher Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek to a sold-out crowd in the Vukasin Theatre in 2017, and again at Feinstein's at the Nikko in San Francisco in September of 2017.





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Noel has performed leading and featured roles in productions for American Conservatory Theater (1776), TheatreWorks Silicon Valley (*Jane Eyre* the musical, *A Little Princess, Merrily We Roll Along, The Secret Garden, Sweeney Todd, Rags, Sense & Sensibility* the musical, *Ragtime, Being Alive: a Sondheim Celebration*), American Musical Theatre of San Jose (*Damn Yankees, Miss Saigon, On the 20th Century, Tapestry, Guys & Dolls, Little Shop of Horrors, The Full Monty, Cabaret – a* joint production with Seattle's 5th Ave Theatre), Marin Theatre Company (*Jacques Brel is Alive and Well* and *Living in Paris*), Center Repertory Company (*She Loves Me, Smokey Joe's Café, Sweet Charity, Freaky Friday, Mamma Mia!, In The Heights*), San Jose Stage Company (*Bonnie & Clyde, The Wild Party, Sweeney Todd, Mamma Mia!*), Broadway by the Bay (*Evita, West Side Story, Miss Saigon, Disney's Beauty & the Beast, The Full Monty, Annie*), Oakland's Woodminster Amphitheatre (*Bye Bye Birdie, Carousel, Evita, Oklahoma!, Jesus Christ Superstar, Ragtime, Little Shop of Horrors, Into the Woods, On Your Feet!, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, Jersey Boys, In the Heights*).

Throughout the course of his theatre career, Noel has had the honor and privilege of working with some of the finest composers, directors, choreographers and actors of the Broadway stage.

#### Eugene Brancoveanu, Baritone

The Romanian baritone is a Tony award winner for his portrayal as Marcello in Baz Luhrmann's production of Puccini's *La Bohème* on Broadway. He joined Opera San José as a Resident Artist in the 2019-2020 season portraying Eisenstein in *Die Fleidermaus*, The Father in *Hansel and Gretel*, and Count Di Luna in *ll Trovatore*. He returned as a Resident for the 2021-



2022 and 2022-2023 seasons as The Count in *The Marriage of Figaro*, Escamilio in *Carmen*, and Ford in *Falstaff*. He returned as Resident Artist Emeritus as the title role in their 2024 production of Verdi's *Rigoletto*.

Between 2014 and 2019 he sang such roles as Leporello, Conte Almaviva, Stan Kowalski, Escamillo and both Stubb and Starbuck for Opera San José.

In Europe, Eugene performed a wide-ranging repertoire from modern to standard opera. Highlights of his international Opera credits are leading roles at: Heidelberg Opera, Stuttgart Opera, Salzburg music festival, Munich State Opera, Berlin opera, Pesaro Teatro Rossini, Piccola Scala di Milano, Macerata teatro di opera, Romanian National theater, Tokyo Opera House, Matsumoto Opera, Montreal Opera and Opera Theater of Tel Aviv.

After his successful apprenticeship at San Francisco opera's summer program Merola, he was awarded the position of Adler fellow at San Francisco Opera. During this time he sang, among others, The roles of: Tomski in Tchaikovsky's *Pique Dame*, Riccardo in *Italiana in Algeri*, the title role in *Don Giovanni*, the pilot in *The Little Prince*, Belcore in *Elixir of Love*, Enrico in *Lucia di Lammermoor* and Tarquinius in *Rape of Lucretia*.

His long lasting collaboration with Michael Tilson Thomas saw him sing the lead role in *the Thomashefskies* which was toured across the USA in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago, Philadelphia, and New York. Eventually recorded for PBS TV station and released on DVD by EMI Classics and Netflix.

In 2012 he sang the title role in Shostakovich's *Orango* directed by Peter Sellers and conducted by Esa-Pekka Salonen. Deutsche Grammophon released the world premiere recording onto CD in 2013. For the opera movie *Cities of Salt* by the Syrian composer Zaid Jabri, he sang the role of the older brother.

