



**The SP&O and Sacramento Choral Society Partner for
SP&O Beethoven 9 Season Finale!**



We are proud to announce a special artistic partnership with the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra (SCSO) for the grand finale of the 2025–26 season. Under the baton of SP&O Principal Conductor Ari Peltó and alongside the SP&O orchestra musicians, the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera Chorus and the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra Chorus will join forces for **Beethoven's Symphony No. 9** on **Saturday, May 30 at 7:30 pm** and **Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 pm** at the SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center.

This collaboration marks a significant moment for Sacramento's classical music community, uniting two of the region's leading musical organizations in a shared vision of artistic excellence and community connection. The combined voices of the SP&O Chorus and the SCSO Chorus will create a powerful vocal presence, underscoring the spirit of partnership at the heart of Sacramento's arts community.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra for this monumental work," said SP&O CEO Giuliano Kornberg. "The artistry, dedication, and deep ties to the Sacramento community the SCSO Chorus has makes them the perfect collaborator for a piece that celebrates unity and the shared human experience. This partnership is a celebration not just of music, but of what we can achieve by working together."

Founded in 1996, the Sacramento Choral Society is dedicated to making classical choral-orchestral music accessible to Sacramento-area audiences through high-quality performances, education, and outreach. Over the past 29 years, SCSO has presented more than 180 concerts with its large chorus and professional orchestra, produced 10 professionally mastered CDs, and represented the region as a cultural ambassador both nationally and internationally.

"We are all excited about this great collaboration, which brings together our major arts groups in the city in a heroic shout of joy," said Donald Kendrick, Founder and Artistic Director. "Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* emphasizes unity and the triumph of hope over adversity. In a world often divided by differences, the message of this symphony encourages us to come together, embrace our shared experiences, and cultivate joy as a force for positive change"

The Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera 2025-2026 Season, and Principal Conductor and Artistic Advisor Ari Peltó for the 2025-2026 season, are generously underwritten by the Nancy and Hank Fisher Family Fund. The Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera Orchestra, for the 2025-26 Season, is sponsored by Congresswoman Doris Matsui and Roger Sant.