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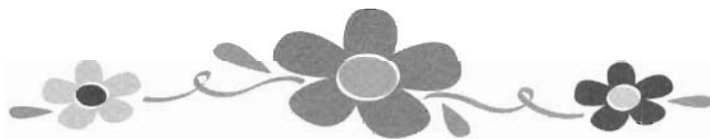
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May 2013

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How Can I Keep From Singing?

Directed by Richard Morrissey

Accompanied by Kathy Earl



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The theme of our Spring Concert this year is "How Can I Keep From Singing?" Those of us who sing in Choirs (or direct them) will tell you, "We can't!" As difficult as it is sometimes after a hard day at work to drag ourselves out to an evening rehearsal, most of the time we go home from the rehearsal energized and feeling great! We hope our love of music and our love of singing come across to you while you are watching us perform.



One of the things we especially love about River City Chorale is that it is the choir in Sacramento that sings all styles of music. This concert is a perfect example of that commitment. Our program includes a sixteenth century motet (sung in the original Latin), selections from a Broadway Musical, a seventeenth century "Gloria" (also in Latin), an American Spiritual, an excerpt from an opera, a madrigal, songs from a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, two songs using poems written by the Scottish poet Robert Burns and a perfectly silly comedic song about a Squillit.

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Richard Morrissey



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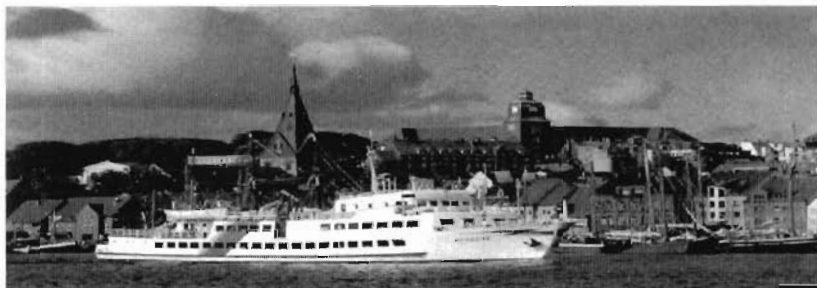
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About the Chorale

The 60-voice River City Chorale has been bringing fine choral music to the Sacramento area since 1977. Its repertoire includes a wide variety of music, ranging from the classics to the contemporary. Richard Morrissey is the fourth director of the chorale, following the earlier leadership of Jack Carey, Walter Kerfoot and Mel Olson.

Membership in the chorale is open to anyone, subject to audition and the needs of each voice section. Singers come from as far away as Yuba City and Elk Grove.

The River City Chorale is a non-profit corporation, supported by its members, donors, advertisers and ticket sales. In addition to presenting concerts in December, March and May each year, the chorale has participated in nine international concert tours.

The chorale and the chamber choir are available for special performances. For more information please call **916-967-9221**. Three CDs have been produced: "At Christmas Be Merry", "25th Anniversary Concert" and "Gloria". They are for sale in the back of the room and also on our website.

For more information about the chorale, to place an ad in our programs, to make a tax-deductible contribution, or to purchase tickets, visit us at www.rivercitychorale.org or call **916-331-5810**. Find us on Facebook as River City Chorale.

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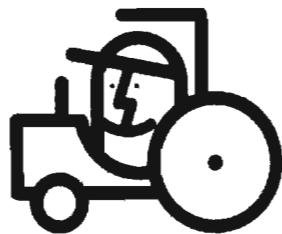
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Richard Morrissey, Artistic Director

Richard Morrissey was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University Chico and has completed graduate level courses at Chico State,, CSU Sacramento, University of Portland and CSU Humboldt. He has also studied at Occidental College in Los Angeles under Dr. Howard Swan.



He served as conductor and musical director of the Yuba-Sutter Oratorio Society Chorus and the Yuba-Sutter Symphony Orchestra for 25 years. He taught band, orchestra and theatre arts at Yuba City High School and served as District Supervisor of Performing Arts for the Yuba City Unified School District for 36 years. Richard has conducted choral concerts in many of the larger cities of Europe, Canada and Brazil.

Richard has composed and arranged over 75 works for choir and orchestra, eleven of which have been published. He has been a member of the River City Chorale since 1996. He served as interim director during the Chorale's 2001 European tour and was elected permanent director in November of that year. His hobbies include raising bonsai trees and bicycling.



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Kathleen Earl, Accompanist

Born and reared in nearby Stockton, Kathy has been active in musical organizations almost since birth, including private lessons on piano, violin, and voice. She sang in church choirs, participated in every school music group offered, and played in the local youth symphony and the Stockton Symphony. She obtained her BA degree in Music (piano) at Sacramento State University.



Kathy was a public school teacher for 25 years, the last ten years as a high school music, photography, and theater instructor. She accompanied, then became assistant conductor of, the Stockton Chorale and conducted the Stockton Youth Chorale. She founded the Delta Valley Young Singers and the Delta Valley Women's Chorus in Stockton.

Taking courses toward a choral conducting masters degree at San Jose State University, she had to retire from conducting and teaching due to an unusual hearing disability. She went back to San Jose State for a different masters degree (MLIS) and is now a librarian working for Los Rios Community College District as a cataloger.

Between rehearsals and working, Kathy enjoys reading, gardening, traveling, photography, her two granddaughters and her cats.

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