His passion for modern opera is well documented in his numerous performances with Opera Parallèle and The Crucible in Oakland, for which he performed the roles of Philipe Glass' *Orpheus*, Nicomedes in *Young Ceasar*, Sam in the *Minsk Man in Flight*, and the title role *In The Machine* by Clark Suprenovicz. For Livermore Opera he has directed and performed 10 productions in the past decade, among them, *Rigoletto, Carmen, Don Giovanni, La Boheme*, un ballo in maschera and many others. His directing activities have also seen him create opera productions for San Francisco opera, Mendocino music festival and Freiburg opera.

Eugene Brancoveanu graduated both the Academy of music in Transylvania, Romania and the Mozarteum in Salzburg Austria.



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### **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 40 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 SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center, 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 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 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 their performances.

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

### Join Our SCSO Board – In Concert With The Community

SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 1996, the Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra boasts a dynamic, thriving **Board of Directors**, working behind the scenes to keep our organization performance-ready all year long. Even during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board managed to convene – albeit via Zoom, and continued to keep our chorus and followers engaged, solvent and connected with their leadership, energy and creative problem-solving. Thanks to the vitality and skills of CEO/President **Jim McCormick**, the talents of Music Director **Don Kendrick**, and the dedication of our Board of Directors, for their collective **resilience** and **resolve**, we are thrilled to **return** to the stage again and plan for our **30th Season**.

### We invite you to put your passion for the arts to work for the good of the community.

WE ARE ALSO THRILLED to recruit **new members** to our growing Board as we continue our mission to provide world-class choral-orchestral music to our local community and beyond. We seek talented and enthusiastic individuals who embrace our mission and can help in a variety of ways, including Community Outreach, Marketing & Social Media, Technology, Fundraising, Legal, Finance, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and more.

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### **MUSIC DIRECTOR**

recorded eight professionally mastered CDs and has toured throughout North America, Spain, England, Italy, Austria and Germany.

During his tenure at Sacramento State, 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. Don took great pleasure in linking Sacramento State to the community, and 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 organized high school festivals such as "Real Men Sing" and the "Women's High School Festival," and has served as the Choral Representative of the 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. In addition to Sac State, 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 your SCSO gets ready to celebrate its 30th anniversary

next season, our Board of Directors is hard at work on a strategic plan, led by the national arts management consulting firm AMS Planning & Research.

When completed this summer, the plan will lay the groundwork for the next 30 years of commitment to artistic excellence, inspiring choral orchestral repertoire, and community engagement. Most importantly, your SCSO will continue to enhance the quality of life in the Sacramento region and beyond through our large musical Team's dedication and commitment.

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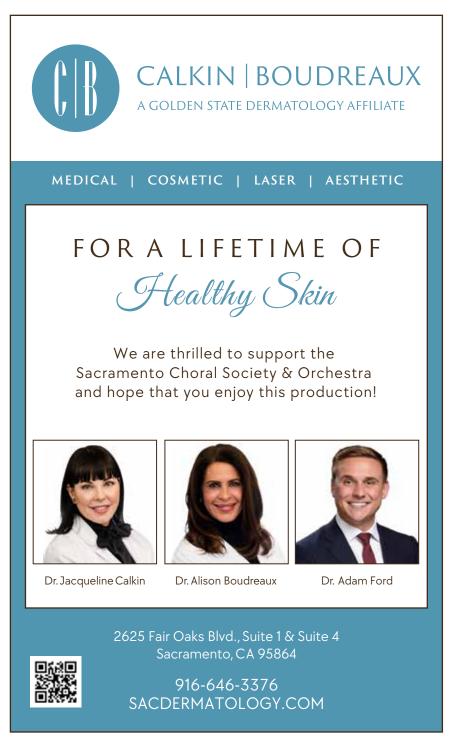
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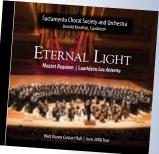
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