

Across the Pond



River City Chorale
May 2022

River City Chorale

David Vanderbout, Artistic Director
Dean Mora, Accompanist

Also Featuring
River City Chamber Choir



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Director's Notes

Welcome to the River City Chorale's final set of concerts for our 2021-2022 season. The River City Chorale has a rich tradition of serving as choral ambassadors of our community, sharing our music and culture throughout the world on international tours. This summer, we will continue this tradition by embarking on a tour to England, Scotland, and Wales. Our program, entitled *Across the Pond*, will juxtapose the music of Great Britain and the United States.

We start by looking at sacred choral traditions. We will contrast classical works by two legendary composers of England (George Fredric Handel and Benjamin Britten) with two works from America's sacred genre—the spiritual. We continue with music set to texts by great literary figures from both sides of the Atlantic—William Shakespeare, Robert Burns, and Emily Dickinson. Finally, we end the first half of our program with a focus on folk songs from England, Scotland, and America, many of which are sure to be familiar.

After intermission, we explore the popular traditions of Great Britain and the United States. Our selections include works representing musical theatre, popular music, and popular culture, with many familiar names along the way such as Rodgers and Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber, George and Ira Gershwin, and The Beatles. In a fitting finale, our program ends with tributes to the British Isles and our hometown city of Sacramento.

On behalf of the River City Chorale, I would like to thank you for joining us on this trip across the pond and for supporting our organization throughout this entire season. It has been exciting and rewarding to bring choral music back safely to our community. We are already busy planning our 2022-2023 season, and we look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

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Artistic Director

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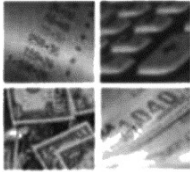
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Soprano – Pat Junod
Alto – Sharlene St. Clair
Tenor – Vera Refnes
Bass – Stan Muther



The River City Chorale

The Chorale has been performing in the Sacramento area for over four decades. Founded in 1977, the Chorale's mission is to inspire and enrich our community through high-quality and diverse choral performances. The auditioned members work diligently preparing and performing three distinctively different sets of concerts each season, with a diverse repertoire including classical, folk, multicultural, pop, jazz, and musical theatre.

Through the process of making quality choral music, members of the River City Chorale enjoy building community through social interaction and shared experiences at rehearsals, retreats, concerts, parties, and other events. In addition, the Chorale has embarked on an international tour every three years since 1984, as well as produced numerous recordings.

Finances come from members' dues, ticket sales, advertisers, special performances, fundraising activities, and the generosity of donors. The Chorale is a nonprofit organization.

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Tenor

Marilee Keene
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Gary Varney

Bass

Peter Baird
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River City Chorale

- Zion's Walls arr. Copland
- And the Glory of the Lord Handel
- Poor Wayfaring Stranger arr. Robinson
Traditional Spiritual
- Jubilate Deo in C Britten

River City Chamber Choir

- It Was A Lover and His Lass Morley
- Oh, My Love's Like A Red, Red Rose Coulter
- The Place Called Morning Reisdorff

River City Chorale

- Greensleeves arr. Williams
English Folksong
- Home on the Range arr. Hayes
Traditional Folksong
Harmonica Solo: Peter Baird
- Skye Boat Song arr. Althouse
Scottish Folksong
- Nelly Bly Foster
arr. Halloran

Intermission

River City Chorale

It's A Grand Night for Singing Rodgers & Hammerstein II
arr. Stickles

All I Ask of You Webber
arr. Brymer

They Can't Take That Away From Me Gershwin
arr. Hayes

The Best of Bond...James Bond arr. Billingsley
Solo: Judy Andersen

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David Vanderbout, Artistic Director

David is excited for his second season as Artistic Director of River City Chorale. He looks forward to building upon the Chorale's mission of enriching our community through high-quality and diverse chorale performances.



In addition to this position, David is the Choral Director at El Camino Fundamental High School and Arden Middle School, where he has developed the multiple choirs into award-winning ensembles. Under his direction, the choirs have received top ratings at festivals, toured extensively, and served as ambassadors for the San Juan Unified School District in both the local Sacramento community and abroad.

David is also the new Artistic Director of the Sacramento Children's Chorus, a staple of exceptional music education and performances in the Sacramento community. David received his Master of Music in Choral Conducting and Bachelor of Music in Music Education from California State University, Sacramento. In addition to his teaching duties, David performs regularly as a soloist and in ensembles throughout the region.

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Dean Mora, Accompanist

A native of Los Angeles, Dean has been enjoying a career as a professional pianist and organist for the past 25 years, playing in many gigs involving a wide range of music genres including jazz, rock, Latin, classical and musical theatre.



For the Disney organization, Dean's ragtime ensemble recorded the background music tracks for Main Street USA, which have been heard by millions over the years. He is also a staff organist at the famed El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood, a position he has held since 2013.

Dean is currently the organist/choir director for St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Woodland. He and his wife Adrian (who has sung with the River City Chorale) are parents of two young children.



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