

*There's a Song  
In the Air!*



**RIVER CITY CHORALE  
MAY 2015**

# There's a Song in the Air!

**Directed by Richard Morrissey**  
**Accompanist, Kathy Earl Midgley**

Featuring  
*River City Chamber Choir*



**Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Northminster Presbyterian Church**  
**3235 Pope Ave.**  
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**Sunday, May 3, 4:00 p.m.**  
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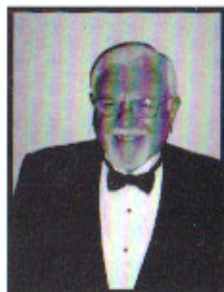
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## Director's Notes

Welcome to our 2015 Spring Concert, "There's a Song in the Air!" Our music includes the stirring "Hallelujah" from Beethoven's oratorio, "Christ on the Mount of Olives", a medley of songs by the country western singer, John Denver, and a variety of other styles of music. Included are a 19th century madrigal, some love songs, some sacred music, two songs by the contemporary English composer, Norman Morris, some jazz, a musical tribute to the great composer of light opera, Sigmund Romberg, and an American spiritual!



Thank you very much for supporting us by being here and I hope you enjoy the performance.

*Richard Morrissey*

## River City Chorale Presents

*I'll be Home for Christmas*



Friday, December 4, 7:30 p.m.  
First Baptist Church  
4004 San Juan Avenue, Fair Oaks

Saturday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.  
Faith Presbyterian Church,  
625 Florin Road, Sacramento

Sunday, December 6, 4:00 p.m.  
(Location to be determined)



## *River City Chorale Members*

Kathy Earl Midgley, Accompanist

### SOPRANO

Pam Adcock  
Judy Andersen  
Patty Budding  
Meg Burnett  
Judith Butner  
Diana Cossey  
Rosemarie Felver  
Pat Junod  
Lynn Lively  
Beth Messina  
Pam Mitchell  
Cathy Nickeson  
Barbara Olney  
Marty Peterson  
Michelle Telles  
Alice Worsley

### TENOR

Harold Esola  
Frank Montez  
Franklin Munroe  
Stan Muther  
Steve Pierce  
Vera Refnes  
Diane Salter  
Gary Varney  
Guy Warren  
Sandi Warren

### Section Leaders

Pat Junod, Soprano  
Sharlene St. Clair, Alto  
Vera Refnes, Tenor  
Paul Peterson, Bass

### ALTO

Anne Adrian  
Carol Ann Baltzell  
Christina Chappell  
Gail Cornelius  
Beth DePuy  
Patricia Edmonds  
Carol Eikermann  
Brenda Drumm Kidd  
Susan Kim  
Kelley Lints  
Adrian Mora  
Dorothy Ritter  
Sharlene St. Clair  
Barbara Washington  
Lois Wright  
Sara Zeigler

### BASS

Derek Czajka  
Joe de Illy  
Jim Eckerman  
Ken Eikermann  
Myron Jantzen  
Paul Johnson  
Jerrold Jones  
Clyde Kidd  
John Krilanovich  
Greg Meyer  
Paul Peterson  
Jerry Powell  
Bruce Reeves  
R. Wayne Stacks  
Byron Tucker

Assistant Director, Vera Refnes  
Assistant Accompanist, Steve Pierce

## *About the Chorale*

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

The Chorale is non-profit and is supported by its members, ticket sales, advertisers, special performances, fund-raising activities and the generosity of donors. In addition to performances in December, March and May each year, there have been nine international concert tours. Three CDs have been produced.

Membership in the chorale is open to experienced choral singers, subject to the needs of each voice section and auditions. Members come from as far away as Yuba City and Elk Grove.

The chorale and the chamber choir welcome invitations to perform for special events, from charity galas to private celebrations. For information call 916-967-9221.

To place an ad in our programs or to make a tax-deductible donation, call 916-483-3311.

**For more information about the chorale or to purchase tickets:  
RiverCityChorale.org or call 916-331-5810  
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### Would You Like to Sing With Us?

**Auditions for experienced choral singers  
are held on a regular basis.**



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# There's a Song in the Air

Richard Morrissey, Director  
Kathy Earl Midgley, Accompanist

## A Dramatic Oratorio

From "The Mount of Olives"

Hallelujah

Ludwig von Beethoven

## Love Songs

You Stole My Love

Walter C. Macfarren

*River City Chamber Choir*

Love Walked In

George Gershwin

My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose

R. Scott Coulter

When I Fall in Love

Arr. Howard Cable

## Sacred Songs

I Lift Up Mine Eyes

Richard Morrissey

Festival Sanctus

John Leavitt

## Broadway

Lullaby of Broadway

Arr. Mac Huff

## INTERMISSION

## Country

John Denver, *A Legacy of Song*

Arr. Ed Lojeski

Country Roads

Annie's Song

Thank God I'm a Country Boy

Grandma's Feather Bed

Fly Away

Leaving on a Jet Plane

Rocky Mountain High

*River City Chamber Choir*

### The Music of Norman Morris

Let Us Break Bread Together  
Let it Shine!

Arr. Norman Morris  
Arr. Norman Morris

### Light Opera

*A Tribute to Romberg*

Arr. Douglas MacLean

French Military Marching Song  
The Desert Song  
Your Land and My Land  
One Kiss  
Stouthearted Men

### Spiritual

I Can Tell the World

Jester Hairston

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No flash photography**

### *River City Chamber Choir*

#### Soprano

Diana Cossey  
Rosemarie Felver  
Beth Messina  
Pam Mitchell  
Marty Peterson

#### Tenor

Stan Muther  
Vera Refnes  
Gary Varney  
Sandi Warren

#### Alto

Christina Chappell  
Gail Cornelius  
Beth DePuy  
Brenda Drumm Kidd  
Sharlene St. Clair

#### Bass

Joe de Illy  
Jim Eckerman  
Jerrold Jones  
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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 CUS 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. He has conducted choral concerts in many of the larger cities of Europe, in 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.

**Timothy J. Vas Dias**

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**Kathleen Earl Midgley, Accompanist**

Born and reared in nearby Stockton, Kathy has been active in music almost since birth, including private lessons on piano, violin and voice. She sang in church choirs, participated in every school musical 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 was accompanist, and then became assistant conductor of the Stockton Chorale. She also conducted the Stockton Youth Chorale. She founded the Delta Valley Young Singers and the Delta Valley Women's Chorus while 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 just retired as a librarian from Los Rios Community College District after 12 years.

Kathy and husband Bob enjoy traveling, photography, grandparenting, and just being together.

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